

NG9-1-1 Interoperability Oversight Commission
Conference Call
Wednesday, January 21, 2026
Minutes
(All Times Eastern)

- *Chair McMurrer called the meeting to order at 12:05pm.*
- *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, Chair¹**
 - **Dave Sehnert¹**
 - **Ian Stephenson¹**
 - **Amy McDowell¹**
 - **Bill Mertka¹**
 - **Darlene Pankonie¹**
 - **Roger Marshall¹**
 - **Jason Horning¹**
 - **Joni Harvey**
 - **Michelle Melancon (staff)**
 - **David Crowell (DoD Alternate)**
 - Absent:
 - Brandon Abley (staff)
 - Etienne Robelin
 - John Holloway
 - Matthew Ambs
 - Brian Tegtmeyer
 - FCC Representative
 - Guest(s):
 - Steve Howser (Nokia)
 - Ray Paddock (Synergem) (departed at 12:20pm)
 - Diane Harris - (Zetron)
- *Approval of Minutes*
 - December Meeting Minutes
 - Ms. Pankonie moved to approve the September meeting minutes
 - Ms. McDowell seconds
 - On a voice vote the **motion passes**

¹ Denotes NIOC voting member

- ***Interoperability Task Force (ITF) Sub-Committee Update***
 - NIOC Proposal for NG911 Conformance and Interoperability Governance Model (v8) was discussed with Background on the means in which the Model was created
 - The Model proposal establishes the details of what would be required to govern the ITF, as well as assess the ability to support longer term. The Model doesn't cover how governance would occur as that needs to be determined.
 - Ms. McDowell moved to approve the Governance Model
 - Ms. Pankonie seconds the motion
 - Discussion:
 - Ms. McDowell asked for clarification on the next steps.
 - Mr. Horning clarified that the next step moves to a conversation with the ITF to review the NIOC's proposal. The ITF will need to accept, reject or mutually revise.
 - On a voice vote the **motion passes**
 - Mr. Horning stated that the Interoperability Sub-Committee will present to the ITF at their next meeting.

- ***PCA Update & Discussion***
 - Continuing to get traction
 - Contract signed with one NGCS provider (confidential)
 - Contracting process underway for two other NGCS providers

- ***Forest Guide Update & Discussion***
 - Brandon and Michelle will meet on Friday with Intrado on DNS
 - Targeting general availability announcement mid-year

- ***Commission Vacancy***
 - Vacancies posted
 - Michelle reached out to positions that are expiring to determine if individuals will continue in their roles
 - Nomination period is open until last day of February before midnight

- ***Commission Member Announcements or Concerns***
 - Mr. Sehnert announced that he will not be seeking a 4th term; Mr. McMurrer thanked him for his time on the NIOC

- ***Public Comment***
 - Ms. Harris stated her appreciation for being able to attend the meeting as a guest

- ***Adjourn***
 - Mr. McMurrer adjourned the meeting at 12:27pm