

**BROADBAND ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**  
 December 8, 2023  
 10:00 AM  
 Virginia General Assembly Building  
 Room 500  
 201 N Ninth St.  
 Richmond, VA 23219  
 Virtual Option provided via Microsoft Teams

Members Present

Senator Jennifer Boysko, Acting Chair  
 Senator Ghazala Hashmi  
 Delegate Thomas Wright, Jr.  
 Delegate James Leftwich  
 Secretary Matt Lohr  
 Ray LaMura  
 James Carr  
 Christian Goodwin  
 Kristie Proctor  
 Casey Logan  
 Steve Sandy  
 Richard Schollman

Members Absent

Secretary Caren Merrick  
 Senator Lynwood W. Lewis  
 Delegate David Reid

Call to Order	Senator Jennifer Boysko, Acting Chair of the Broadband Advisory Council, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.
Roll Call	Chandler Vaughan, Senior Policy Analyst at the Office of Broadband, called the roll and stated that a quorum was present.
Approval of Minutes: August 28, 2023 Meeting	A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2023 meeting of the Broadband Advisory Council. The motion passed to adopt the minutes as presented.
Broadband 101 Presentation	Dr. Tamarah Holmes and Office of Broadband staff presented a Broadband 101 Presentation, designed for new and existing legislators to learn more about Virginia’s existing efforts to expand broadband access and close all aspects of the digital divide. Specific topics included: Broadband Advisory Council: Who and What; What is “Broadband”?; Why and Where are the Unserved?; What is Virginia doing about it?; How are the existing projects performing?; What’s coming next – the BEAD Program; Broadband Affordability and Adoption; Role of Legislators (Non-Legislative) & Resources.

Office of Broadband Updates	Tamarah Holmes, Ph.D, and Office of Broadband Staff presented on Office of Broadband Updates. Unique to this presentation and not covered in the previous agenda item were an update on the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program implementation in the Commonwealth and an overview of the Virginia Digital Opportunity Plan, which was currently subject to an open public comment window.
Public Comment	No public comment was provided at the meeting
New Business	Steve Sandy provided comment that cellular deployment should be considered under the Virginia Telecommunication Initiative or under the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program.
Adjournment	Upon a motion made and properly seconded, the meeting was adjourned.