

BROADBAND ADVISORY COUNCIL
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
 May 13th, 2026
 4:30 PM – 5:15 PM
 Virginia Guesthouse
 2017 Ivy Road
 Studio IV
 Charlottesville, Virginia 22903
 Virtual Option provided via Microsoft Teams

Members Present

Ray LaMura
 Rich Schollman
 Secretary Katie Frazier – *Represented by Ben Rowe, Deputy Secretary, Agriculture and Forestry*
 Secretary Carrie Chenery – *Represented by Turner Widgen, Chief of Staff, Commerce and Trade*
 Chair, Senator Jennifer Boysko
 Delegate Charniele Herring
 Vice-Chair, Delegate Paul Krizek
 Delegate Rodney Willett
 Kristie Proctor
Members from the Virginia State Telehealth Plan Advisory Committee

Members Absent

Senator Travis Hackworth
 Delegate James Leftwich
 Steven Sandy
 Gary Wood
 James Carr
 Christian Goodwin

Call to Order	Senator Boysko, Chair of the Broadband Advisory Council, called the meeting to order at 4:39 p.m.
Roll Call	Chandler Vaughan, Acting Director of the Office of Broadband, called the roll and stated that a quorum was present.
Overview of Discussion	<p>Mr. Vaughan provided a brief verbal update on the Office’s work, providing further context on broadband deployment progress in the Commonwealth and how it relates to the need for broadband adoption initiatives in the Commonwealth.</p> <p>Sandra Serna, Director of the Office of Health Equity, provided updates on the approval of the revised Virginia Telehealth Plan and shared various opportunities and next steps that multiple sectors can leverage to implement telehealth initiatives across the Commonwealth.</p> <p>Dr. Karen Rhueban also expressed a need for data on telehealth need and usage gaps.</p>
Facilitated Discussion: The Intersection of	Lawrence Roberts, Director of the Sorenson Institute, led a facilitated discussion on the intersection of broadband and telehealth in Virginia. The discussion addressed topics like how

Expanding Broadband Access and Telehealth	telehealth will help move broadband adoption forward; how geography and income levels affect broadband adoption; the benefits and challenges of free clinics; the erosion of trust in public health and how to restore it; challenges in broadband deployment; success stories in behavioral health; and member priorities in broadband and telehealth.
Public Comment	A representative from Firefly emphasized additional challenges in deployment including the of public utility easements, especially in rural areas; delays in permitting processes; and costly security bond requirements.
New Business	No new business was introduced at the meeting.
Adjournment	Upon a motion made and properly seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

Unapproved