

**SOUTHSIDE NETWORK AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING**

**January 13, 2023
2:00 PM**

**The Regional Building
757 Room
723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval/Modification of Agenda**
- 3. Election of Southside Network Authority Officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.**

In accordance with the Southside Network Authority Bylaws, the Board of Directors shall, at its first meeting of each calendar year, elect its officers, who shall serve terms of one year, and may succeed themselves. It shall have a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The Chair and Vice-Chair must be voting members of the Authority Board of Directors. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors, but in the event the Chair is absent or unable to preside, the Vice-Chair shall preside. In the event neither the Chair nor Vice-Chair is present, the remaining members of the Board of Directors shall elect one of their number to serve as chair *pro tempore*. The Secretary shall be responsible for taking minutes of the proceedings. The Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping the financial records of the Authority. The Secretary and Treasurer need not be voting members of the Board of Directors, and the offices may be combined (these responsibilities will be accomplished by a Memorandum of Understanding between the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission and the Southside Network Authority).

Action Requested: In accordance with the Southside Network Authority Bylaws, formally elect the following officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer for calendar year 2023.

- 4. Public Comments**

Members of the public are invited to address the Southside Network Authority (SNA). Each comment is limited to three minutes.

- 5. Submitted Public Comments**

There were no submitted public comments since the last SNA meeting. Any new written public comments received after the preparation of this agenda will be distributed at the meeting.

6. Meeting Minutes – Attachment 6

Attached for the SNA's consideration are the minutes from the November 21, 2022, and December 9, 2022, SNA Meetings.

Action Requested: SNA Board should take action to approve the minutes for the November 21, 2022 and December 9, 2022, Board Meetings.

7. Project Management Update – Attachment 7

Staff will provide a project management update.

Action Requested: No action required. Update is provided for Board Members' information.

8. Interim Agreement with Management Services Group, Inc., d/b/a Global Technical Systems and Smart City Capital, LLC, pursuant to the Public Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002.

SNA and GTS have conducted negotiations through conceptual and detailed phases under the PPEA. The Authority and GTS have reached an agreement in principle that, upon completion of the ring, GTS will lease 96 strands of the 288-strand ring for \$2 million and provide maintenance services for the ring. GTS will receive the right to lease further strands from the Authority at defined prices and the exclusive right to market the ring for up to 60 months upon achievement of performance goals for further system buildout, using open access principles. The parties have agreed on general principles to cover leasing of dark fiber to regional institutional users, preferential treatment for economic development and historically disadvantaged communities, and revenue-sharing. A public hearing was held on December 9, 2022, regarding the SNA's intent to sign an Interim Agreement with GTS. Staff will provide the latest update for this effort in anticipation of a vote to approve the Interim Agreement with GTS during today's Board Meeting.

Action Requested: The SNA Board should take action to approve the Interim Agreement with GTS and direct the Executive Director to execute and deliver the Agreement and proceed to negotiation of a Comprehensive Agreement.

9. Old/New Business

10. Adjournment