

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 17, 2015 PSAC MEETING
Webinar/Teleconference - 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM EST

The Public Safety Advisory Committee (“PSAC” or “Committee”) to the First Responder Network Authority (“FirstNet”) convened on February 17, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. EST via webinar/teleconference to discuss the status of various PSAC activities and to obtain programmatic updates from FirstNet staff with respect to ongoing and future FirstNet activities.

WELCOME, ROLL CALL, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

PSAC Chairman Chief Harlin McEwen opened the meeting by welcoming PSAC members and others in attendance. Thereafter, Chief McEwen conducted the roll call. See Appendix 1 for the PSAC membership attendance list.

PSAC MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

Chief McEwen explained that most of the PSAC membership is up for reappointment in February of 2015. As such, FirstNet intends to contact each organization’s leadership point of contact to obtain a recommendation on who FirstNet should appoint to serve on the PSAC for the February 2015 through February 2017 term. Chief McEwen further explained that the PSAC Executive Committee will consult with FirstNet in the future to determine whether the charter may be amended to provide for staggered membership terms.

FIRSTNET UPDATE WITH Q&A

Amanda Hilliard, FirstNet’s Director of Outreach, provided Committee members with an update on the status of various FirstNet activities. According to Ms. Hilliard, FirstNet has achieved certain milestones in its Strategic Roadmap, including the initiation of formal consultations with the states and territories. With regard to consultations, Ms. Hilliard stated that FirstNet has received 46 of 56 consultation checklists from the states and territories and that FirstNet intends to collect additional information from the state Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) to further inform its programmatic operations. Ms. Hilliard also provided the Committee with a high-level summary of results from FirstNet’s Public Notice and Comment and Request for Information, both of which were published in September of 2014. Ms. Hilliard concluded by providing an update on the Outreach division’s hiring efforts. Committee members asked questions such as when FirstNet would fill various vacancies in the Outreach division, and Ms. Hilliard provided responses.

FIRSTNET ASSIGNMENTS STATUS

Chief McEwen explained that FirstNet recently assigned the PSAC to provide feedback on priority and preemption and public safety grade matters. The PSAC formed two task teams to complete the assignments according to Chief McEwen.

Federal PSAC member Victoria Lee discussed the priority and preemption assignment and Patrick Schwinghammer, FirstNet’s Director of Radio Access Network, discussed the public safety grade assignment. Ms. Lee and Mr. Schwinghammer explained that FirstNet’s Office of the Chief Technical Officer is finalizing deliverables on priority and preemption and public safety grade that the PSAC task teams will be asked to comment upon. According to Ms. Lee, FirstNet will hold a kick-off call for the task teams in the near future during which FirstNet will discuss the assignments in greater detail.

EARLY BUILDERS AND TRIBAL WORKING GROUPS UPDATE

Darryl Ackley, PSAC member and Chair of the PSAC Early Builders Working Group (“EBWG”), stated that the EBWG met via teleconference on several occasions, and that the group’s main objective is to examine lessons learned from early builder communities. Mr. Ackley also mentioned that the EBWG has proposed to the PSAC Executive Committee that it be allowed to continue indefinitely as a working group of the PSAC. Chief McEwen then provided an update on the status of the Tribal Working Group (“TWG”). According to Chief McEwen, the TWG will meet for the first time on February 22, 2015, in Washington, D.C.

MEETING MINUTES FOR THE DECEMBER 2, 2014, PSAC MEETING

Committee members reviewed the meeting minutes for the December 2, 2014, PSAC meeting. After discussion, upon a motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

RESOLVED, that the meeting minutes from December 2, 2014, presented to, and attached hereto as Appendix 2 are hereby approved.

CLOSING

Chief McEwen told Committee members that the next in-person PSAC meeting will be held on June 1, 2015, in San Diego, California. According to Chief McEwen, an afternoon segment of the meeting will be open to the public. Chief McEwen then explained that the FirstNet Board meeting and Public Safety Communications Research workshop also will be held during the same week in San Diego, California. Chief McEwen thanked the PSAC members and others for participating in the webinar/teleconference.

Appendix 1: PSAC Membership Attendance List for the February 17, 2015 Meeting

ORGANIZATION	PSAC REP	In Attendance?
American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials	Paul Steinman	Excused
Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International	Brent Lee	Excused
American Public Works Association	Philip Mann	X
Forestry Conservation Communications Association	Chief Paul Leary	X
Governors Homeland Security Advisors Council	Jimmy Gianato	Absent
InterAgency Board	Lt. Christopher Lombard	X
International Association of Chiefs of Police	Chief Harlin McEwen	X
International Association of Emergency Managers	Joseph Sastre	X
International Association of Fire Chiefs	Chief Gary McCarraher	Absent
International City/County Management Association	Mark Ryckman	X
International Municipal Signal Association	Paul Szoc	Absent
Major Cities (Police) Chiefs Association	Patrick Neville	X
Major County Sheriffs' Association	Mel Maier	X
Metro Chiefs	Chief Niles Ford	X
National Association of Counties	Timothy Loewenstein	X
National Assoc. of Emergency Medical Technicians	Don Lundy	X
National Association of Regional Councils	Steve Cassano	X
National Assoc. of State Chief Information Officers	Darryl Ackley	X
National Assoc. of State EMS Officials	Paul Patrick	X
National Association of State 9-1-1 Administrators	Richard Taylor	X
National Association of State Technology Directors	Charlie Sasser	X
National Association of Telecommunications Officers & Advisors	Barry Fraser	X
National Congress of American Indians	Richard Broncheau	Absent
National Criminal Justice Association	John Sweeney	Excused

National Council of State Legislatures	Daniel Eaton	X
National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators	Michael Varney	X
National Emergency Management Association	Glenn Cannon	Absent
National EMS Management Association	Jonathan Olson	Absent
National Emergency Number Association	Trey Forgety	Absent
National Governors Association	Thomas MacLellan	X
National League of Cities	Vacant	N/A
National Public Safety Telecommunications Council	Chief Douglas Aiken	Excused
National Sheriffs' Association	Sheriff Larry Amerson	X
National Consortium of Justice Information Statistics	Vacant	N/A
U.S. Conference of Mayors	Tom Sorley	X
SAFECOM EC Member	Steven Proctor	Excused
Police Non-Management Responder	James Mann	X
Police Non-Management Responder	Rory Neslund	X
Fire Non-Management Responder	Captain Mike Worrell	X
FirstNet	Vicki Lee	X
Guests		
FirstNet	Sue Swenson	X
FirstNet	Jeff Johnson	X
FirstNet	TJ Kennedy	X
FirstNet	Amanda Hilliard	X
FirstNet	Jeff Bratcher	X
FirstNet	Patrick Schwinghammer	X
FirstNet	Natasha Coates	X
DHS/OEC	Ken Bradley	X

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2, 2014 PSAC MEETING
Norman, Oklahoma · 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM CST

The Public Safety Advisory Committee (hereinafter “PSAC” or “Committee”) to the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) convened on December 2, 2014, at 8:00 a.m. CST in Norman, Oklahoma to discuss the status of various PSAC activities and to obtain programmatic updates from FirstNet staff with respect to ongoing and future FirstNet activities.

INTRODUCTIONS AND ROLL CALL

PSAC Chairman Chief Harlin McEwen opened the meeting by welcoming PSAC members and others in attendance. Thereafter, Chief McEwen conducted the roll call. See Appendix 1 for the PSAC membership attendance list.

WELCOMING REMARKS

Following the introductions and roll call, members of the FirstNet Board and Senior Management team provided welcoming remarks. FirstNet Chairwoman Sue Swenson explained that FirstNet looked forward to leveraging the expertise of the PSAC in the coming year. FirstNet Board member Jeff Johnson expressed that FirstNet would obtain substantive feedback from the PSAC in the coming year. FirstNet Acting General Manager, TJ Kennedy, likewise commented that FirstNet would seek the Committee’s feedback on substantive issues in the coming year.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

FirstNet Strategic Roadmap Update

Mr. Kennedy provided an overview of the status of various milestones presented in FirstNet’s Strategic Roadmap. According to Mr. Kennedy, FirstNet’s completion of key steps outlined in the Strategic Roadmap will facilitate its ability to develop a comprehensive Request for Proposal and execute consultations. Mr. Kennedy also provided the Committee with a high-level summary of results from FirstNet’s recently published Public Notice and Comment and Request for Information. Following Mr. Kennedy’s presentation, Committee members asked questions such as whether FirstNet was engaging relevant environmental agencies as it executed its work, and Mr. Kennedy provided responses.

Identity, Credential, and Access Management (ICAM) National Strategy Summit Briefing

Chief McEwen and Acting Chief Technical Officer Jeffrey Bratcher provided an overview of the ICAM Summit that was held from October 8-9, 2014, in Washington, D.C. According to Chief McEwen, the ICAM Summit examined how current ICAM programs identify and verify individuals, approve credentials, and authorize access to systems or networks. Chief McEwen mentioned that a public ICAM Summit report is being developed and will be released soon.

PSAC Activity Update and Discussion

OEC Transition

Chief McEwen stated that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Office of Emergency Communications will no longer provide particular administrative support to the PSAC effective December 31, 2014, and that FirstNet would supply such support beginning on January 1, 2015.

Open Meetings

Chief McEwen solicited feedback from Committee members on whether the PSAC should open future meetings to the public, but close a portion of such meetings for the Committee to discuss sensitive matters.

There was a consensus among Committee members that the PSAC should open future meetings to the public while closing a portion of such meetings to hold sensitive discussions.

Status of Working Groups

Darryl Ackley, PSAC member and Chair of the PSAC Early Builders Working Group (EBWG), provided an update on the status of the EBWG. Mr. Ackley stated that the EBWG will meet for the first time via conference call on December 16, 2014. Richard Broncheau, PSAC member and Chair of the PSAC Tribal Working Group (TWG), stated that efforts are underway to finalize the TWG membership roster. Mr. Broncheau anticipates that the TWG will meet in-person either on February 23, 24, or 25 of 2015, with a conference call to occur prior to that in-person meeting.

Status of Reports on Eligible Users, Use Cases, and Human Factors Reports

Amanda Hilliard, FirstNet's Director of Outreach, stated that the following three assignments previously issued by FirstNet to the PSAC were now complete and closed: the report entitled "Potential Users-Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network"; the report entitled "Use Cases for Interfaces, Applications, and Capabilities for the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network"; and the report entitled "Human Factors."

Priority/Preemption Discussion

Tracy McElvaney, the Public Safety Communications Research's Advanced Communications Research Group Lead, conducted a training session for Committee members on priority, preemption and quality of service framework considerations for the nationwide public safety broadband network. Thereafter, Brian Kassa, FirstNet Director of Technology Planning & Development, discussed the importance of FirstNet learning the operational side of quality of service and priority and preemption from the PSAC. Among other things, Committee members commented upon the significance of quality of service. Committee members also asked questions about technical matters discussed during the training, to which Mr. McElvaney responded. Chief McEwen stated that FirstNet will seek the PSAC's advice and recommendations with respect to priority and preemption issues in the near future.

Public Safety Grade Discussion

FirstNet contractor Andrew Merson explained that FirstNet is engaging with the PSAC, public safety stakeholders, and industry to understand existing and future hardening guidelines, technology, and the state of infrastructure. Comments from Committee members included mentions of the importance of FirstNet engaging with the states to understand existing infrastructure capabilities. In the future, FirstNet will seek advice and recommendations from the PSAC concerning hardening issues, according to Chief McEwen.

FirstNet State Consultation and Outreach Update and Discussion

Ms. Hilliard provided an overview of FirstNet's state consultation meetings to date and how lessons learned from the meetings will inform FirstNet's draft Request for Proposal. Ms. Hilliard also summarized the Outreach Division's recent efforts and its plans for the subsequent year.

Meeting Minutes for the September 9, 2014, PSAC Meeting (Webinar/Teleconference)

Chief McEwen reviewed the meeting minutes for the September 9, 2014, PSAC meeting. Committee members provided comments. After discussion, upon a motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

RESOLVED, that the meeting minutes from September 9, 2014, presented to, and as amended by the comments of the Committee, and attached hereto as Appendix 2 (as amended) are hereby approved.

CLOSING

Chief McEwen thanked the PSAC members and others for participating in the meeting.

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FirstNet	Kevin McGinnis	x
FirstNet	TJ Kennedy	x
FirstNet	Amanda Hilliard	x
FirstNet	Jeff Bratcher	x
FirstNet	Brian Kassa	x
FirstNet	Andy Merson	x
FirstNet	Patrick Schwinghammer	x

FirstNet	Natasha Coates	x
PSCR	Dereck Orr	x
PSCR	Tracy McElvaney	x
State of Texas	Todd Early	x
DHS/OEC	Ron Hewitt	x
DHS/OEC	Robert Rhoads	x
DHS/OEC	Ken Bradley	x
DHS/OIC	Dan Cotter	x