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>> Great, thank you very much. Well, welcome everybody. We are again making a transition from how we've operated over the past year and now we're evolving into our committee structure and today is actually the first day that we have conducted public committee meetings. So I'd like to welcome all the listeners out there to these committees, we'll have four meetings today, start with governance and personnel, move on to finance, move on to outreach, and conclude with technology and planning.

So we welcome your participation in that. I'd like to hand the call and the meeting over to Chuck Dowd, who is going to preside over the governance and governance and personnel meeting today. So Chuck, the floor is yours.

>> Sue, thank you very much. And welcome again to everybody to this public meeting of the governance and personnel meeting. Uzoma, I would ask if you would please call the roll for the governance and personnel meeting, please.

>> Sam Ginn.

>> Here.

>> Teri Takai.

>> Here.

>> Wellington Webb.

>> Here.

>> Chuck Dowd.

>> Here.

>> Tim Bryan.

>> Here.

>> Barry Boniface.

>> Here.

>> All members are present.

>> Thank you very much, Mr. Secretary. And again welcome, everybody. Before I start and go into the details of the governance and personnel committee charter, I'd like to turn it over initially to Stuart Kupinsky, our counsel, to discuss some of the ground rules for how the committee structures work, how they will vote. The nuts and bolts, so to speak. So Stuart, if you would, please.

>> Thank you, Chuck. Quite simply, the committee meetings are governed by the same statutory framework as the board meetings, and decision-making and voting will be conducted in open meetings to the public, with the exception of the itemized exceptions in the statute with regard to, for example, attorney-client privileged

issues, personnel issues, and those issues that require the maintenance of confidential commercial information.

And so there will be no change in how the committees are conducted relative to the board.

Thank you, Chuck.

>> Thank you, Stuart. So again, just want to go now into some of the more pertinent parts of the governance and personnel committee charter. Today I'm going to focus most of my comments, initial comments on the committee duties and responsibilities, and then ask for Stuart's perspective on a couple of those issues, and then hopefully open that up to questions from the committee members.

So again, on the committee's duties and responsibilities, just some of the highlights of those. Its responsibilities: Recommend policies and procedures to assist the board in making informed decisions in FirstNet's best interests. It will be responsible for coordinating and managing -- management and committee chairs to ensure that board briefings, board meetings, and committee meetings are organized, clear and transparent, and adhere to government procedures and requirements.

Policies and procedures for compliance with applicable federal laws and requirements.

Seek diversity for FirstNet and its management team.

Review and approve compensation and performance evaluation process for the general manager and the direct reports to the general manager.

One of the -- and lastly, as the charter reads, review prospective candidates for the board and general manager, GM, direct reports to the general manager, and make recommendations to the board.

That's something we've been doing on a regular basis for the last several months that have resulted obviously in the hiring of our general manager and the other permanent staff members that we have. And most recently -- and I'll leave the details of that conversation to our general manager, Bill D'Agostino, tomorrow. There was some progress made in the area of CIO, but again I'll leave that for him for tomorrow.

I'd like to start here and just quickly ask Stuart to jump back in. Most of these responsibilities, as I mentioned them, talk about coordination, overseeing and making recommendations. But one of them I mentioned involves approval of compensation and performance evaluations. And that's something that happens infrequently in all the charters, but it is there.

So I'm going to ask Stuart to expand on what that means, and just as importantly, what it doesn't mean. Stuart, if you would, please.

>> Certainly. I think you're exactly right. Generally speaking, there are two categories of duties and responsibilities for the committees. First and foremost, most of the duties that we've drafted in these charters - - and this goes for all the committees -- are the duty to recommend actions to the full board. And so the committee is expected to engage in a level of detailed evaluation with management, but take that detail work and form it into a recommendation to the full board for its consideration of the matter. And the full board can take the recommendation or it can go in a completely different direction.

The second category of duties and responsibilities which are infrequent in our charters are where the committee itself is delegated full authority to decide on a matter on behalf of the board. So generally speaking, these charters preserve for the full board the primary decision-making associated with FirstNet, but leverages

the advantage of having a smaller committee to do some of the detail work, leading up to the recommendation to and decision by the full board. Thanks, Chuck.

>> Thank you, Stuart. And just a couple other things I wanted to mention before we open it up. One of the other responsibilities that the governance and personnel committee will have, it will be required to do an annual assessment of itself, reassess and check the adequacy of the charter, and make recommendations to change if we feel that that is necessary. It Also have to produce an annual performance evaluation of itself that -- and has to report back to the board.

And also, the governance and personnel committee will also facilitate the annual review of the board's performance itself. And that is built into the governance and personnel committee charter.

Those are kind of the highlights of it, and I'd like to take the opportunity now to open this up to the committee members for any comments they want to make or any questions they'd like to ask.

>> Hey, Chuck, I'm not a committee member, but I do have a question, if I could.

>> Sure.

>> I'm just a member of the board here. On the resources and authority, I was just curious, if the governance and personnel committee felt the need to get the resources of, let's say, outside counsel for some reason, I don't know what the reason might be, but if that could take place, what would be the mechanism that the committee would use to actually effect that? It's sort of described in there, but I just wondered what -- because it talks about coordination with --

>> You're talking about the resources and authority clause of the charter?

>> Right. Right. How do we do that?

>> You know what, I'm going to ask, if it's okay, I'm going to ask Stuart Kupinsky if he would jump in here again and go through that for us, please.

>> The good news is there are a number of avenues that the committee could take. So for example, assuming the matter is appropriate for the committee to reach out to me to act as an interface, I would be able to go and use the machinery of the Department of Commerce to acquire whatever resources the committee would need. Traditionally, to the extent that there is any conflict with management, the committee could reach out directly, for example, to the Office of General Counsel of the Department of Commerce, and deal directly with them to obtain those kinds of resources.

So I think there are several avenues that are available to the committee to make sure that they get whatever resources that are necessary.

>> And Stuart, I assume in the context of assisting with replacing a board member or general manager or one of the direct reports, we would have the ability to hire an executive recruiter to assist us with that if that were necessary? How could that work, going along the same kind of lines?

>> I think certainly the committee could use whatever resources it would need. We'd have to adhere to obviously federal rules for filling the procurement side and otherwise, as federal employees, et cetera. But all those types of resources would be available.

>> Thanks.

>> Chuck, I'll just make a comment, it's Tim. Which is I think that using the sort of best practices that -- that are sort of embodied in this charter and reviewing them and staying up to date with them is a really critical part of really running any organization. Obviously, in the corporate world these are very well watched over and maintained, and I think that embodying them in our charter is a good step for FirstNet under any circumstances. So I'm looking forward to serving on the committee.

>> Yeah, and I thank you for those comments, Tim. And I know a lot of hard work went into developing this charter, as well as the other three committee charters. So my thanks and congratulations to everybody that pitched in on this stuff. I know it was a lot of work, and I think we got some very good product out of this.

Anybody else, questions or comments?

>> Chuck, this is Teri. I just wanted to follow on to the point that Tim made, and that is to just mention that the charter is really just in some ways a start point. So I think the next step for the committee is going to be to work with Stuart and with Uzoma to actually write down and institutionalize to your point, Tim, some of the what I'd call more operating procedures for the board. In terms of, you know, just materials, we heard about records management this morning. So again, I think that individuals looking at this might say, well, this doesn't have some of the more specifics in it. And I just wanted to mention that, you know, that's the next step is to get those specifics, again. So to your point that, you know, from an operational perspective, we're running well.

>> This is Sam. You know, these things are living documents, and they change over time. And at least my experience is there is a certain cadence that a committee adopts, and we'll have to see how that evolves. It could be (indiscernible) instructions, or conceivably if you have the right level of communications, you might want less. So my advice is let's get along with our work, and periodically let's take a look at this thing and see if it's supporting the way that we think we ought to be getting our work done. I think this is an excellent first step, by the way. And we've just got to keep our eye on it occasionally and see that it reflects the way we want to operate the committee.

>> Thank you, Sam. I just -- and I know we called the roll in the beginning, but in case folks didn't catch it, I want to run through the committee members one more time for the public that are listening. So on the governance and personnel committee we have Sam Ginn, who will chair the committee; Teri Takai; Mayor Wellington Webb; Tim Bryan; Barry Boniface, our brand new board member; and myself.

Now, any other questions or comments from committee members or any other members of the board that might be present?

>> Chuck, this is Suzanne Spaulding. And I'm sorry I was a little late in joining, and so I don't know whether Stuart perhaps had already raised the one -- the issue that I had raised with him with regard to the charter.

>> He did not, but please go ahead, Susan, thank you.

>> Okay, it really is just as I was looking at the bylaws, the FirstNet board charter bylaws also have -- include a paragraph with regard to each of the committees, the bylaws anticipate the establishment of these committees and includes some language about what the committee's responsibilities will be.

Some of those aren't reflected explicitly in the charter. For the governance committee, there's a requirement that the committee provide orientation to new and existing board members. And I really just -- my only point in raising it is that I want the committee to think about whether that is something that they want to make sure they don't lose. Not that it needs to be in the charter, but that if it's something that the committee wants to ensure that they do, that they may want to make a point about that at the outset.

I think it can be captured under existing general language within the charter, the first couple of bullets within the charter, as written.

>> Thank you, Susan, and what we'll do is we will get that information to Stuart, and also to the board for tomorrow, and ensure that your concern is addressed one way or the other.

Anybody else with any comments or questions?

>> Chuck, one final comment for me, at least.

>> Sure.

>> Note that in all of the charters there is what I would call a standard catch-all admonition that nothing in these charters is meant to supersede or in any way be interpreted to interfere with the applicable laws, regulations that apply to FirstNet and the board. And of course, particularly the enabling legislation that created FirstNet. So all the procedures under that legislation supersede anything in these charters.

>> Thank you for that. I mean, that's an important -- that's an important thing to point out, and I appreciate it. And it does, as you said, cross over all four committee charters. It will be present in all of them.

Any other questions or comments? Well, hearing no more, I believe we -- the committee needs to take a vote on this draft to move it to the board for tomorrow for discussion. Do I hear a motion to do that?

>> Yes, Chuck, this is Wellington. I move that we adopt it and send it to the board.

>> Teri and I will second.

>> I've got Teri and Tim second. Thank you. It's a tie. All right, all those in favor? (Affirmative responses.)

Any opposed? Motion passes. Thank you folks. Sue?

>> So with that, we conclude our inaugural first governance committee, congratulations. And Uzoma is going to do that. Uzoma, thank you. Now I'd like to move to close the governance committee meeting.

>> I'll second it.

>> All in favor? (Affirmative responses.)

Meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

>> Thank you.

(Governance and Personnel Committee meeting adjourned.)

>> Okay, well, good afternoon, everybody, once again. This is the second committee meeting here this afternoon. This is a committee, the finance committee meeting, and before we get ourselves started I'll also ask Uzoma to take a roll call, please. Uzoma.

>> Tim Bryan.

>> I'm here.

>> Brian Deets. Ed Reynolds is not with us. Jeff Johnson.

>> Here.

>> Sam Ginn.

>> Here.

>> Sue Swenson.

>> Here.

>> We have a quorum.

>> Okay, great. Well, similar to the governance committee that you just heard about, I know Stuart laid out the guidelines under which we will meet publicly, and so those of course hold true for the finance committee as they did for the governance committee.

I do want to just briefly review our meeting agenda for all the finance committee members and also for the folks in the public. Our agenda today is going to be to consider our charter, and ultimately, if the committee so decides, to recommend it for full approval by the board. So we're going to go over that.

Bill and TJ are each going to make a short presentation on some proposals for BTOP leases for ADCOM in Colorado and New Jersey, so we'll take some presentations from them. Then a combination of Bill and Randy Lyon and Dave Sokoloff, who is here in the room, are going to give us a brief update, a monthly financial report update, on several of the key work areas that we're involved in at FirstNet. And a quick update, of course we're very early in the fiscal year, but nonetheless we'll take that review from them. And then we're going to take a vote to close the meeting.

>> Brian Deets joined.

>> Great. Good afternoon, Brian. Then we're going to take a vote to see if we can close the meeting. We have some procurement sensitive and HR sensitive items that we'll be doing in closed session. So any questions on the agenda from any committee members?

>> No.

>> Okay. So with that, I think we'll go to the first item on the agenda, which is the finance committee charter. I think I will focus, as they did in the governance committee, on what are the roles and responsibilities of this committee. Like the governance committee, several of the material duties and responsibilities this committee will undertake are going to place us in the role of reviewing detailed information and ultimately coming up with a recommendation for the full board. So that will be a great number of the duties, and then some of them we may have some delegated authority to act.

Let's go through them real briefly, I won't read them off completely, but -- and I don't think a number of these topics will surprise anybody, given that the title of the committee is the finance committee. However, first and foremost, we're going to review and recommend to the board the annual budget of FirstNet. And I'd like to make sure and read this in conjunction with item 2, which is review and approve FirstNet's internal budget guidelines and priorities, and monitor compliance with such guidelines.

I think that's an important function of the finance committee. It's not just a single budget number of \$194 million in the case of this year, it's really how we divide that into work areas, how those work areas are staffed, what the budgets are for those work areas, and what kind of goals and what kinds of prerequisites that those work areas need to achieve in order to carry on with additional activities.

So I think that's an important role of the finance committee, and one that we'll be undertaking over the course of the year.

We're going to review the audit process with respect to FirstNet, but we're not likely to recommend an auditor, as the charter says we may have to do a little bit of changing around. The Department of Commerce has an auditor, we'll be incorporated into the Department of Commerce audit. But of course we'll have our own relationship and dialogue with the auditor, which once again is just a good corporate practice to establish that line of communication between the finance committee of the board and the auditing firm.

>> Kevin McGinnis has joined.

>> Great. Hi, Kevin. We'll approve any material financial filings by FirstNet, we'll review the financial controls and procedures of FirstNet. For those of you in the corporate world, you know that means Sarbanes Oxley sort of things, but I think obviously within the government we'll still review a number of the internal controls and procedures.

We'll obviously review the programs designed to ensure FirstNet's compliance with a variety of the financial and other applicable regulations, as well as the finance committee. But we saved the best probably for last, I think. I would like to believe that the finance committee will be of most use to the board and hopefully to the management team, and obviously eventually to public safety and the public, by really working with the company and working with the company's partners to help make recommendations, give advice, on public-private partnerships. On roaming agreements, long-term financial commitments, sort of the heart of the financial strategy of FirstNet I think is a goal that we intend to undertake on the finance committee with considerable vigor, inasmuch as it's a critical part of the overall success of FirstNet. So I think you can count on us to undertake those sorts of activities.

The performance evaluation and the resources and authority are virtually the same as they are in the governance committee. Once again, just following the best practices that one would expect for a finance committee of this scope and scale.

So with that, introduction, perhaps I should turn it over to the finance committee members, but of course, if any of the board members that are here to talk a little bit about this charter and how we intend to go about fulfilling it.

>> Tim, I have a question, this is Sue. And actually, Stu and I have actually talked about this a little bit, it's number 7, which is review and added value in excess of \$1 million approved gifts, donations and bequests to FirstNet. I was under the impression we didn't accept gifts, so I was asking for a little explanation on that.

>> I'll let -- watch how I transfer that to Stuart.

>> It's an important clarification. So individuals such as board members who are management employees are obviously under federal restrictions on accepting gifts.

>> Stu, could you speak a little closer to the microphone, please?

>> Sorry, it sounds like the microphone wasn't on. Thanks, Sam. So individuals such as board members or members of management are subject to federal restrictions on their ability to accept gifts, of course.

FirstNet, the entity, actually has a provision in its enabling legislation that paves the way for the acceptance of gifts, such as for example infrastructure or equipment from various constituencies could be an example of a type of gift.

And so it's an important clarification that these are not gifts for any individuals whatsoever, these are gifts to the entity itself.

>> Great.

>> And we'll be building an approval process internally for all such types of gifts and bequests.

>> So anything under a million, management can accept on behalf of FirstNet, not as individuals, but on behalf of FirstNet under a million.

>> That's correct.

>> Okay.

>> But we will have a process internally even for gifts under a million dollars.

>> Okay, great. Thank you, appreciate that.

>> Any other comments from board committee members?

>> Chair, the background that I heard on this issue was in Boulder it would be appropriate for manufacturers to give us equipment to test, to see if it meets our specs. And they couldn't do that without this provision. So that was the genesis of it, at least as I heard it. That we needed sometimes to get equipment from manufacturers, and it would be appropriate for them to give it to us to run through the tests to see if it meets our specs.

>> That makes sense. Okay, thanks for that clarification.

>> One of the things, we talked a little bit about the cadence of meetings in the governance committee. Just to give the public I suppose an idea of what our expected cadence is, I say expected because this is the first meeting that we've had and want to develop a cadence. But we're certainly planning on having a public finance committee meeting prior to every board meeting, at a minimum.

We'll call special meetings if we need to, if there's items that come before the finance committee upon which we need to take a decision. So we'll be calling those meetings. But I think you should expect to hear from us no less frequently than every board meeting, you know, as we move forward. So I just wanted to give some sense of the expected cadence of at least the finance committee activities.

>> And just one more point of clarification, Tim. Most of the duties are review and recommend. And we have a couple that are review and approve, and I was just wondering if you could comment on the decision on number 2, and I think number 4.

Just, you know, why that went to the next step for the finance committee.

>> Well, number 4, to be honest, is a bit of a catch-all phrase. I don't really anticipate a huge number of

financial filings along the line of an SEC filing, obviously we're not a public company. But I think number 2 is important. Number 2, I think the goal of the board is to establish a spending plan for all of FirstNet, and the finance committee then has some delegated authority to separate it into these work areas, into these pipe stems, to set guideline procedures around it, to monitor the guideline procedures, to really do what we talked about in the governance committee, which is focus on the detail as opposed to the big picture number that comes from the board.

So I think that's a good delegation of authority to the finance committee. I think it goes without saying if we have a material public-private partnership, if we have a material financial commitment we're going to make, everybody on the board is going to want to have an ability to take a look at that, and to have a vote on that. And so I think that's a good bifurcation of our duties.

>> Great, thank you.

>> Okay, well, hearing no further discussion on our charter, I think at this point we'd like to see if there can be a motion made, and whether we can vote to send this to the full board for their approval.

>> Jeff Johnson with a motion.

>> Second.

>> Okay Jeff moved, Sue seconded. All in favor of recommending this charter to the full board say aye. (Affirmative responses.)

Any opposed? Okay, the charter will go to the full board tomorrow for approval.

Okay, with that, I'll get myself out of the hot seat for a few minutes. I'm going to turn it over first to Bill, who is going to present a few minutes on the opportunity with ADCOM. He'll turn it over to TJ for the opportunity with New Jersey. So Bill.

>> Thank you, Tim. We're happy to put in front of the committee this afternoon a request regarding the ADCOM BTOP project. As you know, the board allowed to us extend negotiations through November 15th. We were able to successfully complete negotiations with ADCOM and are recommending a spectrum management lease agreement, an SMLA, with Adams County.

The Adams County BTOP project will include an 18 to 20 site network, broadband network that will be used by 2,000 first responders in the 1200 square miles of Adams County and the Denver Airport service areas.

There will be a variety of end user devices that will connect to this network, and they will access a wide range of data needs, including hazmat databases, records access for criminal checks, automatic vehicle location, and some video-based applications.

So we have some key learnings that we hope to gain from the ADCOM project. And those are to use this as a real world testbed for the PSCR and FirstNet topics like coverage testing, network speeds and some core interoperability.

We'll also -- ADCOM will be allowing FirstNet and end user device manufacturers to provide user devices for testing on that network. And will be providing access to the network for high level demonstrations of some of this public safety functionality.

So we're very pleased that we were allowed to get the extension and worked diligently with the ADCOM team

to come forward with this SMLA recommendation.

>> I'm going to have a few questions on both of them, which I'm going to group together.

>> Yes, good.

>> So maybe -- unless anybody has a specific question about Adams County, we'll let TJ do New Jersey, and then I think as a committee we'll consider them both together, unless it turns out we need to separate them. So TJ, if you want to talk a little bit about the New Jersey.

>> And Tim, may I just for one moment. TJ appropriately had recused himself from Adams County, and that's why I handled the negotiations there. So any conversation we have with regard to that detail, we may have to be asking TJ to leave the room for.

>> Okay. The relationship with New Jersey, thanks, Tim. We were able to in similar fashion have good discussions with New Jersey, and we're here to recommend a revised project that went from a deployable network strategy for New Jersey utilizing cells on wheels and systems on wheels. Specifically, will be capable of boosting communications in areas both where they have high capacity needs as well as dealing with compromised networks during disasters or other emergencies.

New Jersey will work through a proof of concept implementation in three locations: The Route 21 corridor, as well as in Southern New Jersey near Camden, and along the Jersey Shore in the Atlantic City area. They'll also have some additional deployables just for emergency management purposes. All these together, the goal is really to try to leverage the ability to help FirstNet with our deployable strategy, and how they may be able to leverage that in other parts of the country, as FirstNet we can. Also to be able to work through some of the network centered communication needs that will have to happen during the use of any deployables, and how that will operate within the network framework. And third of all, be able to run exercises that will be able to leverage Band 14 and the FirstNet network as part of those communication exercises, as we move to build out this network in the future.

And with that, I think that we are very proud to be able to bring forward this opportunity for New Jersey to be able to get a positive recommendation from the board.

>> Okay.

>> One question I had on both, and this is maybe half Sue, half Stuart, is we obviously have a couple of these already negotiated with L.A. and New Mexico, so could Sue or -- Sue because she's the expert, in the previous two, but also Stuart, just maybe give a couple minutes on any material differences between the ones we already negotiated and these, particularly around things like cover transactions, and the use of the spectrum, the tenor of the agreements, et cetera, et cetera.

>> Yeah, I'm going to defer actually to Stu, that's a question when I read in the material in advance of the meeting, I had a question about that to make sure -- understand the implications of that, so we're going to let Stuart describe that.

>> I think substantially they are substantially similar in all material respects. Each one has some -- some slight nuances, but overall I would say that they're substantially similar. I don't know if TJ or Bill has any comments beyond that.

>> The one -- the one question I do have, though, is the follow-on to the substantially the same, is there is some unique language that we put into the Adams County agreement. And I wanted to understand the

implication to our prior agreements, because we have some most favored nation language in the other agreements, so I wanted to understand if that had any implication to the other agreements. So if you could comment on that, Stuart, that would be helpful.

>> I think in all, because they are substantially similar, the language will not have a profound effect on any of the existing agreements. And I think it would have to be a clause-by-clause analysis, so to speak, to go into, you know, a comparison of each and how the MFN clauses would interact.

>> Okay, and then I just had a question, and I don't know if TJ needs to recuse himself, maybe -- maybe that's a good idea, since we're going to talk about it, I would probably feel more comfortable doing this.

But it felt, Bill, when you talked about the key learning conditions, they seemed fairly broad, and not as focused as we've seen in some of the other projects. So I'm just -- I know we have a period in the agreement where over the next 90 days we will work with the -- with the group to define that, and create a key learning condition plan that we agree to. And if we are comfortable with it, then everything proceeds. But if we can't come to some agreement on what we want to do for the ability to use that spectrum, the spectrum lease could expire. I mean, it could not go forward if we don't agree with those.

So I'm just wondering if you could say more about the key learning conditions. Do we have more work to do on those?

>> We do in detailing out the next 90 days, that's for sure. But they're broad in sense in this reading, but there are some very direct linkages to some of the testing that's already being done at PSCR.

We hope to integrate that once the board agrees that we can move forward with this lease agreement. So we haven't shared that detail with Adams County yet, but I can tell you, for example, there are some things that -- around that coverage testing that would be very beneficial to move out of our test network at PSCR into an Adams County's network. So it's those types of things that we'll be looking to do.

>> Okay, great. Well, I for one, having worked on this for a number of months, am delighted that we were able to bring two more forward. So I appreciate the hard work of TJ and yourself and the rest of the team. And obviously the local groups that were responsible for this, because these are important projects for us.

>> Yes.

>> Bill, early on they were having some issues as related to surrounding the between Adams County and the airport. Did any of that get addressed, or is that part of this agreement or not?

>> You means in terms of expanding it?

>> Yeah.

>> Well, there's no expansion beyond the 1200 square mile range that we talked about at this point. And we know there are a number of agencies involved in that, and we think that will give us a very broad test base as it is.

>> Okay.

>> Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Bill, you mentioned this morning in an earlier presentation that you might want to be rethinking deployables. My question -- this is Larry Strickland, administrator at NTIA. As the person ultimately who will have to lift the suspension on New Jersey, as that project is current scoped out is it going to

deliver information that still fits into your new view of how to use deployables?

>> Yes, absolutely, it definitely will. Deployables will take on a couple of different flavors as we move forward, and this one clearly is centered around rapid deployment and the flexibility to deploy into areas where coverage doesn't exist today. And that will definitely be a part of what we do going forward, so we're very comfortable with that.

>> I think it's important to -- what we're doing today as a committee is we're going to recommend that we approve the lease agreements with ADCOM and New Jersey, we're going to recommend that the board approve those lease agreements. And that's what we do at FirstNet, and then it's obviously up to NTIA to determine whether to lift the suspension. Just to make sure everybody knows what we are and aren't doing today as part of this committee. And frankly, what will be happening tomorrow with the board.

>> Correct.

>> Any other -- any comments from any other board members or committee members on the ADCOM and New Jersey lease agreements?

Okay, Jeff.

>> I would move that we recommend to the board of directors of FirstNet to approve the New Jersey spectrum lease agreement.

>> I just have one clarification before I second. This is for the SMLAs, and I believe we're going to recommend an extension also for one of our other entities as part of the recommendation to the board, are we not? I was trying to get clarity on that, because we have the two leases, but then we have some work to continue with Harris County, as part of that recommendation.

>> That's right.

>> Yes, and separate from the BTOP, Harris County has been working on an STA, and we are going to recommend that we mirror up with the FCC extension of that STA to finish those negotiations with Harris County.

>> I thought they were bundled, Tim.

>> Yeah, I'll unbundle that, and we'll take that. Jeff, you recommended approval of New Jersey, I was going to put ADCOM and New Jersey together, unless anybody would oppose just approving them together. So did your motion go for ADCOM as well?

>> I accept the modification.

>> Okay, so we have a motion, then.

>> And I'll second it.

>> Sue will second. So we have a motion and a second to approve both of these leases for ADCOM and New Jersey. All in favor say aye. (Affirmative responses.)

Any opposed? Okay. The finance committee will make a recommendation to the full board tomorrow to move these leases forward.

Now let's take the Harris County, can you provide the -- what is the date for the STA from the FCC? What are we extending the negotiation period to?

>> Through February 24th.

>> Through February 24th. So the proposal for management is to extend the period of negotiations to February 24th on the -- for Harris County.

Anybody care to make that motion?

>> I move it.

>> I will second it, because Jeff walked out. So in any event, all in favor of extending the Harris County negotiation period say aye. (Affirmative responses.)

Any opposed? Okay, we'll make that recommendation to the board tomorrow as well for that extension.

Okay, we're going to now turn to an agenda item. And Bill, I know Randy is on the phone, I know Dave is here, but we're going to have some material on the screen. So I think Dave, if I'm not mistaken, you've been tapped to deliver this part of the presentation.

We're going to take a short financial and operating plan update, once again, fiscal year is just short of beginning, but think it's good for the public and for the board and for the committee members to get an idea of the sort of things we'll be looking at as part of the finance committee. So Dave, I'll turn it over to you.

>> Can't hear.

>> Just want to point out on this slide, before I get started, that under the outlays where it says spent 600,000, that's actually 1.6 million that we've actually spent in November, and 3.6 million to date, in our outlays.

Those outlays have for the most part covered salaries, consultants, and associated costs such as NTIA overhead. The reason these numbers are so low is really because the October federal government shutdown really put a slow-down on our ability to hire and execute planned procurements in that period. On the obligation side, you'll see sort of a similar. We did obligate \$600,000 in November and a million dollars to date, as the second bullet points out there.

And because of the October shutdown, we have been slower than we had hoped in issuing the initial task orders on this BPA that was awarded last summer.

And on the annual operating plan I would just point out that we continue to press hiring of our outreach and consultant staff. We are bringing on the engineering managers to help us manage the contract under that BPA. And all the funding at this time is still within -- well within the FY14 approved budget by the board.

Moving on to the individual activities of the department, under the network partner agreements, management continues to spend a considerable amount of effort vetting technical strategies and options to deliver our best value public safety network.

We continue to review the RFI responses that were received a short time ago. And we continue to build both financial and strategic competencies both through internal hiring and the acquisition of subject matter experts through additional procurements.

On state outreach, we continue to engage with the PSAC folks. We're continuing to attend conferences and public speaking. We are actively building a website presence for FirstNet.

We've now got a goal now to make sure that we have an on-sight presence in every state and territory. That will need some additional resources. And again, hiring is really our key activity.

On the state consultation and plans, again, it is getting the hiring processes down so that we can bring on the folks. The shut-down has, as I mentioned, been really the constraint on hiring and moving forward in those areas.

On the core network, that's a place where once those BPA task holders are awarded we'll start bringing on the technical competence. We expect the first tranche of that competence to be on board in early January. And we, as I was noting, are hiring a technical team for FirstNet staff who will supervise those technical experts.

We continue to have in place agreements with the PSCR who are evaluating for our core the capabilities and prioritization, preemption, local control, security, and as I mentioned, we continue to assess the RFIs.

Wireless devices, again as PSCR is engaged, they're doing some critical work on the standards for these devices that needs to be done, and they're moving rapidly again on assessing the RFI responses in that area. On early movers, we do have the agreements from August from LA-RICs and New Mexico and, as the public heard, we continue to have agreements with additional BTOP projects, those are moving forward. And those have been a significant source of staff time, and resource have been devoted to that.

And in the area of mobile communications systems, this is really part of our internal strategy and management strategy, vetting of options, and looking at opportunities there. We are exploring what other federal capabilities there are in the mobile communications area. This is a lightly staffed area, that's an area where we'll want to put some focus, and we think that the New Jersey BTOP that we just discussed will provide some valuable information for that development.

And with that, I'll wrap up.

>> Thank you, Dave. Before I ask for any questions or comments, just want to make the statement that this is how we look at the budget internally. These areas on the left, these goals, are the major work areas that we're looking after. We've carefully divided the budget, we monitor it by these areas, both spending now and spending upon the achievement of certain gates and prerequisites. So we want to be transparent to the public and report on these every time we come to a board meeting.

And these are the actual -- these are the actual pipe stems that we're working with internally. So this is -- this is something that we'll be able to continue to update.

Any comments from the board, any comments from any committee members? For Scott or for Dave, sorry, realizing once again with the shutdown and so early in the fiscal year, it's a lot of small numbers, we just haven't got a lot at this point to go over, but.

Thanks very much, Dave, and I think this will be a good template for to us move forward.

So having said all that, I think we are at the point where we've concluded the agenda that we're going to hold for the public session. So I'll see if there are any final comments, questions, conclusions, before we seek to close the meeting to discuss some procurement-sensitive items.

Any comments, questions? Board members, committee members?

>> No, and I assume we'll come back after closed session, is that the plan? For the viewing public?

>> Yes, I think it is, we'll come back after the close session, we'll report on what happens -- we report then --

>> General level.

>> General level, what we've done in the closed session. So those of you on the line, looking at what we've got to do, I'm thinking it's going to be 15 to 20 minutes, and then we should be able to --

>> At least.

>> We've got to try and do it by 3:30, I don't want to -- as the finance committee, we don't want to miss our budget.

>> That's true. That's true, okay.

>> Can I have a motion to close the meeting now to consider these other items?

>> So moved.

>> Second.

>> Motion and a second, all in favor say aye. (Affirmative responses.)

>> Any opposed? Okay, at this point this session is closed to the public.

(Closed session.)

>> Okay. Well, folks, good afternoon again. Sorry we ran a little over our budget. I will give you a short report of what we did during the closed session.

We approved a recommendation on a delegation of authority to the management team. This is sort of an ordinary course of business item that companies do to delegate authority between boards and committees and the management team.

We approved two -- we approved or recommending to the board the approval of two leases. Uzoma, do you want that up for the public session? We approved two leases for our location in Reston, which will be the FirstNet headquarters, and the location in Boulder, which will be our technical headquarters. And then we had a discussion around our procurement strategy generally as it relates to contractors and others. So those are the items that we discussed in the closed session of the finance committee and the actions we took. A few of which you'll see tomorrow in the board meeting.

So with that, any other comments from the finance committee members?

I would then call for a motion to adjourn the finance committee.

>> So moved.

>> Second.

>> Moved and seconded. All in favor? (Affirmative responses.)

Any opposed? Okay finance committee is adjourned and turn the podium over a little bit belatedly to --

>> Do we want to stay on -- we'll close down and then come back on. Shut down?

(Finance, Audit and Budget Committee meeting adjourned.)

>> Okay, good afternoon. Welcome to the outreach committee meeting. Mr. Secretary, will you please call the roll.

>> Jeff Johnson.

>> Here.

>> Sue Swenson.

>> Here.

>> Chuck Dowd.

>> Can't hear you.

>> I'll start again. Is this microphone on?

>> Okay, are you on now?

>> (Inaudible)

>> Jeff Johnson.

>> Here.

>> Sue Swenson.

>> Here.

>> Chuck Dowd.

>> Here.

>> Paul Fitzgerald.

>> Here.

>> Kevin McGinnis.

>> Here.

>> Teri Takai?

>> Here.

>> Suzanne Spaulding.

>> Here.

>> Ron Davis.

>> Here.

>> All members are present.

>> Thank you, Mr. Secretary. I'd like to thank the committee for your feedback as we prepared the charter for today. I think there are broad areas that we're looking for some general agreement in terms of alterations to this base document. And I think the first has to do with comparing the charter to the statutory reference, and the statutory reference is a little broader. It states territories, commonwealths, local governments, et cetera, et cetera. And I think that we would just ask our general counsel to -- when we make a motion, to ask our general counsel to make it consistent with the statute.

The second would be to make the document a little broader in terms of verbiage. It says user outreach, and we've been using a broader term of outreach, because some of our partners that we're reaching out to may not be users, they may be partners in one form or another.

And then the last one is really I think more to set the tone for where we're going, and then of all the committees, this is one that will have a perpetual life cycle to it. There will always be relationships with our users and our partners, and it will be a continuous quality improvement kind of relationship we will have to maintain.

So this isn't until we're deployed, this is as long as we're in business at FirstNet, we're going to need to reach out, to listen, and to make sure our product evolves.

With those opening comments, I'd like to pass the baton to Stuart for additional comment or illumination.

>> Stuart Kupinsky: I think what we could do is simply make those changes in what we present to the board tomorrow, and condition the approval today on those changes.

>> Sounds reasonable.

>> Thank you, Stuart.

With that, is there any feedback or comment from members of the committee, on the phone or in person?
Yes, sir, Mr. Davis.

>> Thank you. Just for clarification, could you explain to me or maybe describe the number 2, the committee duties and responsibilities, which is review and approved management's regional outreach structure. And I just wanted to clarify what it meant by regional outreach structure.

>> Well, today we're contemplating where offices are located, how many offices are located there, what's the staffing in each location, what's their purpose, function and role, how does that tie into NTIA. And there's SLIC-P outreach, there's numerous levels to that. But it's really just to provide board insight and feedback to

the staff plan.

>> Could I ask a further question, if I may. Could this then be in conflict with the finance committee? In other words, this has budget implications. Depending on the structure, you may have costs, you're talking about facilities, and also I'm assuming it requires staffing.

>> Yes.

>> So I'm wondering if we approve it, did we circumvent another committee or the board itself?

>> No, I don't think so. I think actually there are a number of areas where there's somewhat overlapping jurisdiction, so to speak. So the way it would work is management would be working with this committee on its plan, and once this committee provides feedback, because this is a review and approve, right? Then we would incorporate that into the budget that we would submit to the finance committee, and pass that along.

>> Outstanding, thank you.

>> I think it is important to note that this board is -- this committee, really we have two courses of action. Number one, we make recommendations to the full board; or number two, we take action on something that has been delegated, authority that's been delegated by the full board. Any other feedback or questions?

>> Yes, Mr. Chairman, I just have a quick question for clarification. As you know, we've been briefed by the deputy general manager and the general manager about outreach, and there are several components to outreach. So does this include outreach state consultancy, state plans? I'm just trying to understand if it is broad like that.

>> My interpretation is it is, it's very broad, and it includes all of those.

>> Okay.

>> I believe it is our purview to work with management to help create a vision and picture for that, and to provide board context for the management team on all of those matters, including consultancy and outreach and, you know, all the pieces that historically fall under that.

>> Great, thank you. I just wanted to make sure about that.

>> Thank you.

>> I'm sorry, I still have a question, still somewhat of a push-back, or concern, if you would. I think it appears -- I think we all agree that the issue of the outreach is the most significant piece of whether or not we're going to get the approval, or the state plans or the states to opt in.

And so is it the best way to leave the board out of those plans when it's of significance to the overall project? So you now at the subcommittee level or committee level are making the outreach plans that we have already identified as being crucial to whether or not the states will actually opt into the network.

>> I'll take a run at that. I think there are really about three layers to that. This subcommittee won't make a plan, this subcommittee will confer with the management team about their plan. Two, we may have some insight for them as a subcommittee. And three, if it is directional in nature, it's got to go to the board, or they had to delegate that authority to us. And in that delegation process we will have heard their -- you know, kind of their perspective on it.

>> So then maybe Stuart it's a language thing, because the language suggests that we review and approve the plan. It also would suggest, by reading number two, that that plan -- then management would be obligated to go by that plan. It seems like then the conflict that I can feel.

>> Sure, let me take a stab at this. So number two is just the structure. So the review and approve, which is the fundamental delegation, the full delegation, if you will, is just for the structure of the outreach effort. Not the actual plans.

The operative term in number 1 is "oversee." That does have the connotation of something beyond merely reviewing and recommending to the board, but it doesn't -- it doesn't mean that the committee has full authority with regard to those items. And so for example, the committee could decide to change that into a review and approve -- review and recommend to the full board, to clarify it, if that was something the committee wanted to do, to make it clarified.

>> I think -- and that's very helpful. I think also too, in terms of context, the chairman of the board chose people to be on this committee that, number one, had a public safety basis and/or had an interest or demonstrated predisposition toward outreach and their interest in it.

So I really, not to put words in our chairman's mouth, but I think -- I think he grabbed the members of this committee because this is the group of people he would turn to for their counsel on outreach. So I think even if they do vest substantial amount of discretion here, I think it's because this is where he has confidence.

>> Can I add one thing, Mr. Chairman. I just want to be clear about the fact that the outreach plans that are reflected in number 1 is not the -- the, state plan. That will definitely be the purview of the board.

>> I think he had in mind with regard to the structure of the plan that the staff sort of put together as far as how to outreach to the states, and I think I'm very satisfied with the answer, thank you.

>> Okay, thank you.

>> Thank you, Mr. Davis. Thank you, Stuart. Any further feedback on the plan itself? At this point the chairman would entertain a motion for action.

>> I so move.

>> Second.

>> We have a motion and a second to forward the charter to the full board with the modifications as articulated. Is there any discussion on the motion? Hearing none, all those in favor say aye. (Affirmative responses.)

All those opposed, same sign? All those opposed, same sign? Motion carries.

I just have two things just to kind of -- kind of I guess let you know of things that we're going to be considering at our upcoming meetings just to kind of get you thinking in that direction. I'm looking forward to having a discussion with this committee about working groups in the PSAC, and what's the most functional approach for that. The things that we talk about with the staff and, you know, we have a need I think to increase tribal presence. As a working group, I think we have a need to create some visibility and harvest some lessons out of the early builders. So I'll be looking for feedback on those topics in the coming 30 days.

And then lastly, I think each of you were copied -- and probably not you, Mr. Davis, my apologies -- an outline for meeting frequency. And I set it up rather aggressively at one per month, largely because anticipating the ramp-up for outreach. I think we're going to be kind of busy. So if it proves to be too aggressive, we'll back off, but we'll save ourselves some calendar spots. And that's the full agenda of the chair. Any items not listed on the agenda?

Hearing none, I'd entertain a motion to adjourn.

>> So moved.

>> Have a motion and a second. All in favor say aye. (Affirmative responses.)
Meeting adjourned, thank you.

(Outreach Committee meeting adjourned.)

>> -- of the FirstNet technology and planning committee meeting. Welcome to our first inaugural meeting. Today we will be covering a single item, and we'll feed back here, single item. And but before we start I wanted to confirm that we do have a quorum on the call here today. Always a good thing. Uzoma would you be kind enough to do that? I think we have four of the five of the members present.

>> Sure. Craig Farrill.

>> I am here.

>> Ed Reynolds is not with us. Kevin McGinnis.

>> Here.

>> Suzanne Spaulding.

>> Here.

>> Barry Boniface.

>> Here.

>> We have a quorum.

>> All right, thank you, Mr. Secretary. As I mentioned, we're happy to have this opportunity to talk through the technology and planning committee's charter today. And to share with you -- I'll turn that off -- share with you some of the thinking behind that charter. Appreciate many of you have been on the line for quite a while, and we're running a little bit behind schedule so we'll keep this fairly brief.

The overview here, for those of you who have just joined this particular meeting, is that these charters were well harmonized one with the other so that there would be a minimum amount of overlap. And the area that we're working in in technology was to assist both management and the board of directors with a longer term perspective on FirstNet's roadmaps and movement into the future. And I think as you can see, we have on the screen a final draft of this that we'll be discussing today. As you can see from this charter, the primary role for us is to support the board of directors and its activities, its oversight activities. But also to support the management team as they proceed with plans on an annual basis, and in longer term plans.

And if I could summarize this committee's role, I would definitely say that we're more focused on the medium and long-term, that will be plans in range of two to five years out from today. And it would be to support both the board and management in that regard.

We hope to have a very collaborative relationship with the management team, and having served as one of the management team members I certainly have a personal attachment to what has been happening here at FirstNet, as well as the technology itself. And so we look forward to the opportunity to support the ongoing technological needs. And there are many.

It's notable that this is a public safety network, it is not a commercial network. The standards for this network exceed those of commercial networks in many, many aspects, and therefore the technology needs of this organization are more rigorous than what we've seen in commercial networks over the years.

We also have a significant amount of history in this industry and in the family of those who protect and serve the public. And feel very strongly that the technology that goes into this network must meet those higher standards that apply to public safety and first responders, who put their lives on the line to protect life and property.

So today I want to just talk about the main bullets of the charter, and then I'll give a little overview, and then ask my committee members for some opportunity to discuss any of the -- of those five points here. So let me start with number one, which is the broadest of the group. And I wish I could read that from here, but I can't, actually. You know, once you get over 60 it's all downhill.

We are wanting to focus on the material network and technology strategies and operations that accompany. And if I think about where these best ride, it's all the things that Bill and TJ and the team will be pulling together, whether you think about network security, or how we put the networks together, how we buy devices, how we standardize.

So we want to be there as a committee to provide a sounding board for all those activities, all those thoughts as they come up. So this is the broadest scope item for us as a committee.

The second one is a little more specific, and it deals with taking a look at the annual budgets and the annual operating plans. And in that regard, looking at things that have technology content, whether it's vendor selections, network design, architecture standards, research and development, roll-outs, all of those aspects are pieces of what we would consider a network or a technology aspect.

So we will come back to management and the board with our feedback on those as we look forward. And our principal client there will also be the finance committee, who has the financial oversight review there.

Also number three, I'll go to the next page, Uzoma, if I can. Thank you, sir. The network and technology aspects of major agreements are critical as well, whether we're dealing with roaming arrangements with current wireless operators or private-public partnerships or covered lease agreements, vendor arrangements. All those are aspects that we will work in collaboration with Tim and the finance committee, and give recommendations back to the board on those aspects.

The next two have to do with outreach. And outreach is an area where we found, over the time that Chief Johnson and I were serving out in the field, we found that there is enormous interest in what's happening up here at FirstNet, particularly in the technology area. There are literally hundreds of thousands of technical people within public safety who are very keen on understanding where we're taking the industry and what type of technology we'll be deploying.

So we will be looking for the opportunity to hear from Bill and the management team on how the networks are designed and how we can be of assistance. Again, our primary roles are the same as with outreach. To provide recommendations, and also to provide review of technical documentation.

The fifth one here is dealing with compliance, and this is a really critical one, as many of the operations will be done by third parties. FirstNet's technical standards are mandatory to ensure that we get the kind of high performance network that we need to meet public safety's needs, and to exceed what we can get on commercial networks.

So those technical standards will require frequent audits and the ability to test both devices that are used on the network, security protocols that are used in the network, various access protocols, physical protection, as well as operations and maintenance and related 24-by-7 operational details for that. And we'll work also with the outreach committee and the board on that one, as well.

And the sixth one is quite a different one, it has to do with promoting innovation in public safety and first responder technology, and also promoting collaboration between different types of agencies.

And in here we're looking for -- we've seen this as we've been out on the road talking with public safety, that there are thousands of great ideas out there that are making their way into technology, whether they're software or hardware or just operational improvements. And we want to encourage those here at the FirstNet board, and make sure that those opportunities, for those who bring great ideas that receive wide adoption, that those get recognized. Whether that's from an individual, from a start-up company, from a public safety agency, from a volunteer fireman out in a small rural town, to a rural sheriff. Wherever those ideas come from, we want to be able to promote the innovation and collaboration.

So those were the six ideas that kind of came together in this charter, and wanted to give a little back drop on that, and then ask my fellow board members if there were any other comments or questions that you all would like to weigh in on. Barry.

>> I think it's fairly straightforward from my perspective, Craig. Looks like certainly an important set of initiatives vis-a-vis what FirstNet is all about, and I'm delighted to be here to serve on this committee. I think it's going to be interesting and collaborative, and look forward to making great progress. On the technological and planning of that technological evolution as a company. So I don't have any other additions to the charter or comments.

>> Okay, Kevin or Suzanne.

>> Craig, this is Suzanne, thank you for that summary. I do think that again, as we've discussed, making sure that we pick up the intent of the language in the bylaws, making sure that FirstNet has a strategic plan that looks out a number of years will be important -- an important aspect.

And I also appreciate your, you know, emphasis on making sure that we are in fact continuing to work closely with the outreach committee to make sure that we are, in our technology planning, reflecting at all times the requirements and needs, and the expertise and input of the public safety community. So thank you.

>> That's a great point. Both points are great, Suzanne. I think the strategy part is really a major portion of bullet number one on the duties and responsibilities side. That is a long-term future-looking obligation for us.

So I'm comfortable that we can work with management and that we'll be able to get a technology roadmap. There are several that have been developed at the individual level for, say, particular types of products like smartphones or in-vehicle routers, there's been some work on how those developments will come. Some go

out as far as three years, but there's plenty of work left to be done here at FirstNet to take those out a little bit further and take a look at how we can bring the best technology to public safety.

Kevin, would you like to comment?

>> Sorry, just to say I think the charter is quite appropriate, and I agree with Suzanne's comment. Serving on both the outreach and technology committee, I'm not looking forward to the workload that you guys have ambitiously put before us, but I think it's all entirely appropriate.

One of the things that I'm acutely aware of, which is why I was interested in being on both the committees, is that I've lived the last 10 years, just about, in trying to figure out where EMS is going, and what kinds of applications would be important to it.

And where I get -- where it becomes sort of a black box is knowing what we ought to accomplish out in the field for our patients, but not knowing exactly how the technology works to do that, or what the communications infrastructure capabilities are going to be needed to support that.

So I'm really -- I'm looking forward to this committee working with the management team, the technology experts, among which I do not count myself, to kind of give us a better idea about how those things shape out.

I know we're not going to necessarily be creating applications or creating capabilities; just sort of enabling them. But I think that we owe it to the practitioners out there to know exactly what this system in the end can provide. And I think this committee is going to have a lot to do with that. Thank you.

>> Craig, just one comment. I really appreciate the bullet number 6. I'm not on the committee, but am interested in obviously what you're doing. The collaboration regarding, you know, the future and really looking for future things.

As I read through the language there, I'm assuming that PSCR is assumed in that language. When you talk about agencies and, you know, talk about wireless operators, suppliers, colleges, universities, consultants, I mean, they're an agency that is just -- you know, connected to us, and they're there for research. So I'm assuming they're included in that language.

>> Absolutely. Sue. They're actually -- you might say they're more included in number 1 and number 2.

>> Okay.

>> Because they're embedded in FirstNet's technology strategy and R&D.

>> Okay.

>> 6 is really pointing outside the organization, to completely independent developers. There are folks who, like the fellow who developed the application for finding the most -- the nearest CPR-giver. A guy like that, who that's a typical example of what we refer to at every meeting we've been to, and it's exciting to see what's going on out there. Because they're out there, they just need a place to get to other users.

I'd say PSCR is very much in number 1, because it will be part of what our overall roadmap will be like. And standards compliance is one of their other main activities of PSCR they represent, as well.

>> Great, thank you.

>> Okay, any other comments or questions before I ask my committee members if we're ready to recommend this? Barry, are you raising your hand? You're good. Okay.

Okay. All right, well, seeing none, let me ask if I have a motion to approve the charter of the technology and planning committee.

>> So moved.

>> Thank you very much.

>> Second?

>> I second.

>> All right, thank you, Suzanne. I said that wrong, we can't approve it. We can approve the recommendation to the board of directors on this charter. So we will bring this to the meeting tomorrow and seek the board's approval. And I think that is -- Mr. Secretary, unless there's another piece of business, I think I'm done.

>> Forgive the standing on the head of a pin, are there any nay votes for the recommendation? Hearing none, Mr. Chairman, I think I'll hand it back to you.

>> A vote in favor of the charter. Well, thank you very much. I believe that's all we have for today, and we appreciate that we will be --

>> Vote to adjourn.

>> Yeah, we'll do that. Have a motion to adjourn?

>> So moved.

>> And a second? I'll second, can I do that? All right, thank you very much.

>> We want to thank everyone for joining us. The FirstNet Board meeting will commence tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. Mountain Standard Time.

>> Thank you.

(Planning and Technology Committee meeting adjourned.)