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Origin

The FirstNet Board established the Public Safety Advocacy Committee to review, approve, oversee, and recommend actions (as described below) related to FirstNet's outreach and engagement efforts with local, state and territory, tribal, and federal public safety entities, associations, and governance structures to promote the adoption and use of the FirstNet network and services and innovation in public safety communications technology.

Committee Membership

The Public Safety Advocacy Committee shall consist of at least three members. Public Safety Advocacy Committee members shall be recommended by the Chair of the Public Safety Advocacy Committee and appointed by the FirstNet Board Chair for such term or terms as the FirstNet Board may determine. Public Safety Advocacy Committee members shall serve at the pleasure of and may be replaced by the FirstNet Board Chair. Each of the members of the Public Safety Advocacy Committee shall be a member of the FirstNet Board or otherwise in accordance with the FirstNet Bylaws.

Committee Structure and Operations

The FirstNet Board Chair shall designate one member as the Chair of the Public Safety Advocacy Committee. The Public Safety Advocacy Committee shall meet in person or telephonically at least four times a year at a time and place determined by the Chair of the Public Safety Advocacy Committee, with additional meetings to occur, or actions to be taken by unanimous written consent, when deemed desirable or appropriate by the Chair or a majority of the Public Safety Advocacy Committee. The Public Safety Advocacy Committee may, in its discretion, form and delegate authority to one or more subcommittees. The Chair of the Public Safety Advocacy Committee may invite such members of management to attend Public Safety Advocacy Committee meetings or portions thereof as the Chair of the Public Safety Advocacy Committee may deem desirable or appropriate. Any member of the FirstNet Board may attend any meeting of the Public Safety Advocacy Committee and may participate as appropriate.

Committee Duties and Responsibilities

In addition to the principal duties and responsibilities described below, the Public Safety Advocacy Committee will undertake such other duties and responsibilities as the FirstNet Board may delegate or direct and will report to the FirstNet Board periodically and as may be deemed necessary by the Committee. The primary duties and responsibilities of the Public Safety Advocacy Committee are as follows:

1. Oversee management's outreach and engagement efforts to educate, inform, and collaborate with public safety entities, associations, and governance structures on the FirstNet program, network, and solutions to understand and advocate for public safety communications initiatives.
2. Oversee management's outreach and engagement efforts to positively influence implementation of the FirstNet network and solutions, based on input from public safety.
3. Review the public safety advocacy aspects of management's material network and technology plans and Investment Review Board (IRB) recommendations that require review by the Technology Committee and/or the FirstNet Board, and make recommendations to the Technology Committee and/or the FirstNet Board, as appropriate. This includes Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN) network and technology plans that promote collaboration and emergency response coordination with federal agencies to leverage the agency's federal assets to facilitate the FirstNet network and solutions during planned events and incidents of national emergencies and disaster recovery.
4. In collaboration with management, the Technology Committee, and the FirstNet Board, promote efforts to foster, recognize, and identify innovation and technical collaboration, by and between stakeholders, including first responders, public safety agencies, wireless operators and suppliers, colleges/universities, consultants, start-up companies, and individuals, to

support the FirstNet network and advance public safety communications. These efforts may include, as appropriate, engagement in standards bodies and engagement with international liaisons and FirstNet replicates.

5. In collaboration with management and the External Affairs Division, oversee and contribute to the development and vertical integration of external communications, including messaging, branding and marketing, and engagement with public safety, media sources, and federal, state, tribal, and local governments.

Annual Performance Evaluation and Charter Review

The Public Safety Advocacy Committee shall review and reassess the adequacy of this Charter annually and recommend any proposed changes to the FirstNet Board for approval. The Public Safety Advocacy Committee shall produce and provide to the FirstNet Board an annual performance evaluation of the Public Safety Advocacy Committee, which evaluation shall compare the Committee's performance with the requirements of this Charter. The report to the FirstNet Board may take the form of an oral report by the Chair of the Public Safety Advocacy Committee, or by any other member of the Committee.

Resources and Authority

In carrying out its responsibilities, the Public Safety Advocacy Committee shall have the necessary resources and authority, consistent with the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, to discharge its duties and responsibilities, including the authority to obtain advice or assistance from internal or external legal, human resource, accounting or other experts, advisors, or consultants as appropriate, all in coordination with management and the FirstNet Board.

Nothing contained in this charter shall be construed as circumscribing the authority of the Inspector General under the Inspector General Act and applicable Department of Commerce Administrative Orders or is intended to restrict the authority of the Inspector General to conduct, supervise, and coordinate audits, inspections, evaluations, investigations, and other reviews relating to the programs and any other operations of FirstNet.

Nothing contained in this charter is intended, and it should be interpreted to exclude, any expansion of the responsibility of the FirstNet Board or its members under, or violation of, applicable statutory or regulatory requirements.