

**SOUTHSIDE NETWORK AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING**

**February 26, 2021
2:00 PM**

Pursuant to the declared state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to protect the public health and safety of the Southside Network Authority (SNA) members, staff, and the general public, the SNA meeting will be held electronically.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval/Modification of Agenda**
- 3. Public Comments**

Members of the public are invited to address the Southside Network Authority (SNA). Due to the COVID-19 crisis, interested persons may submit comments to the SNA in advance of the meeting by email to kmiller@hrpdcva.gov or phone (757) 366-4370. Each comment is limited to three minutes. All comments received 48 hours before the meeting will be provided to the SNA Members and included in the official record.

- 4. Meeting Minutes (Attachment 4)**

Attached for consideration are the minutes from the February 5, 2021 SNA meeting:

Action Requested: SNA Board should approve the minutes from the February 5, 2021 Board Meeting.

- 5. Decision point for the development of an approach to fiber ring ownership, funding, and operation**

During the February 5, 2021 SNA Board meeting, members received an overview of three options to finance, design, construct and maintain the SNA regional connectivity ring. The three options presented were: (1) SNA Funded - Authority outsources operations and dark fiber leasing; (2) SNA Funded - Authority operates In-house; and (3) Public-Private Partnership (“turnkey”) - Funded and operated by private entity.

Building on the results of the February 5th board meeting, staff and CTC will present an approach to funding, constructing, operating, and maintaining the regional connectivity ring that provides options to move the project forward while gathering additional information regarding potential funding strategies.

Action Requested: The SNA Board should take action to approve the next steps for an ownership, funding, construction, and operating strategy for the regional connectivity ring.

6. **Old/New Business**

7. **Adjournment**