

# STATEWIDE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

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April 7, 2016  
10:00 a.m. Conference Call

## MEETING MINUTES

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### **Attendance:**

#### **Members/alternates present:**

Liz Workman/vacant - Assoc. of MN Counties, Metro  
JimMcMahon/vacant - AMC Greater MN  
Bill Droste/vacant - League of MN Cities  
Thomas Egan/ Karla Bigham/Jill Rohret - MESB  
Mukhtar Thakur/Tim Lee- MnDOT  
Buck McAlpin/vacant-MN Ambulance Assn. Metro  
Joe Newton/vacant - MN Ambulance Assn, Greater Minnesota  
Sandra Westerman/vacant-MSA  
Wayne Kewitsch/vacant - Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association  
Cari Gerlicher/vacant - Minnesota Police Chiefs  
Jeff Jelinski/Micah Myers - Central ESB  
Craig Buness/Doug Krier - NW ECB  
Brian Smith/Mark Lallak - NE ECB  
Kent Wilkening/Randy Hanson - SW ECB  
Marcia Ward/vacant -SE ECB  
Vacant/vacant - SC ECB  
\*members attending marked with highlight

### **Others Present:**

Jackie Mines, ECN  
Carol Salmon, ECN  
Randy Donahue, ECN

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## CALL TO ORDER

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Chair Workman calls meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

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## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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**Tom Egan makes a motion to approve the agenda.**  
**Karla Bigham seconds the motion.**  
**Motion carries.**

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## APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

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**Marcia Ward makes a motion to approve the minutes from January.**  
**Karla Bigham seconds the motion.**  
**Motion carries.**

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## NEW BUSINESS /DISCUSSION ITEMS

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### LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES UPDATES

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Jill Rohret reports on bills HF 2387 and SF 2249, which accelerate the effective date of a sales tax exemption for joint powers boards, instrumentalities of local government and special taxing districts. Both bills have had hearings. The first hearing was in the Senate Tax Reform Committee. Rohret and others testified. There were no questions from the committee. One remark was that it seemed like a fairness issue and that it is good to see local government working together for cost effectiveness and other efficiencies. The House bill was heard the following week. In both cases, the bills were held over for possible inclusion. If it passes with backdating of the sales tax exemption to January 1, 2016, there will be a reimbursement procedure in place.

Rohret, Chair Workman, and the MESB lobbyist met with Representative Cornish to ask for support.

Further discussion about the bills and about representatives asking for support of the legislation.

Agreement that a template letter will be drafted for committee members to use with their delegations.

**Bigham makes a motion that a template letter be drafted for committee members to use with their delegations requesting support of HF 2387 and SF 2249.**  
**Tom Egan seconds the motion.**

Jill Rohret will draft the letter.

**Motion carries.**

### OTHER BUSINESS

None.

**Micah Myers makes a motion to adjourn the meeting.**  
**Craig Bunn seconds the motion.**  
**Motion carries.**

**Meeting is adjourned at 10:25 a.m.**