

# WV Broadband Enhancement Council Meeting Agenda / Minutes



<b>Meeting Title</b>	WV Broadband Enhancement Council Meeting		
<b>Chairperson</b>	Robert Hinton		
<b>Date</b>	03/09/2017	<b>Location</b>	WV Capitol Complex Building 6, 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Conf. Rm. A
<b>Time</b>	9:00 AM		
<b>Audio connection</b>	304.957.6999 Conf. ID: 5151283		

	<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Representing</b>		<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Representing</b>
P	Robert Hinton, Chairman	Rural Business User Congressional Dist. 2	-	Woody Thrasher	Dept of Commerce, Cabinet Secretary
P	Robert Morris, Vice Chairman	Urban Residential User	P	John Dunlap	Office of Technology, Chief Technology Officer
-	Ric Cavender	Urban Business User	-	Michael J. Martirano	Dept. of Education, State Superintendent
P	Robert Cole	Rural Residential User Congressional Dist. 1	-	Matt Turner	Higher Education Policy Comm., Exec. Vice Chancellor
-	Michael Shaffer	Rural Residential User Congressional Dist. 2	-	Vacant	WV Senate (Dem. Party) (ex-officio/non-voting member)
P	R.A. "Pete" Hobbs	Rural Residential User Congressional Dist. 3	-	Vacant	WV Senate (Rep. Party) (ex-officio/non-voting member)
TC	John Reasback	Rural Business User Congressional Dist. 1	-	Vacant	WV House (Dem. Party) (ex-officio/non-voting member)
P	Michael J. Holstine	Rural Business User Congressional Dist. 3	-	Vacant	WV House (Rep. Party) (ex-officio/non-voting member)
-	Brittany Carns	Business User of Large Amounts of Broadband	P	Jeff Proctor	Representing Woody Thrasher
P	Dr. Jack Smith	Representing Matt Turner	-	Brenda Morris	Representing Michael Martirano

P = Present; TC = Teleconference; VC = Videoconference; \_ = Absent

## Agenda (Topics and Minutes)

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Details/Minutes</b>
Opening Remarks and Roll Call	Robert Cole welcomed guests and thanked guests for attending. He discussed quorum to replace Brittany Carns due to absence from council meetings.
Approval of Minutes from the February 09, 2017 Meeting	Mr. Hobbs moved for approval of the February 9, 2017 minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Holstine. All voted in favor and the minutes were approved.

Approval of Financial Report	Mr. Morris moved for approval of the Financial Report as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Hobbs. All members voted in favor and the Financial Report was approved.
Broadband Day at the Legislature WVEDC Workshop	<p>Broadband Day, sponsor by AARP and Generation WV, spoke of initiative, and the council was positioned around that initiative. The importance of connecting the unserved was a focus.</p> <p>WVEDC, have been meeting for 6<sup>th</sup> months, spoke of the workshop and working with providers.</p> <p>Workshop, open for discussion. Who should be a part? Suggestion to invite members of nearby state councils. Some are very organized and will give a lot to think about. There is not a date set yet, and none in mind. It would be beneficial to wait until after the legislative session to schedule, May at the earliest. There are four seats that need filled currently.</p>
Gig Ready WV Support Letters	<p>Draft is unavailable at this time.</p> <p>Intro to new members. Josh Dunlap: wireless initiative with flood counties, Kanawha, Clay, and Greenbrier with the National Guard, planning to streamline the process.</p> <p>Secretary Thrasher appointed Jeff Proctor to represent him on the Council.</p>
Ookla Report and Update	<p>Tony: discussed development of “Fiberhood” in Huntington.</p> <p>In reference to the Speed test intelligence, he says all council members should be able to access it. It compares speeds from provider in certain cities and has around 600,000 data points. He will try to have report for next meeting. He can look at each county’s test data.</p> <p>Fiber – Council focuses on middle mile fiber. It will show homes with fiber. He suggests that Council purchase the Ookla subscription for 2017.</p> <p>Question from Mr. Hinton: What can the council do? Have a state speed test that could live within your website. Ookla data is from consumers taking the test.</p> <p>Question: Do you have to complete the speed test to fill out the survey? You can make a choice whether to require that or not. Some customers speed to too slow to do the speed test. You just have to purchase the right text.</p> <p>To have a true server it needs to be on a 10gig backbone.</p> <p>Question from Mr. Proctor: Have other states developed surveys questions to determine the availability of broadband and speeds by individual addresses. Surely someone has been down this road? Every state has something but there should be good examples like Maine, New York, Kentucky.</p>

Committee Development	<p>The council is allowed to create committees and they don't have to include council members.</p> <p>Proposed committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Adoption</li> <li>• Infrastructure – Work with Providers to serve underserved areas; work with State Agencies to create a process to identify and leverage CAI access; Work with for Public Private partnerships and with the EDA to help with funding (members-Rob Morris, Jeff Proctor &amp; John Dunlap)</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Morris moved for approval of the proposed committee as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Cole. All voted in favor and the committees were approved.</p>
Legislative Bill(s) Review	<p>Senate Bill 485: Council discussed with goal to find position as a council. (p.10 line 92). The council should rely on legal expertise if the council is to facilitate.</p> <p>Council will not make a motion at this time.</p>
Public Comments	<p>Tony: Council should have a working document, not to rely only on meeting notes from past council meetings.</p>
Next Meeting Date and Proposed Agenda	
Adjournment	<p>Meeting was adjourned at 10:44am</p>