

**Information Technology Advisory (Tech) Commission
Minutes**

**Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 7:30pm
2100 Clarendon Blvd Rm. 318
And Virtually via Microsoft Teams**

1. Meeting Called to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by John Burke, Chair. Attendance was as follows:
- Member:
 - i. John Burke, Chair
 - ii. Frank Jazzo, Vice chair
 - iii. Jacqueline Snelling (virtual for medical reasons - approved)
 - iv. Gary Thayer
 - v. Andrea Wingo
 - vi. Laura Gross
 - vii. Prescott Burden
 - viii. Dr. Michael Cornfield
 - ix. James M. Smith
 - x. Biran Zhang
- Staff and Liasson:
 - i. Tracey Jewell, Staff Coordinator

2. Public Comment

- None

3. Adoption of Minutes

- October 2024 minutes approved.

4. Chair's Update

- Miranda and Jared resigned from commission due to professional and academic responsibilities

5. Discuss Broadband Policy Recommendations

- The draft recommendations were discussed and edited collaboratively. The discussion was tabled for time and will be resumed at the December 2024 meeting.
- Action Item: Andrea Wingo and Michael Cornfield agreed to edit the broadband research appendix for submission to the board.

6. Annual Readoption of Virtual Meetings Policy

- Adoption was tabled until the policy could be distributed

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7. Legislative Update - Frank Jazzo

- President-Elect Trump will designate current FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr to be Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission in the new Administration.
- House Energy and Commerce Committee Chair Cathy McMorris Rogers and Senate Commerce Committee Ted Cruz have called upon the FCC from enacting any rules that could only pass on a party- line vote, consistent with past presidential transitions.
- The FCC received 2,734 applications totaling \$3.7 billion from schools and libraries requesting funding from a \$200 million pilot program to partake in a 3-year plan to help subsidize the costs of cybersecurity services and equipment.
- The Biden Administration has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to overrule a lower court and reinstate the funding mechanism for the Universal Service Fund (USF), which distributes around \$2 billion annually under the E-rate program for connecting schools and libraries to the internet.

8. DTS Update – Tracey Jewell

- County has launched the Digital Equity Initiative website, including a website, newsletter, and coalition, in support of strategic development to realize the recommendations from the 2024 Broadband Study.

9. Good of the Order

- None

10. Adjourn

- It was moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 8:53pm.

Next Meeting – December 18, 2024, at 7:30PM

Virtual via Microsoft Teams