

Governor's Task Force on Broadband  
TIES—Larpenteur Room  
1667 Snelling Avenue N., St. Paul, MN 55108  
January 24, 2012  
10 AM – 2 PM

Task force members present: Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Bob Bass, Steve Lewsader, Danna McKenzie, Steve Peterson, Daniel Richter, Andy Schriener (for Duane Ring), Dick Sjoberg, Shirley Walz

Task force members participating by telephone: Gary Evans, Maureen Ideker, Bernadine Joselyn, Keith Modlin, Bao Vang

Members absent: Matt Grose

Others in attendance: Bill Hoffman, Diane Wells, Dennis Ahlers, Heather Rand, Dennis Fazio, Ann Treacy, Tony Mendoza, Ann Higgins, Brent Christensen, Tim Johnson, John Kaul, Mike Martin, Charlie Vander Aarde, Chris Newmarker, David Frenkel

I. Greetings and Introductions

Chair Anderson Kelliher called the meeting to order shortly after 10:00. Members and attendees introduced themselves.

II. Minutes of January 10, 2012 Meeting

There was a motion by Danna MacKenzie and second by Steve Lewsader to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2012 meeting. Motion passed.

III. Public Comments

None.

IV. Discuss and Finalize Broadband Plan Outline

Task Force members reviewed page by page the draft Broadband Plan Outline.

V. Lunch break.

VI. Discuss and Finalize Broadband Plan Outline (cont.)

Review and discussion continued to completion. Edits were to be made and an appendix created with distribution of a draft back to the Task Force by noon, Friday, January 27 and final comments due back to Bill and Diane by noon, Monday, January 30.

VII. Getting Info Out to Members – What and How

There was agreement by the Task Force that they were getting the information they needed.

VIII. Additional Public Comments

David Frenkel indicated that the discussion seems to be missing satellite service as a broadband option. The Chair noted that the satellite industry had been in contact with the Task Force staff and would be invited to speak at a future meeting.

Heather Rand indicated that it was possible there could be legislation introduced in the 2012 session that related to broadband. She asked how the Task Force views its role on being involved in any such legislation. The Chair indicated that the Task Force might have suggestions to put forth in the future but it may not be possible for this Task Force to comment on any legislative proposals put forth in the 2012 session. Danna MacKenzie indicated that she would like the Task Force to track any such legislation. It was noted that the Department of Commerce likely was tracking and could keep the Task Force informed.

IX. Other Business/Next Meeting Agenda

Steve Peterson volunteered to look into the availability of Bloomington City Hall for meeting space for the February 14 meeting.

The next meeting will include preparing a more detailed work plan for the Task Force and a discussion of creating work groups to focus on targeted elements of the Broadband Plan Outline.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.