**Governor’s Task Force on Broadband**

**Thursday, November 17, 2022**

**10:00 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.**

**Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams**

**Task Force Members Present:** Teddy Bekele, Yvonne Cariveau, Steve Giorgi, Marc Johnson, Micah Myers, Phil Stalboerger, Theresa Sunde, Jim Weikum, Paul Weirtz, Dave Wolf

**Task Force Members Absent:** Nolan Cauthen, Steve Fenske, Jason Hollinday, Brian Krambeer

**Others in Attendance:** Chuck Ackman (Klobuchar), Carol Bossuyt, Deven Bowdry, Hannah Buckland, Andy Carlson, Scott Cole, Barbara Droher Kline, Brian Frederick, Jennifer Frost, Karrie Jansen, Laura Kangas, Greta Kolstad, Bree Maki, Melinda Miller, Jacob Smart, Paul Solsrud, Ann Treacy, Diane Wells, Nathan Zacharias

1. **Welcome, Task Force Introductions, Attendee Introductions**

Chair Bekele called the meeting to order and roll call was taken. Chair Bekele provided an overview of the agenda. Meeting minutes from October 24, 2022 were approved.

1. **Update from Bree Maki, Executive Director, Office of Broadband Development**

Bree Maki thanked all those who reached out to her with well-wishes in her new position. She updated the Task Force on the following items: The Line Extension Program is now online and open for applications; BEAD and Digital Equity planning with NTIA is ongoing and our office will be hosting a kick-off event toward the end of January; Digital Equity training event in Louisville; FCC maps released November 18; gave update at Minnesota Indian Affairs Council (MIAC) meeting; participated in a panel at the American Connection Core on Digital Equity; B2B grants will hopefully be announced mid-December (there will be almost $100 million in grants awarded) with the next round being announced shortly after that (with $67 million to award); the OBD office has two positions for Grant Administrators open right now.

1. **Walk-Through of Draft Annual Report**

Scott Cole from Collectivity presented a draft structure of the Task Force’s annual report. The structure is like last year but will include more information on Digital Equity.

1. **Affordability and Adoption Sub-Group**

Marc Johnson reported on the challenges and recommendations from the Affordability and Adoption sub-group.

1. **Funding, Mapping and Usage Sub-Group**

Steve Giorgi provided an update from the Funding, Mapping and Usage Sub-Group.

1. **Update from Teddy Bekele, Chair of the Minnesota Governor’s Task Force on Broadband**

Teddy Bekele, SVP & Chief Technology Officer at Land O’Lakes Technology and chair of the Task Force, discussed the next meeting on December 19 and will try to vote on the annual report at that time.

1. **Public Comment, Other Business, December 19 Meeting Plans, Wrap-Up**

The chair asked if any Task Force members or the public had items to bring forward.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.