

BROADBAND ADVISORY COUNCIL
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
August 24th, 2026
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Marriott Richmond
500 E Broad St
Richmond, Virginia 23219
Virtual Option provided via Microsoft Teams

Members Present

Steve Sandy
Ray LaMura
Gary Wood
Rich Schollman
Jimmy Carr
Secretary Katie Frazier
Secretary Carrie Chenery
Chair, Senator Boysko
Vice-Chair, Delegate Krizek
Delegate Willett
Kristie Proctor
Christian Goodwin
Senator Srinivasan

Members Absent

Delegate Herring
Senator Hackworth
Delegate Leftwich

Call to Order	Senator Boysko, Chair of the Broadband Advisory Council, called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.
Roll Call	Chandler Vaughan, director of the Office of Broadband called the roll and stated that a quorum was present at 1:05 p.m.
Approval of Minutes: February 6th, 2025 Meeting	A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the November 14, 2025; February 6, 2026; and May 13, 2026 meeting of the Broadband Advisory Council. The motion passed to adopt the minutes as presented.
Overview of Discussion	Chandler Vaughan, Director of the Virginia Office of Broadband, provided remarks on recent achievements made in deployment: over 250,000 locations have reached access to broadband services since 2017 under the Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI).
Office of Broadband Updates	Caroline Luxhoj, VATI Program Manager, shared VATI total passings built since 2017: reached major milestone of connecting 250,000 passings in Virginia. Lonnie Hamilton III, Broadband Planner, and Kayla Bravo, Policy Planner, discussed a redesign of VATI program including a streamlined deployment project process and three additional eligible use (AEU) project types.

	Ray LaMura asked for an estimate of how many unserved locations will gain access to broadband under the new VATI program year as well as how much funding is predicted to be left over from deployment projects to fund AEU projects. Mr. Vaughan replied that the Office is currently working on determining that information. He stated that the public comment period of the draft VATI guidelines should provide some insight from stakeholders on how to improve the design of prioritization criteria for deployment projects. Ms. Bravo shared recommendations from the Broadband Affordability and Adoption Report referred to the Council by the Joint Commissions on Technology and Sciences (JCOTS). Four of the six recommendations were referred to the Council for additional recommendations. Mr. LaMura recommended sending a letter to the Commission stating that the Council is fit to manage all broadband-related matters and that the duplication of oversight between the two bodies is unnecessary. Senator Boysko agreed to send a letter acknowledging the report's recommendations. Senator Srinivasan asked if there was a resource available to see the adoption rate of broadband services after deployment projects are completed. Mr. Vaughan responded that the Office collects anonymized subscribership data from broadband providers as projects are completed. Senator Srinivasan also asked if any funding was available to promote the adoption of broadband once communities receive access. Mr. Vaughan replied that marketing may be an eligible expense under the BEAD program. Delegate Krizek encouraged that each referred recommendation is addressed specifically in the letter to JCOTS. Senator Boysko agreed and emphasized that the letter should clarify the Council as the point of contact to broadband-related matters in the Commonwealth. A request for consideration was presented asking for a read-out from the BEAD permitting meetings of any issues that may need to be addressed by the Council.
Public Comment	No public comment was offered at the meeting.

New Business	No new business was introduced at the meeting.
Adjournment	Upon a motion made and properly seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Unapproved