

Connect New Mexico Council Meeting (All Virtual) January 18 | 2:00PM – 3:30PM

[Zoom Link](#)

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1. Welcome & Call to Order Renee Narvaiz **0:00:03**
Renee called out names of those missing from the top of the meeting and confirmed a quorum.
2. Approval of meeting Agenda & Minutes Renee Narvaiz **0:00:39**
Agenda approved by Louis Reyes, 2nd by Ovidiu Viorica, no members in opposition. Approval of the previous Meeting minutes was deferred until the February meeting, as they were not prepared or shared with the council for review.
3. Chair updates/comments – Kimball Sekaquaptewa **00:01:30**
Kicked off discussion with details on the work that lays ahead, and the busy legislative session. Kimball mentioned the legislative session is a good reason for the CNMC to put together a one pager with details to share with legislators and others.
4. Working Group Update
 - a. Tribal Working Group – Godfrey Enjady **00:04:09**
Working on tribal engagement, did a few workshops to talk about tribal mapping. They had a great turnout at a mapping event in ABQ. The group created and sent a newsletter from tribal working group to let others know what is going on and plans to have a booth for the Broadband day.
 - b. Grant Working Group/Rulemaking - Kimball Sekaquaptewa/Todd **00:17:36**
NOPR published in December, hearing set for January 30, 2023, public has up to 10 days following the hearing to offer their comments. Everything is on track and looking good. When comments come in, Todd will share with the working group to work on responses.
 - c. Mapping Data & Evaluation – Peter Mantos/Natalie Runyan **00:20:47**
Peter explained the group is working hard to keep notes in a place where all members are able to view. Passed update to Natalie Runyan. OBAE, in support of mapping, hired 6 GIS analysts as contractors to help with the map challenge process, they have a web environment. Hosted a few Tribal mapping workshops, compiled a data package for cities and others to research the challenges on their own. Shared the map for the federal broadband status. 10.4 of the 30,000 have been routed on to the provider, the FCC has a multi-step process and if they think your report is legit, they will pass it along to the provider, if not they put it in a crowd source query and that doesn't become an official challenge for the provider to counter. Kelly Schlegel jumped in to mention meeting with NTIA, they said that NM is one of the top states that improved in broadband service locations. Went up a total of 40k service locations with net of 20k, for those that got cleaned up and deleted. Some states went the same, and others went down.
 - d. Digital Equity & Inclusion - Eli Guinee **00:48:42**
They are putting their concentration in certain areas, and a more concentrated agenda, Eli added a link in the chat the list of populations, barriers, and impact areas that the NTIA specifically calls out as per the digital

equity grants. They will start using this as a guide to discussions moving forward.

Barriers is where they plan to focus on their efforts.

- e. Permits, ROW and Pole Attachments (PROP) - Ovidiu Viorica **1:01:02**

December event, with leadership from Sen. Ben Ray Lujan, letter from 18 US Senators sent to the US department of Interior, Department of Culture, and Department of Congress asking them what the agencies are doing to ensure the permit requirements are streamlined, that there are enough resources to process the requests etc. essentially putting a little weight on them to begin the work.

- f. Regional Planning & Community Engagement – Jerry Smith/Kitty Clemons **1:09:38**

Meets every other Wednesday. January 19 they are presenting at the county association meeting to roll out the regional engagement summit, to hold around the state. Asking for volunteers to help with the summit, to put together the multi-lateral outreach for the summits.

- 5. OBAE Update –Kelly Schlegel **-1:17:59**

- a. Three-year Broadband Plan: Request for feedback

Shared with CNM Council on 1/17/2023, asking for feedback from the council, may include the feedback on an August plan, or we can do a new revision. Asking the members to keep an eye out for a side meeting, to collect the feedback. Kimball is asking Working Groups also discuss it to come back with comments.

It includes the vision, mission, and values. Put together top 4 goals and decomposed it to initiative to support those goals.

1:28:35, Sandeep Taxali gives a deeper look into the 3-year plan

- b. BEAD Five-year action plan and DE plan **-1:28:18**

The five-year will build on the three-year due August 28, but they are challenged to turn it in earlier, and they will take on that challenge.

Digital equity plan state level is due August 1 will build on the data collection report and will get more granular, with listening sessions.

- c. January 13 Mapping Challenge Updates **-discussed earlier skipped**

- 6. Pilot Program - Sandeep Taxali

- a. Wave 2 submissions status update **-1:43:25**

Connect NM Pilot project, ARPA funding, \$117 m for infrastructure. 12 applications for wave 2, but many are waiting for wave 3. About \$85million in requests.

- 7. Council member terms and process – Todd Baran **TABLED DISCUSSION**

- 8. DoIT/OBAE legislative initiatives – Kelly Schlegel/Todd Baran **1:48:14**

Rights of way, bill to smooth the way for broadband. Trying to be more comprehensive but we are not quite there yet. There is a lot of work to do, so the bill is very simple.

Looking at bill for IPRA changes for grant process.

- a. Broadband Day at Legislature, February 15, 2023 **2:03:05**

Presentations for Broadband day, with the Council meeting in person can be there for the presentations at the roundhouse.

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8.1 New CEO for Plateau Launa Waller **1:59:10**

Kimball announces Launa earned the job as new CEO for Plateau.

8.2 Location and timing for next meeting **2:00:38**

**Kimball requests that the council meetings should held from 2-4pm.
(presentations at the roundhouse meeting, group to meet at PSFA)**

9. Public Comment **2:05:47**

10. Zoom Q & A or Chat

11. Adjourn **2:07:03**