

**SOUTHSIDE NETWORK AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING**

**November 12, 2021
2:00 PM**

**The Regional Building
Board Room A
723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake**

- 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). Each comment is limited to three minutes.

- 4. 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.

- 5. Meeting Minutes (Attachment 5)**

Attached for the SNA's consideration are the minutes from the September 10, 2021 SNA Meeting.

Action Requested: SNA Board approve minutes for the September 10, 2021, Board Meeting.

- 6. Presentation of Audit Results (Attachments 6A and 6B)**

PBMares, LLP has completed its annual review of the FY 2021 financial statements of the Southside Network Authority (SNA).

The independent Auditors' Report states that the statements present fairly, in all material respects, the basic financial statements of the SNA. There were no material weaknesses or deficiencies identified in any of the internal controls or processes of the financial activity, and all information was free of any material misstatements.

Mr. Michael Garber, Partner at PBMares, will brief the SNA Board on this item. Mr. Garber and Mr. DeBerry will be available to address any questions the Board may have.

Staff recommends the SNA approve the FY 2021 Audited Financial Statements.

Action Requested: The SNA should take action to approve the FY 2021 Audited Financial Statements.

7. Regional Connectivity Ring Project Update - Proposed Next Steps

The SNA has received and reviewed responses to its construction invitation for bids (SNA-IFB-2021-01) and its public-private partnership request for qualifications and conceptual proposals (SNA-RFP-2021-02). The Authority is now in a position to award the construction contract, move to the detailed phase of public-private partnership negotiations, both, or neither.

Staff will provide a project update and recommendation to the SNA. Draft resolutions are attached.

Action Requested: This update is for the Board's information in making a decision on the dual-path procurement strategy.

8. Status update regarding Cost-Sharing

The Board directed the Executive Director to identify options for determining upfront funding strategies/cost-sharing for the construction and maintenance of the Regional Fiber Ring. SNA Board Member Ms. Catheryn Whitesell has been working with the City Budget Directors (with SNA staff support) to identify potential strategic cost-sharing options and will be providing a status update.

Action Requested: This update is for the Board's information in making a decision regarding members' share of funding the fiber ring as well as distribution of potential revenue.

9. Closed Session – Discuss Procurement Strategy

To proceed to closed session, the SNA should consider the following motion:

Move to convene a closed session pursuant to subsection A.28 of § 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, for the purpose of discussion or consideration of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 11 of § 2.2-3705.6 by a responsible public entity; pursuant to subsection A.33 of § 2.2-3711 for the purpose of discussion of consideration by a local authority created in accordance with the Virginia Wireless Service Authorities Act (§ 15.2-5431.1 et seq.) of confidential proprietary information and trade secrets subject to the

exclusion in subdivision 19 of § 2.2-3705.6; pursuant to subsection A.29 of § 2.2-3711 for the purpose of discussion of the award of a public contracting involving the expenditure of public funds, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body; and pursuant to subsection A.6 of § 2.2-3711 for the purpose of discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected.

This closed session will deal specifically with a confidential briefing regarding resolution of the dual-path strategy and financial considerations involved in construction and delivery of the Southside Regional Connectivity Ring.

After returning to open session, the SNA should consider the following motion:

Move to reconvene in open session and to certify by roll call vote, pursuant to subsection D of § 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia, that (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Freedom of Information Act and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the closed session.

10. Actions Out of Closed Session

Following the end of closed session, the Board may take actions to implement the recommendations received under Agenda Items 7 and 8 in light of the confidential information, analysis, discussion, and considerations from the closed session.

11. Old/New Business

12. Adjournment