



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - (approved May 28, 2026)

Thursday, April 16, 2026 on Zoom and at 306 Meadow St., Brighton

5:30 pm

Attendees:

Executive Committee Members: Nick Anzalone, Brian Machesney, Jeremy Matt, Mary Metcalf, Sally Vallat, Siobhan Perricone, Paul Fixx, Tom Fisher, Christa Shute, Chuck Burt, Mike Strait

Governing Board Members: Mark Fulton, John Morris, David Healy, Henry Amistadi, Ray Lanier

Additional Staff: Tonya Ozone, Chris Fortuna, Kitty Ufford-Chase, Julia Vallera, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick

5:30pm The meeting started with a quorum.

5:33pm The meeting was called to order.

Agenda Review

Upon reviewing the agenda, it was noted that we would be adding an item to the agenda - an update to the 50/50 for \$59 roll out, discussed at the last meeting as well as an additional link added to the agenda for this item.

Approval of Draft Minutes for April 2 2026

Motioned: Nick Anzalone Seconded: Tom Fisher	Passed with no objections Passed with objections Failed
Motion: to approve the April 2, 2026 Minutes	Passed with no objections.

Public Comment: Paul Fixx shared two comments for the public record. First, he made the request that going forward, he would like to recommend a regular update or report to the Executive Committee and/or Governing Board, regarding what is going on with VCBB and VCUDA. Second, he wanted to make the committee - and by extension employees of NEKCV

that are out in the field - aware of the existence of jumping worms and their eggs in the area. His concern was that NEKCV employees may unknowingly pick up and spread these worms or their eggs. Tom Fisher added a reminder that employees represent NEKCV well in the community, referencing a previous note about refuse being left in fields.

Operational/Marking/Customer Update

Public Discussion Summary: Chris Fortuna began by providing an update, through the end of the month of March, of customer metrics and revenues. He also went over where we are for construction - exceeding our March construction goal and remaining on target for our end of year goal. Christa Shute went over OLT statuses through the NEK and CV areas. She also fielded a question regarding miles built in previous years vs. planned for 2026 and said that, pending approvals, permits and materials, there is a possibility we could build miles in addition to those projected for this year.

Julia Vallera led the Marketing update, detailing NEKCV's promotions run in March and those planned for April. For March, these included efforts on ZIIP, fee-free installation promotion, and the reintroduction of NEKCV lawn signs. These will continue through April and be joined by flyers (in some towns) and Governing Board member recruitment. Julia also advised that we will be fine-tuning messaging for customers in Kingdom Fiber areas, which Christa further expanded on. Christa went over the current take-rate and explained the Take Rate and Grant Tracking dashboard, which everyone has access to, and how they can use that to access this information at any time. Christa and Julia then briefly touched on the plan for the 50/50 for \$59 service plan with an expected rollout in mid-May.

Tonya Ozone provided an update on staffing, covering NEKCV's recent hires and open positions. Also mentioned was four internal promotions. Tonya and Christa expressed excitement over this, as it speaks to NEKCV's value of promoting from within and the success of the partnership with the VCBB-funded Broadband Apprenticeship program. Christa spoke about the program and the upcoming opportunities to participate.

<p>Motioned: Chuck Burt Seconded: Tom Fisher</p>	<p>Passed with no objections Passed with objections Failed</p>
<p>Motion: to go into Executive Session under the provisions of 1 VSA §313 with staff, consultants and Board Members in order to discuss our marketing strategy, finding that premature disclosure could substantially disadvantage the CUD if it were to be made public at this time.</p>	<p>Passed with no objections.</p>

Executive session was entered at 6:09pm and ended at 6:45pm. No action was taken in executive session and nothing discussed in the session was suitable to put on the record, except the motion to exit executive session, that was moved by Nick Anzalone and seconded by Mike Strait.

Public Discussion Summary (continued): Nick Anzalone did want to mention one thing that had been suggested in Executive Session, but is appropriate to be on the public record. He expressed interest in developing a portion of NEKCV's website(s) dedicated to helping users understand different terminology being used in the industry, as well as our take on how those terms are being used.

Grant Update:

Public Discussion Summary: Christa Shute made note that we do not have a grant contract for the ZIIP program yet. Christa further explained how we will be prioritizing the communities covered by the ZIIP grant funding.

Preparation for Annual Meeting:

Public Discussion Summary: Nick Anzalone briefly went over what to expect at May's Governing Board Annual Meeting, as well as the main objectives of

Asked that members review the drafted Agenda for May's Governing Board meeting, and provide any feedback within the next week. The expectation is that if you hold a county seat, you will be expected to continue holding that county seat, unless you have already advised otherwise. If there is an unexpected competition for any seat, the procedures for moving forward with and without more than one person vying for the seat are attached to this meeting's agenda, for review. Nick explained the Voting Slate, also attached to tonight's agenda, the positions that will need to be voted on (those with expiring terms) and a couple open positions as Ray Lanier and Paul Fixx have decided to step back from the Executive Committee. At this time, Nick, Christa and others expressed their profound appreciation for all that both Paul and Ray have brought to the committee and to the organization during their time serving, which has had an immeasurable impact on the success of the organization.

Last, a brief reminder of the upcoming celebratory event for all Governing Board members, staff and significant others. There is a lot to celebrate, so it is hoped many will attend.

Adjourn

Motioned: Nick Anzalone Seconded: Jeremy Matt	Passed with no objections Passed with objections Failed
Motion: To adjourn at 7:00pm.	Passed with no objections

Drafted by Elizabeth Fitzpatrick