



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL
INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

Thursday, June 1, 2023 • 9:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

David Povero, Chief of Police, City of Covina Police Department

ALTERNATES FOR BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Leslie Luke, Deputy Director, Office of Emergency Management, County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office

Eleni Pappas, Alternate Vice-Chair, Deputy Fire Chief, County of Los Angeles Fire Department

Brian Yanagi, Alternate Chair, Chief, County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department

Jacqueline Rifenburg, Assistant Director, EMS Agency, County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services

Phil Ambrose, Battalion Chief, Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association

Neal Cochran, Captain, City of Inglewood Police Department

OFFICERS PRESENT

Scott Edson, LA-RICS Executive Director

Ronald Watson, LA-RICS Deputy Executive Director

Beatriz Cojulun, LA-RICS, Board Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT / VACANT

Vacant, City Manager, California Contract Cities Association

Brian Solinsky, Chief of Police, Los Angeles County Police Chief's Association

Vacant, City of Signal Hill Police Department



NOTE: ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY ITEM IDENTIFIED ON THE AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

Alternate Board Chair Brian Yanagi called the Regular meeting of the Board to order at 9:06 a.m.

II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – ROLL CALL

Board Secretary Beatriz Cojulun took the roll and acknowledged a quorum was present.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (A)

A. May 4, 2023 – Regular Minutes

Alternate Board Chair Yanagi asked the Board if there were any comments or corrections to the attached minutes for the Regular Meeting Minutes on May 4, 2023. There were no questions or corrections, therefore, he asked for a motion to approve.

Board Member David Povero motioned first, seconded by Alternate Board Member Leslie Luke.

Ayes 6: Luke, Pappas, Yanagi, Rifenburg, Ambrose, and Povero.

MOTION APPROVED.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

There was no public comment.

Alternate Board Member Neal Cochran arrived during the notice of Public Comment and joined Board Meeting.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR – NONE

There were no reports on the Regular Meeting Agenda.

VI. REPORTS (B – E)

B. Director's Report – Scott Edson



Executive Director Scott Edson greeted the Board members and all those in attendance.

Executive Director Edson reported briefly on the status of each of the Agenda Items that would be presented to the Board.

This concluded the report on Agenda Item B by Executive Director Edson. There was no further discussion.

C. Project Manager's Report – Riad ElMasri

Deputy Program Manager Riad ElMasri greeted the Board and presented Agenda Item C.

Deputy Program Manager ElMasri reported on the progress made at Green Mountain (GRM); site access issues at Frost Peak (FPK) that were cleared by mid-May; Motorola Solutions, Inc. (MSI), pushing back the Final Acceptance of the system on the Integrated Master Schedule (IMS) to December 12, 2023; the availability of both Narrowband Mobile Data Network (NMDM) and the Digital Trunked Voice Radio System (DTVRS); Closeout Book documentation nearing completion; and Whitaker Middle Peak being inaccessible.

This concluded the presentation and report on Agenda Item C by Project Team Lead Riad ElMasri.

There was no further discussion.

D. Joint Operations and Technical Committee Chair's Report – No Report

E. Finance Committee Chair's Report –

Finance Chair Leslie Luke said the Finance Committee held a meeting on Thursday, May 25, 2023. Finance Chair Luke reported the committee reviewed and approved the 2023 meeting calendar and recommended approval to of the Amended Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23.

This concluded the presentation and report on Agenda Item E by Project Finance Chair Luke.

(ALTERNATE CHAIR YANAGI TOOK AGENDA ITEM XII. CLOSED SESSION OUT-OF-ORDER WITH VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS TO PROCEED THEREAFTER)

XII. CLOSED SESSION REPORT –

The Board entered into Closed Session at 9:26 a.m.



1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL –Anticipated Litigation (subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9) (2 cases).

The Board returned from Closed Session at 9:38 a.m. Counsel Truc Moore stated the Board was back in open session and the Brown Act did not require a report.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (F – H)

F. **Spectrum and Licensing Issues Impacting Land Mobile Radio Deployment – Ted Pao**

Technical Lead Ted Pao provided an update for the Tejon Peak (TPK) site, which the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) granted licenses for NMDN, ACVRS, DTVRS, and LARTCS.

Technical Lead Pao further reported that on interference issues, the Authority contacted Crown Castle site management team (representing their client) for the Signal Hill (SGH) site. Technical Lead Pao said the low-level, in-band emission of the Authority's 700 MHz receivers had configuration adjustments made.

Technical Lead Pao reiterated the LASD transitioned its tactical communications onto LA-RICS in May with its legacy radio system that does not allow compilation of radio usage data, but will be achievable on the new system.

Edson: stated that constant monitoring has to take place to ensure resources are available for a particular Cell Site or particular geographical area

This concluded the update on Agenda Item F. There was no further discussion.

G. **Outreach Update – Lieutenant Robert Weber**

Operations Lead Lieutenant (Lt.) Robert Weber greeted Board members and referenced the detailed Outreach Summary document for the month of April included in the Agenda Packet for review and information.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber shared that on May 18 and 19, 2023, Deputy Executive Director Ron Watson attended the Contract Cities Association 2023 Annual Municipal Seminar in Indian Wells, California with great success, ensuring that municipal leaders and first responder organization managers were informed of the viability of LA-RICS.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber reported that during the month of May 2023, Authority and Motorola Solutions Inc. (MSI) personnel continued testing for the Analog Conventional Voice Radio Subsystem (ACVRS) and Los Angeles Regional Tactical



Communications (LARTCS) systems, as well as the Low Band portion of the system testing was completed on May 22, 2023; Authority and personnel from the County of Los Angeles (County) Sheriff's Department (LASD) Communications and Fleet Management Bureau (CFMB) conducted additional specialized All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) operations to provide MSI access to the Whitaker Middle Peak (WMP) site; LASD cutover to the Digital Trunked Voice Radio Subsystem (DTVRS) system was completed by the end of May; Authority continues efforts to successfully migrate the County District Attorney's (DA's) Office to the LA-RICS system; Authority and LASD personnel continue specialized four-wheel drive refueling operations for (GRM) online communications; the road to Burnt Peak (BUR) has been cleared, resuming normal commercial refueling.

Authority staff conducted additional outreach and working closely to ensure the needs of the following were met, Cal State Northridge and Cal State Dominguez Hills Police Departments, as well outreach to the City of Lynwood.

This concluded the update on Agenda Item G. Operations Lead Lt. Weber asked if there were any questions.

There was no further discussion.

H. Replacement of the Oversight Committee Member – Scott Edson

Executive Director Edson expressed that Agenda Item H provided was for the Board's discussion of the Oversight Committee seat availability, established by your Board in September 2013 to monitor change orders, amendments, completion of Tasks, Subtasks and Deliverables & Milestones or any deviation thereof, as it related to the LMR agreement with MSI.

Executive Director Edson said that with Board Member Alexander's retirement that would leave one (1) seat available out of three (3) Committee Member seats. Executive Director Edson asked the Board to ask any questions or enter into discussion regarding the Committee vacancy, and went on to ask if anyone was interested in serving in the Committee, please notify the Chair of the Board, who is ultimately responsible for making the decision / appointment.

This concluded the update on Agenda Item H.

Alternate Chair Yanagi Edson asked if there were any volunteers or questions. Board Member David Povero volunteered to fill the vacancy, but he already serves on the Oversight Committee.

There was no further discussion.



VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (I – K)

I. APPROVE THE FISCAL-YEAR 2022-23 AMENDED LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY OPERATING BUDGET

Deputy Executive Director Ron Watson presented Agenda item I, in which on behalf of the Authority requested the Board's approval of the Proposed Amended Operating Budget to adjust funding sources for budget line items for Project Team staffing, County Counsel, Travel and Training and Services and Supplies with actual and projected expenditures/uses in Fiscal Year 2022-23.

Deputy Executive Director Watson stated the LA-RICS Operating Budget is in accordance with the cost factors identified in the Adopted Funding Plan, which includes grant funded line items, as well as member funded line items that are funded by AT&T Business Agreement Funds and the California State Budget Act of 2022 funds.

Deputy Executive Director Watson mentioned that this budget adjustment is in accordance with those cost factors identified in the Adopted Funding Plan and provides a Fiscal Year-End reconciliation of projected to actual expenditures. Deputy Executive Director Watson further mentioned that budget categories have been highlighted that reflect changes from your previous adopted budget, which reflect the reconciliation of actual and projected expenditure by budget fund source. Deputy Executive Director Watson went on to say the amended budget does not increase the spending amount approved under the prior Adopted Budget.

As Finance Lead Luke stated in his Committee report, Deputy Executive Director Watson reiterated the Finance Committee met on Thursday, May 25, 2023, and voted unanimously to approve recommending the amended budget to the Board.

Alternate Chair Yanagi asked for a motion to approve. Alternate Board Member Eleni Pappas motioned first, seconded by Board Member Povero.

Ayes 7: Luke, Pappas, Yanagi, Rifenburg, Ambrose, Povero, and Cochran.

MOTION APPROVED.

J. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 114 TO AGREEMENT NO. LA-RICS 009 LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM LAND MOBILE RADIO

Deputy Executive Director Watson presented Agenda Item J, asking the Board's approval to authorize the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 114 with MSI, incorporating a Change Order paying MSI for future work performed on behalf



of the Authority related to fire suppression system work at the Universal City Walk site, which if approved would result in an increase to the Maximum Contract Sum in the amount of \$22,704.

Deputy Executive Director Watson stated that on March 3, 2022, the Board approved Amendment No. 90, which incorporated a Change Order for fire suppression system work at the Universal City Walk site. This Amendment No. 114 covers additional scope and corresponding cost associated with increased pricing, since 2022 approved amendment, therefore, the Authority seeks Board approval for this expanded scope and cost, which if approved would be funded by the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) 2022 grant and by the California State Budget Act funds of 2022.

Deputy Executive Director Watson went on to request the Board make those certain California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings set forth in the Board Letter in connection with this recommended action.

Deputy Executive Director Watson finalized by requesting the Board delegate authority to the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 114, in substantially similar form to the Amendment enclosed with the Board Letter, and issue one or more Notices to Proceed (NTP) for this work.

Alternate Chair Yanagi asked for a motion to approve. Board Member Povero motioned first, seconded by Alternate Board Member Eleni Pappas.

Ayes 7: Luke, Pappas, Yanagi, Rifenburg, Ambrose, Povero, and Cochran.

MOTION APPROVED.

K. DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AMENDMENT TO SITE ACCESS AGREEMENT WITH REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA FOR ONE LAND MOBILE RADIO SYSTEM SITE

Nancy Yang from the Site Access Agreement (SAA) team presented Agenda Item K regarding a SAA, which allows Regents of the University of California to collocate equipment at LA-RICS Land Mobile Radio site University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) to establish connection to the LMR System locally to facilitate onboarding University of California, Los Angeles as a user of the LMR System.

Ms. Yang recommended the Board on behalf of the Authority to approve the execution of SAA Amendment No. 1 with the Regents of the University of California (Regents), which would allow collocation and installation, operation and maintenance of fiber equipment, as well as enclosure on the LA-RICS Authority's LMR equipment shelter and perform associated minor shelter modification for fiber



cord connection to the LMR System network switch at the LMR Site on UCLA main campus.

Ms. Yang concluded with the recommendation on behalf of the Authority for authorization of the Executive Director to complete negotiations, finalize and execute SAA Amendment No. 1 for the LMR UCLA Site.

Alternate Chair Yanagi asked for a motion to approve, Board Member Luke motioned first, seconded by Alternate Chair Yanagi.

Ayes 7: Luke, Pappas, Yanagi, Rifenburg, Ambrose, Povero, and Cochran.

MOTION APPROVED.

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS – NONE

X. MISCELLANEOUS – NONE

XI. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION BY THE BOARD –

ALTERNATE CHAIR YANAGI TOOK AGENDA ITEM XII. CLOSED SESSION OUT-OF-ORDER WITH VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS TO PROCEED THEREAFTER)

XIII. ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR MEETING AND NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Executive Director Edson stated that currently the meeting location for the next Board meeting would probably be held at the East Los Angeles College (ELAC) Administrative Offices.

Alternate Board Chair Yanagi stated the next Regular Board Meeting would be held on Thursday, July 6, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., at the County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD), ELAC Community College Bureau, 1055 Corporate Center Drive, Monterey Park, CA 91754.

Alternate Board Chair Yanagi called for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:05 a.m. Board Member Povero motioned.