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NG9-1-1 Interoperability Oversight Commission
Conference Call
Wednesday, April 9, 2025
Minutes
(All Times Eastern)

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- *Chair McMurrer called the meeting to order at 12:02pm.*

- *Chair McMurrer read the Conflict of Interest Policy to the Commission.*

- *Attendance is recorded in video conferencing software logs.*
    - In attendance (Six voting members required for quorum):
        - **Steve McMurrer, Chair[1]**
        - **Dave Sehnert[1]**
        - **Amy McDowell[1]**
        - **Ian Stephenson[1]**
        - **Darlene Pankonie[1]**
        - **Bill Mertka[1]**
        - **Jason Horning[1]**
        - **Roger Marshall[1]**
        - **Brooks Shannon[1]**
        - **Maria Jacques (outgoing Commissioner)**
        - **Joni Harvey (NHTSA alternate)**
        - **Etienne Robelin**
        - **Michelle Melancon (staff)**
        - **Brandon Abley (staff) (Joined at 12:28pm)**
    - Absent:
        - Senator Cheryl Kagan[1]
        - Brooks Shannon[1]
        - John Holloway
        - Matthew Ambs
        - Brian Tegtmeyer
        - FCC Representative

    - Guest(s):
        - None

- *Approval of Minutes*
    - March Meeting Minutes
        - Ms. Pankonie moved to approve the March meeting minutes
        - Ms. Jacques seconds
        - On a voice vote the **motion passes**

- *Welcome - New NIOC Members / Oath of Office*

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[1] Denotes NIOC voting member

- o 3 new Commissioners introduced themselves
    - ▪ NENA Core Services Committee representative - Bill Mertka, AT&T
    - ▪ NGCS Provider representative - Roger Marshall, Comtech
    - ▪ State Authorities representative - Jason Horning, State of North Dakota
  - o Chairman McMurrer read the NIOC Oath of Office and all three new Commissioners confirmed their allegiance to the Oath with "I Do".

- ● *Selection of NIOC Officers*
  - o Chairman McMurrer volunteered to continue as Chairman of the NIOC
  - o Dave Sehnert nominated Brooks Shannon as Vice Chair of the NIOC
  - o Dave Sehnert volunteered to continue as Secretary of the NIOC
  - o Jason Horning volunteered to serve as Treasurer of the NIOC
  - o All voting Commissioners voted in favor of the nominations which were subsequently confirmed by Chairman McMurrer

- ● *PCA Update & Discussion*
  - o Two NGCS providers, Intrado and Motorola, are on-boarding
  - o Eonti is supporting the on-boarding process
  - o NENA working group is creating a document for educating the industry on the value of the PCA and make it easier to understand
  - o Ms. Melancon will be conducting a joint presentation at NENA with Eonti

- ● *Forest Guide Update & Discussion*
  - o Intrado will participate in the mid-year ICE event
    - ▪ In discussion with Intrado about participating in the October in-person ICE
  - o Ms. Melancon has requested that Intrado's GIS SMEs join the next regular meeting to provide details as to how GIS data will be uploaded to the FG for testing
  - o Mr. Sehnert requested that Ms. Melancon continues to stress the need for urgency with Intrado to launch the FG. Ms. Melancon confirmed that she will do so
  - o Mr. Marshall asked what the extent of the GIS data will include. Ms. Melancon is driving for these details
  - o Mr. Horning volunteered to support discussions with Intrado given his GIS subject matter expertise

- ● *Commissioner Announcements or Other Topics for Discussion*
  - o Chairman McMurrer raised the industry's Interoperability Task Force (ITF)
  - o No firm offer has been made for hosting the Interoperability lab
  - o Staffing and funding of the effort is unknown
  - o Chairman McMurrer was asked by the ITF if the NIOC, as a legal arm of NENA, would consider the possibility of increasing its scope to govern the ITF
  - o Mr. Horning asked why the ITF didn't see the governance being suitable within itself at this time
    - ▪ Mr. McMurrer shared his opinion that there are industry entities that are not supportive
    - ▪ Mr. Horning shared that he believes that there is strong importance of solid standards and interoperability standards. Suggested that if the NIOC can create a good governance model, then it will be beneficial to the industry and NG911

- o Mr. Abley stated that part of the NIOC's foundation was to drive for interoperability and offered his opinion that there is no better place for governance of interoperability testing
- o Mr. Mertka shared that he's supportive of NIOC governing interoperability testing, but shared that the level of effort is significant and additional resources would likely be required within NIOC to take on these responsibilities
- o Discussion commenced on the resources required for the governance. Mr. Abley shared that a new NIOC committee would likely be required to manage the effort
- o Mr. Sehnert asked for confirmation that the ITF Governance Committee has a suggested governance plan and clarification was offered that a 20+ page model
- o Mr. Sehnert asked Ms. Melancon to share the model for review by Commissioners. Ms. Melancon confirmed that she'll take the action
- o Chairman McMurrer stated that this will be added to the next NIOC meeting for discussion and potential vote
- o Mr. Abley requested that Commissioners review the Section 3 and 4 of the NIOC Bylaws which authorizes the NIOC's work on interoperability

- *Motion to Adjourn*
  - o Chairman McMurrer moved to adjourn with no objections
  - o On a voice vote, the **motion passes**
  - o Meeting adjourned at 12:53pm

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