



**Illinois  
Department of Commerce  
& Economic Opportunity**

JB Pritzker, Governor

**Broadband Advisory Council Meeting Minutes  
August 19, 2019**

**Event/Meeting:**

First Quarterly Broadband Advisory Council Meeting

**Date/Time:**

August 19, 2019 at 11:00 am

**Locations:**

(Springfield)

Illinois Department of Agriculture

801 E. Sangamon Avenue

Springfield, Illinois 62701

(Chicago, via video conference)

Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

James R. Thompson Center

100 West Randolph Street, Suite 3-400

Chicago, Illinois 60601

**Board Members Present:**

In-Person: Nikki Budzinski, Deno Peridou, Melia Carter, Chris Nelson, Rick Holzmacher, Karen Boswell, Zak Horn, Josh Shallenberger, Deb Alfredson, Jeff Newell, David Antonacci, Bill Bodine, Lori Sorenson, Director Paula Basta, Susan Satter, Jim Zolnierek, Theresa Eagleson, Representative Keith Wheeler, Ryan Gruenfelder

By Phone: Senator Jil Tracy, Representative John Connor, Mayor Mike Chamberlain, Anne Slaughter

**Board Members Absent:** Senator Bill Cunningham, Steven Hill

**Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Staff Present:** Erin Guthrie, Travis March, Margaret Croke, Matt Stonecipher, Jeanette Pesamoska

**Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services Staff Present:** Ben Winick

**Illinois Department of Agriculture Staff Present:** Director John Sullivan, Jeremy Flynn

**Governor's Staff Present:** Rachel Corcoran, Chad Hoosier, Jessica Himes

**Call to Order and Introductory Remarks from Chairman:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Nikki Budzinski at approximately 11:00 am. Chairwoman Budzinski conducted the official roll call. After roll call, Chairwoman Budzinski welcomed members of the council, introduced herself, and gave an overview of the print copy materials provided to the BAC member and the public. Chairwoman Budzinski then asked members of the public to hold comment until such time that the floor was opened for public comment.

Chairwoman Budzinski recognized that a quorum of members was present.

**Overview of the Broadband Office and Broadband Advisory Council Act (220 ILCS 80):**

Chairwoman Budzinski provided an overview of the Broadband Office in the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity ("DCEO"), an explanation of the two funded positions in that office, and the status of the Governor's Office and DCEO's hiring for those positions.

Chairwoman Budzinski gave an overview of the Broadband Advisory Council, the members' objectives, and an explanation of the annual report requirement that the Broadband Advisory Council is mandated to provide to the General Assembly.

Chairwoman Budzinski announced the schedule of regular meetings. Regular meetings will be held quarterly with special meetings on October 1, 2019 and October 21, 2019.

**Adoption of Lori Sorenson as Vice Chair:**

Chairwoman Budzinski made a motion to appoint Lori Sorenson as Vice Chair of the Broadband Advisory Council. The motion was seconded by Deno Perdiou. Motion passed by unanimous decision.

**Adoption of Margaret Croke as Secretary/Treasurer:**

Chairwoman Budzinski made a motion to appoint Margaret Croke as Secretary/Treasurer of the Broadband Advisory Council. The motion was seconded by David Antonacci. Motion passed by unanimous decision.

**Adoption of Bylaws:**

Chairwoman Budzinski made a motion to approve the Broadband Advisory Council bylaws. The motion was seconded by Lori Sorenson. Motion passed by unanimous decision.

**Overview of State of Illinois Broadband Funding:**

Chairwoman Budzinski provided an overview of the funding for the Broadband Office including office operational costs, grants, and the Illinois Century Network.

Chairwoman Budzinski called on DCEO Chief Operation Office Travis March to provide an overview of the scope of the grant explaining that money the capital grant money can only be used for infrastructure costs and that all grants will be release through a competitive notice of funding opportunity.

Chairwoman Budzinski called on Vice Chair Sorenson to provide an overview of the Illinois Century Network. Vice Chair Sorenson provided the overview and breakdown of \$20 million.

**Establishment of Broadband Advisory Council Working Groups:**

Chairwoman Budzinski established the Broadband Advisory Council working groups. The working group subjects established are telehealth, education, access, economic development, and technical grant criteria. Chairwoman Budzinski requested all Broadband Advisory Council members submit their nominations to the working groups by Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> by 5:00 pm.

**Public Comment:**

Chairwoman Budzinski opened the floor for public comment. Multiple Broadband Advisory Council members asked questions regarding the working groups including meeting cadence and subject explanations. No members of the public made comments.

**Adjournment:**

Chairwoman Budzinski announced the next Broadband Advisory Council Special Meeting will be held on October 1<sup>st</sup> in both Springfield and Chicago. Chairwoman Budzinski made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Bill Bodine. Motion passed by unanimous decision. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 pm.