ILLINOIS CENTURY NETWORK
JULY 12, 2016 POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Kathleen Bloomberg called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. on behalf of Chairman Bhatt who was unable to attend.

Members Present (Springfield):

Hardik Bhatt, Department of Innovation & Technology	Michael Dickson, Western Illinois University
Lori Sorenson, Central Management Services	Todd Jorns, Illinois Community College Board
Kathleen Bloomberg, Illinois State Library	Erich Schroeder, Illinois State Museum

Members on Audio Bridge:

Chet Olson

Members Absent:

Brent Engelman, State Board of Education	Tom Steele

Staff and Guests:

Essam El-Beik, Central Management Services	Tom Oseland, Central Management Services
Robin Woodsome, Central Management Services	Judy Hessler, Central Management Services
Valerie Bolinger, Central Management Services	Carla Paoni, AT&T
John Leonard, Central Management Services	

Announcements and Remarks
Hardik Bhatt welcomed board members and guests.

Minutes – July 12, 2016
Hardik introduced the first item on the agenda, approval of the minutes from the April 12, 2016 meeting. A motion was made by Kathleen Bloomberg to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Todd Jorns. The motion carried.

DoIT Update
Hardik provided a report about the Department of Innovation & Technology (DoIT). On January 25, 2016, Governor Rauner issued and executive order establishing DoIT. DoIT will be responsible for information technology functions for state agencies under the jurisdiction of the Governor.

Transformation is moving quickly and will occur over a series of stages to improve IT service delivery. On July 1st 1700+ staff members transferred to the DoIT organization and were delegated back to their legacy agency. Staff will have the same managers and same job responsibilities and will not lose access to their State benefits. We expect to see incremental improvements in IT service delivery by the next fiscal year. The goal is to make a 45-year journey in 4 years to improve the business of IT.

Internal teams will begin building real-time analytics and develop mobile applications. Every website we build moving forward will be mobile responsive. Starting this month, we plan to develop and deliver a mobile app every month. We are looking at options for improving usage of the ICN and will reevaluate the entire business plan and improve our profit margin. We plan to accelerate our modernization the next 24-30 months and will deliver products to improve productivity, customer service and bring Illinois into the 21st century. The ICN will play a critical role in this initiative.

E-rate Update
Tom Oseland provided the E-rate update and referred members to pages 9 of the meeting packet. The 2015 E-rate funding year came to a close on June 30, 2016. Many ICN E-rate customers are beginning to work on filing their reimbursement claims for the year. ICN has reviewed and approved a number of these requests to date. A total of $90,715.51 has already been claimed via this process. As of July 1st the approval and transfer of reimbursement funding will be handled directly by USAC. ICN, along with other service providers participating in the E-rate program, are asked to continue providing oversight of the process. The final billing cycle for ICN services will be completed in mid-July. Once this process takes place the remaining ICN funding claims will be prepared based on invoice discounts given in the second half of the year. A total of $331,849.42 has been collected through this process primarily based on invoice discounts for the first half of the 2015-16 funding year along with some miscellaneous claim activity.

The 2016 E-rate funding year filing window for K-12 schools to submit their applications closed on May 26th after having been extended for approximately one month. The filing window will remain open for Libraries and Consortia until July 21st. To date there are 319 applications that list ICN as the service provider for Internet access. These applications represent a total of approximately $3.95 million in potential revenue for the ICN. This would translate to E-rate funding claims totaling over $2.6 million after applicant discount percentages have been applied. A small number of these applications have been approved.

K-12 Broadband Initiative
Essam El-Beik reported that Illinois was selected to participate in the National Governors Association (NGA) effort to expand K-12 broadband and digital learning. Illinois representatives from ICN, Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and the Governor's office attended a two-day policy academy with NGA and Education SuperHighway (ESH) on March 31 – April 1. Short and long term action resulted from the policy academy. Key actions and milestones completed in the past three months include:
- Presentations to key Illinois education stakeholders at multiple forums, including the ISBE Board meeting, ISBE stakeholder meeting, Illinois CTO Conference, Large Unit District Association (LUDA) conference.
- Press release issued by ISBE regarding expanding access to K-12 broadband and participation in the Digital Learning Policy Academy. ESH supported by the Learning Technology Centers (LTC) have created a target list of school districts for outreach. ESH are currently contacting the target school districts to provide fiber consultancy support (for example build versus buy for fiber) and bandwidth upgrade support (for those districts that appear to be fully fiber connected but not meeting the 100kbps per student goal).
- Hosted two webinars with Illinois service providers describing the fiber consulting efforts.
- Submitted comments to the FCC regarding proposed Eligible Services List for E-rate funding year.

We will continue to reach out to target school districts and provide fiber consulting and bandwidth upgrade support and plan to host two more E-rate Category 2 workshops. A second Policy Academy meeting will be held October 17–19, 2016.

Advanced Engineering Task Force (AET) Membership
Lori Sorenson referred members to page 13 of the meeting packet. The AET is seeking approval on the appointment of Matthew Pennell, Technology Coordinator Regional Office of Educations #20. Matthew's term would extend through 2019. A motion was made by Mike Dickson to approve Matthew Pennell as a new member of the AET advisory council. The motion was seconded by Kathleen Bloomberg. The motion carried.

Adjourn
Mike Dickson moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Kathleen Bloomberg. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m. The next meeting will be October 11, 2016 at the Illinois State Library in Springfield, the JRTC in Chicago or via audio.