

VI. Senate Bill 37 (2025) Update

Husby advised Senate Bill 37 has passed the Senate and the House and is on its way to the Governor's desk for signature. This bill removes the 911 surcharge fee sunset clause and changes the annual reporting period back to a calendar year. Once signed, the new law will take effect July 1, 2025. Husby advised this will make us late for reporting to the FCC and Government Operations and Audit Committee (GOAC). Once the bill is signed, Husby would like to open the reporting period for voluntary reporting if the board would support this idea. Kabris indicated he would support it, as we would especially want to report to the FCC on time. Husby indicated he had to file for extensions last year and was successful. DeNeui asked if we need last year's numbers. Husby said he only has half of 2024 right now, but without voluntary reporting, he would have to make assumptions for the remainder of the year. He would prefer to have accurate numbers. Husby would like to communicate this to PSAPs as soon as possible if the board supports it. DeNeui said she would support it as well. Serr felt the message to PSAPs could request voluntary reporting and explain the advantages of going back to reporting by calendar year.

Husby also thanked all the organizations, groups, PSAPs, and board members who contacted legislators and asked them to support SB 37 (2025).

VII. Rapid SOS Contract Update

Husby advised he has completed the technical review with South Dakota BIT (Bureau of Information and Telecommunications). The contract is undergoing a final legal review with Attorney Bachand. Husby is hoping for statewide implementation and training in March. Husby advised the PSAPs are really anticipating this.

VIII. Subcommittee Assignments and Discussion

- A. Technical Subcommittee and wireline radios – Husby said we had to cancel last week's meeting but needs to reschedule. He would like the Technical Subcommittee to review the wireline radio issue.
- B. All subcommittees and administrative rule review – Now that the legislative session is coming to an end, we need to work through the admin rules by subcommittee.
- C. Efficiency Study – Husby would like the board to review all 22 recommendations in the study and prioritize them then take feedback from PSAP directors to develop a 5-year strategic plan. Wollman agrees with prioritizing the recommendations and getting input from the PSAPs. Boyd said having the technical subcommittee review the wireline issue and prioritizing the recommendations in the Efficiency Study is a move in the right direction. Boyd does not want the board to mandate or force consolidation based on the study. He would like to see those recommendations come from the PSAPs and the 911 Board can put the framework around it. Husby would like to assign 5 categories to each subcommittee and get feedback. Serr agreed that it would be best to address this in smaller "bite-size portions," so as not to overload anyone's plate. DeNeui felt working on the administrative rules and the efficiency study recommendations together is a nice fit, because recommendations in the efficiency study may determine if changes in the admin rules are needed, instead of updating the rules now, then going through the rules update process again after the board has had time to review the recommendations in the efficiency study.

