**Governor’s Task Force on Broadband**

**May 10, 2018**

**James J. Hill Conference Room**

**MN Department of Employment and Economic Development**

**332 Minnesota Street, Suite E200**

**St. Paul, MN 55101**

**10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Task Force Members present:** Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Hannah Buckland, Denise Dittrich, Kevin Hansen, Maureen Ideker, Bernadine Joselyn, Neela Mollgaard, Don Niles, Andy Schriner and Dick Sjoberg

**Task Force Members Participating by Phone:** Shannon Heim

**Task Force Members Absent:** Mike Nguyen, Jody Reisch, Dan Richter and Paul Weirtz

**Others in attendance:** Greer Ahlquist, Anna Boroff, Aaron Call, Johanna Clyborne, John Dukich, Ryan Dutton, Amy Evert, Alejandra Henriquez, Jeff Kang, Danna MacKenzie, Mark Peterson, Stephanie Stoudt-Hansen, David Thao, Ann Treacy, Megan Verdeja, Diane Wells, Madeline Zdeblick

1. **Introductions, Approval of Minutes, Public Comments**

Members of the Task Force and members of the public attending the meeting introduced themselves. The minutes of the April 3, 2018 Task Force meeting were approved. There were no public comments.

1. **Update from the Office of Broadband Development**

Danna MacKenzie provided an update on activities of the OBD, including administering the grant program, supporting the legislative process, and responding to federal and states interested in the grant program details.

1. **Legislative Update**

John Dukich provided an update on broadband legislation pending in the state legislature.

1. **Discussion of Task Force Annual Report Structure and Timeline**

The task force discussed the content of the annual report for 2018. Developing an outline will be the next step.

1. **Cybersecurity Update from Minnesota IT Services**

MN IT Commissioner Johanna Clyborne and Aaron Call, MN IT chief security Office and interim CTO provided an update to the task force on cybersecurity. A copy of Aaron Call’s presentation can be found here: [Securing Minnesota](https://mn.gov/deed/assets/10-may-2018-mnit_tcm1045-339812.pdf) Both Commissoner Clyborne and CSO Call responded to questions from Task Force members.

1. **EducationSuperHighway Update**

Jeff Kang, Greer Ahlquist and Madeline Zdeblick provided an update on EducationSuperHighway’s work in Minnesota with the K-12 Connect Forward initiative and the status of K-12 school connectivity. A copy of EducationSuperHighway’s presentation can be found at [Minnesota K-12 Connect Forward Initiative](https://mn.gov/deed/assets/10-may-2018-esh_tcm1045-339814.pdf) The presenters responded to questions from Task Force members.

1. **An Introduction to Blockchain & Cryptocurrency**

Amy Evert from Gartner provided introductory comments on Gartner, followed by a presentation from Stephanie Stoudt-Hansen on blockchain and cryptocurrency. Stephanie Stoudt-Hansen’s presentation is available here: [Blockchain and Crypto Currencies](https://mn.gov/deed/assets/10-may-2018-blockchain_tcm1045-339815.pdf) Both Ms. Evert and Ms. Stoudt-Hansen responded to questions from Task Force members.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.