**Governor’s Task Force on Broadband**

**December 10, 2019**

**DEED – James J. Hill Conference Room**

**1st National Bank Building
332 Minnesota Street
Saint Paul, MN, 55101-1351**

**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Task Force Members Present:** Teddy Bekele, Nolan Cauthen, Steve Fenske, Steve Giorgi, Shannon Heim, Marc Johnson, Bernadine Joselyn, Brian Krambeer, Micah Myers, Theresa Sunde, Jim Weikum, Paul Weirtz and Dave Wolf

**Task Force Members Absent:** Dale Cook

**Others in Attendance:** Katherine Blauvelt, Anna Boroff, Deven Bowdry, Kirk Crowshoe, Andrew Curley, Darielle Dannen, Cristina Diaz, Angie Dickison, John Dukich, Steve Grove, Jane Leonard, Cassie Lovelle, Ann Treacy, Diane Wells, Matt Wohlman and Nathan Zacharias

1. **Welcome**

Members of the task force introduced themselves and any guests they had at the meeting. Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Commissioner Steve Grove welcomed the chair and members of the task force to DEED, congratulated them on their appointment and noted how important broadband is to the state.

1. **Introductions and Reasons for Requesting Appointment to the Task Force**

Chair Bekele reviewed the agenda for the meeting. He then asked members to provide an in-depth introduction including how broadband ties into their work and why they wanted to be appointed to the task force. Members provided their response.

1. **Overview of MN Government; Basics of the Legislature**

Darielle Dannen, Government Relations Director; Diane Wells, Telecommunications Manager; and Angie Dickison, Broadband Development Manager, provided an overview of state government, the legislative process, the Office of Broadband Development, the grant program and Open Meeting Law and Data Practices Act highlights.

1. **Overview of Reports from Previous Task Forces**

Diane Wells, Telecommunications Manager, provided details on how prior task force reports were organized and summarized past recommendations. The task force discussed best practices and asked questions.

1. **Role and Goals for this Task Force**

Chair Bekele asked members to write down their ideas for the role of the task force and goals for the coming year. The members presented their ideas. The notes were submitted to Diane Wells for compilation for the next meeting.

1. **Future Meetings Discussion**

The task force will plan to meet in January and February. The chair will provide some dates to Diane Wells and she will poll the members to determine the meeting dates. At the next meeting, the task force will review the notes on role and goals for the task force and assign subgroups.

1. **Other Business**

Chair Bekele asked if anyone on the task force had any other issues to bring up. No one did. He then asked if anyone in the room wanted to provide any comments. No one did.

Meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.