

**Iowa Telecommunications & Technology Commission
Grimes State Office Building, 1st Floor
400 E. 14th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319**

FINAL

January 4, 2010

To ensure the most efficient use of State resources, the January 4, 2010, ITTC meeting was held via conference call pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.8. A conference call also ensured more Commissioners were able to participate in the meeting and reduced the risk of delays caused by weather or other impediments to travel. The meeting was accessible to members of the public through attendance at the Grimes State Office Building.

Commissioners Present

Betsy Brandsgard, Chairperson (via teleconference call)
Pamela A. Duffy, Member (via teleconference call)
Michael W. Mahaffey, Member (via teleconference call)
Robert R. Hardman, Member (via teleconference call)
Timothy L. Lapointe, Member (via teleconference call)
David A. Vaudt, Ex-Officio Member (via teleconference call)

Iowa Communications Network Staff Present

John Gillispie, Executive Director
Joseph Cassis, Deputy Director
Dave Lingren, Service Delivery Administrator
David Marley, Operations Administrator
Kevin Heinzeroth, Finance Director
Vicki Wallis, Engineering Administrator
Tami Fujinaka, Government Relations Manager
Lori Larsen, Administrative Assistant (Recorder)
Deb Evans, Billing/Audit Manager
Marla Gibbons, Contracting Officer
Mark Dayton, Executive Officer 5

Guests

Kyle Holmgren, Qwest
TJ Welton, IGOV
Mark Johnson, ICN
Adam Humes, Attorney General's Office (via teleconference call)

Call to Order

Commissioner Brandsgard called the meeting to order at 2:11 P.M. It was noted that a quorum of members was present for the meeting.

Approval of 11/23/09 Meeting Minutes

Approval of the November 23, 2009, ITTC meeting minutes was informally tabled until the January 21, 2010 meeting.

New Business

Discussion of Executive Director Vacancy

Commissioner Brandsgard stated about two weeks ago she notified ITTC Commissioners and ICN staff that Executive Director John Gillispie accepted another position at the University of Missouri. That provides an opening as Executive Director of ICN. John Gillispie held a joint position overseeing ICN and ITE (Information Technology Enterprise). Lori Tritch has been named interim director for ITE. The purpose of the meeting was to appoint an interim director for the ICN only.

Items for this week relating to this discussion and the permanent replacement:

- Executive Director John Gillispie, Mark Johnson and Commissioner Brandsgard will meet with Senator Gronstal on Friday (January 8) to discuss legislative priorities.
- On January 8 a meeting between IGOV and the ICN will occur to begin a dialog regarding the long term vision of the ICN / telecommunications, and if these positions, informally joined, should be separated as consolidation of IT is looking to move forward.

Executive Director John Gillispie was asked to discuss the board and other appointments that are part of his duties that will need to be considered at this meeting

Iowa Broadband Deployment Governance Board is a jointly sponsored endeavor with IUB (Iowa Utility Board), IDEED (Iowa Department of Economic Development), and ITTC. The dollars in the IJOBS bonding bill come directly to the ITTC. The Commission's responsibility is to have a member on that board. It does not name the executive director as the member. Krista Tanner, IUB, is vice chair of the board, and the board will probably move to have Ms. Tanner serve as chair and appoint a new vice chair. The ITTC will need to either appoint the interim director or give authority to the interim director to select a person to serve on the board.

Electronic Health Advisory Council is mandated by the code and specifically names the ICN director. The interim director will need to serve on this council. The two sub-committees that Executive Director John Gillispie was involved in are not mandatory.

Telecommunication Sector Committee - Executive Director John Gillispie was approached by IDEED to serve on this committee. The Committee is part of a seven section study that will have a report published by the time session is over. Arlinda McKeen, State Public Policy Group (SPPG), is running the Committee for IDEED and asked Steve Fleagle (University of Iowa) to serve as chair. Fleagle called SPPG and agreed to serve as the chair on the Telecommunication Sector Committee. Last meeting is on Wednesday, January 6, and the interim executive director should attend the meeting along with Deputy Director Joseph Cassis.

Discussion of Executive Director Appointment

Commissioner Brandsgard stated that the concern at this time is not to alarm or inadvertently alter the perception of the authorized users and/or ICN's customer base. ICN remains in good hands and is in an excellent position providing good services across the state. The ICN management team is able to provide services in a seamless way. Customers will see no disruption of services and customers will be able to depend on the ICN.

Commissioner Lapointe moved to appoint Dave Lingren as the Interim Executive Director of the ICN. Commissioner Duffy seconded the motion.

Commissioner Duffy stated based on Dave Lingren's familiarity with the customer base and how he helps to guide the Rate Sub-Committee around customer's needs. Commissioner Duffy supports Dave Lingren as the Interim Executive Director.

Commissioner Brandsgard stated the authority to appoint ICN's director rests with the Commission. When the Commission hires a director, the choice will need to be approved by the Senate.

Q – Can staff members of the ICN apply for the executive director position?

Commissioner Brandsgard said yes, when a search was completed a number of years ago the Commission engaged a firm who specialized in searching for telecom executives. The Commission encourages the ICN staff to apply. The Commission has not decided on a search process for this current vacancy. The Commission will encourage internal candidates to apply for the position at the appropriate time.

Commissioner Lapointe said he was encouraged when he heard Dave Lingren was interested in the interim position.

Commissioner Hardman said he supports Dave Lingren and feels comfortable working with other staff members of the ICN.

Voting:

Commissioner Duffy – yes
Commissioner Hardman – yes
Commissioner Lapointe – yes
Commissioner Mahaffey – yes
Commissioner Brandsgard – yes

Motion approved.

Other Interim Appointments

Mahaffey moved to appoint Dave Lingren as the Interim Executive Director to serve on the Iowa Broadband Deployment Governance Board, and in addition to have Dave Lingren and Joseph Cassis to serve on the Telecommunication Sector Committee for the ICN. Hardman seconded the motion.

Commissioner Duffy – yes
Commissioner Hardman – yes
Commissioner Lapointe – yes
Commissioner Mahaffey – yes
Commissioner Brandsgard – yes

Motion approved.

Other Business

Executive Director John Gillispie discussed his new position that he accepted at the University of Missouri.

All Commissioners expressed their appreciation to Executive Director John Gillispie and thanked him for his leadership.

Adjournment

Commissioners Hardman and Mahaffey moved to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:43 P.M.

ATTESTED TO:



Betsy Brandsgard, Chair, Iowa Telecommunications and Technology Commission