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SIEC Executive Management Committee (EMC)
Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS)
50 Maple Street, Milford, MA 01757
Wednesday, January 7, 2026, 1:30pm

MINUTES

Voting SIEC EMC members present: *Richard Fiske (SWIC-EOPSS), Alexander Rock (ASWIC-EOPSS, Policy & Programs Committee), Alex Chadis (Northeast), Greg Lynskey (Central), Chris Carleton (Central Alt), Scott Wilder (UASI), Matt Barstow (MSP, RF Committee), Tim Gover (Southeast)*

Others present: *Bruce Fitzgerald (FirstNet), Kerry Collins (EOPSS, US of Forensic Science), Mike Saltzman (EOTSS CoMIRS), Sarah Cook (EOPSS OGR), Joe Griffen (BAPERN), Norm Fournier (State 911), Jacob Pyra (State 911 Radio), Cory Swift (MCSA), Andrew Bagdonas (MEMA), Melissa Nazzaro (CISA ECC Reg1), Chad Snow (AT&T FirstNet), Seth Peters (CMRPC)*

Mr. Fiske chaired the meeting on behalf of Secretary Kwon and called the meeting to order at 1:33pm. Roll call was held.

1. **Acceptance of Minutes/Notes**
   a) December 3, 2025, Minutes. Motion to approve by Greg Lynskey, seconded by Scott Wilder, Motion carried.

   b) **PJ-ICIPs and PJ-ICPS Amendments:**
   - *HSGP23-520 Metro Fire Central District Repeaters for tunnels – UASI. Scott Wilder spoke on the subject. This project is a simulcast buildout with GTR repeaters, GPW receivers, and a GRV comparator. This project will also upgrade the MBTA subway repeater on central to cut over with the MBTA new infrastructure. No other comments or questions from the Committee. Motion to approve by Tim Gover, seconded by Greg Lynskey. Motion carried.*
   - *HSGP24-521 Backup/Training Dispatch Consoles-UASI. Scott Wilder spoke on the subject. The console will be an MCC7500 console for the training room. It will be available for the Cambridge partners to train on and will also serve as a backup position for special events and major operations. The console position will reside on the Cambridge network. No other comments or questions from the Committee. Motion to approve by Tim Gover, seconded by Matt Barstow. Motion carried.*

- *HSGP23-522 Microwave Replacement-LGH/Holt Hill- Northeast. Alex Chadis spoke on the subject. This microwave project will replace the link between Lawrence General Hospital and Holt Hill. Currently the microwave exists on 4.9GHz spectrum. This microwave has had a long-standing history of interference. A consultant has put together an option to replace this microwave with a new 11GHz licensed spectrum link. All plans are in place and a coverage study was done to verify path with no obstructions. This new microwave link will enhance reliability for multiple partners like BAPERN AW3, AW4 & CMED. No other comments or questions from the Committee. Motion to approve by Scott Wilder, seconded by Tim Gover. Motion carried.*

c) Discussion on any other current projects that have been reviewed previously and need action or have pending concerns- N/A

d) Discussion on any newly submitted projects that require distribution and review prior to action that were not anticipated or included here- N/A

2. Reports

a. Standing Committees

i. **Data Committee**- N/A

ii. **RF Committee**- *Matt Barstow addressed the Committee with nothing new to report. Mr. Barstow also put forward the ask again for anyone that might be interested in chairing the RF Committee to come forward. Mr. Barstow would like to step down from this position and has graciously offered to remain until a replacement can be found. No other comments or questions from the Committee.*

iii. **Policy / Programs-** *Alex Rock addressed the Committee, the Policy and Programs Subcommittee has completed its work on the Massachusetts Best Practice Technical Considerations for School and Public Safety Interoperability. This document will serve as a good guidance point to facilitate collaboration between Schools and Public Safety agencies. Thanks to NERAC for spearheading this initiative and providing the foundation that this document was crafted from. No other comments or questions from the Committee.*

b. Councils

iv. **UASI-Metro Boston –** *Scott Wilder addressed the committee. Nothing new to report at this time. No other comments or questions from the Committee.*

v. **Northeast-** *Alex Chadis addressed the committee. Nothing new to report at this time. No other comments or questions from the Committee.*

vi. **Southeast-** *Tim Gover addressed the Committee. Nothing new to report at this time. No other comments or questions from the Committee.*

vii. **Central-** Greg *Lynskey addressed the committee. Nothing to report from Central. No other comments or questions from the Committee.*

viii. **Western-** N/A

c. State/Federal/Other Agencies

i. **SWIC***: Rich Fiske addressed the committee.*

- *As everyone on the different councils is aware without speaking for OGR, we are still waiting for the 2025 Notice of Funding to come out. Some items are still TBD and I understand that this is still a pending matter for many of the councils to move things forward.*
- *As Alex Rock mentioned, this week we will be publishing the Massachusetts Best Practice Technical Considerations for School and Public Safety Interoperability. Policy and Programs subcommittee has worked hard over the last several months to go through the document and with much credit to the folks up at NERAC that drafted the first version for their region. This document will be published widely and posted on the SWIC website. This document is in compliance with the Massachusetts law passed several years ago that requires schools to have a two-way communications component between schools and public safety.*
- *The Public Safety Communications and Interoperability summit is coming up scheduled for January 22nd. This is a full day in person only event at the Massachusetts State Police Forensic Science and Technology Learning Center in Maynerd, MA. My appreciation to US Collins for suggesting this location and for allowing us to host there, and for MSP to being gracious enough to staff the front desk for the duration of the event while people come and go. More to come on this with a registration link coming out soon. This event is sponsored by the PSBTA (Public Safety Broad Band Association). The PSBTA will have topics in the morning then lunch for the attendees and afternoon will have more Massachusetts specific topics. Many different topics were suggested by those who are planning to attend. The agenda is being put together and whittled down to a more manageable one day event without going overtime and overcomplicating subjects. A summit like this has not happened for some time and I am excited to get this off the ground and possibly make this a more regular event. This is a worthwhile event, especially considering the amount of feedback we have received. More to come on this.*
- *December 17th was the FEMA RECCWG Reg 1 meeting. More than 100 people were in attendance. This end of the year meeting is used for reporting to Washington DC and I did provide a report of the work and accomplishments ongoing in Massachusetts.*
- *On December 14 there will be a World Cup Executive steering group tabletop exercise in person at Gillette that I will be attending. Following this on the 15th there will be a Fifa communications and interoperability subcommittee meeting that will be hybrid.*

No other comments or questions from the Committee.

ii. **State 911 Report***: Norm Fournier addressed the committee. State 911 has been updating the 560CMR appendix A code of Massachusetts regulations. Some of this was driven by the recent FCC orders. Some other things encountered are working with the carriers to bring in new connections. Executive Director Pozniak has been given a redline for review and hopefully within a few weeks we will be able to bring this to the Standards Committee for approval. Another project moving forward is our call handling solution, the vendor has wired 3 PSAPs up in the lab environment at the data center to allow us to run simulations. This is a massive project and is moving forward slowly, but due to the scope and size of this project it will take some time. Some positive news from the central mass RECC. This center has reached agreements with a bunch of agencies moving forward and this will become a sizeable RECC center in central Mass. North*

Shore RECC recently brought on North Redding. Overall regionalization across the Commonwealth is picking up and progressing well. A lot of this regionalization is happening because of the success the current centers are having. No other comments or questions from the Committee.

iii. **FirstNet***: Bruce Fitzgerald addressed the committee. FirstNet will have some tower information for the Committee sometime in the first quarter of this year. Our emergency management cohort will be kicking off at the end of this month. This is a national group of emergency management members to bounce ideas off and discuss product input and feedback. No other comments or questions from the Committee.*

iv. **Statewide Radio***: Mike Saltzman addressed the committee. Statewide radio continues on. Site work and tower work is continuing on. Phase 1A Western Mass cutover looks like it will happen in mid-2026. Phase 1B looks to go live in later 2026, maybe 2027. Work is ongoing with Rich and Alex at the executive office to update interoperable subscribers for the new system. We identified quite a few numbers of radios that were no longer upgradable after September. We were able to get Motorola to extend that deadline through the next couple months through March. Work is ongoing with all the public safety agencies that will be impacted by the system transition in phase 1A. No other comments or questions from the Committee.*

v. **System Owners***:*
BAPERN- *Joe Griffen addressed the Committee. Nothing new to report at this time. No other comments or questions from the Committee.*
WMLEC- *N/A*

vi. **Federal Partners***: Melissa Nazzaro addressed the Committee. Not much new to report since last month's meeting. I will reiterate what Rich reported earlier on the RECCWG. The report was fantastic. It is great to hear what the states are doing at the end of the year and all the work that has happened, Massachusetts was really a shining star and all the states did a great job. ESF-2 training will occur May 4th -May 7th in Salem, OR. It looks like this event will be well attended. If anyone needs the save a date information contact me. ECD has been working on FY 2026 performance period for technical assistance. As it looks the performance will be scheduling through December 2026. ECD is looking to start SCIP planning in March with a focus on rescheduling classes that were canceled at the end of last year. No other comments or questions from the Committee.*

Unfinished Business*:*

a. Copper
b. Non-HSGP grant-funded interoperability projects.
c. Cybersecurity
d. Continuing updates to interoperable best practices throughout the Commonwealth

Announcements*:*

None.

Next meeting in February, TBD.

Motion to adjourn was made at 2:04pm by Tim Gover, seconded by Scott Wilder. Carried and adjourned at 2:04pm.