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Arizona Telecommunications and Information Council  
**DIGITAL ACCESS TASK FORCE**

**AZBSN Meeting Chat – March 21, 2024**

08:02:59 From Erin Lorandos to Everyone: Kelly and I need to be at another call at 8:30, FYI

08:03:33 From Jon Haass to Steve Peters(direct message): I too have to leave early but was able to make the start today

08:07:16 From Erin Lorandos to Everyone: YAY!! Welcome!!!!

08:07:36 From Ilana Lowery to Everyone: People can also follow along in the transcript if they need captions.

08:07:46 From Ilana Lowery to Everyone: Welcome Anthony!

08:07:55 From Michael Holcomb to Everyone: Welcome Anthony!

08:09:20 From Michael Holcomb to Everyone: Welcome Kelly!

08:09:51 From Mala Muralidharan to Everyone: WELCOME Anthony!!!! mala@azlibrary.gov

08:09:53 From Ilana Lowery to Everyone: Yay! So glad to have you here, Kelly! I look forward to working with you again!!

08:10:36 From Kelly Krusee to Everyone: Reacted to "Yay! So glad to have..." with ❤️

08:11:40 From Kelly Krusee to Everyone: Please send an email to kellyk@azcommerce.com or erinl@azcommerce.com for that engagement flyer!

08:11:58 From Anthony Costantini to Everyone: Reacted to "WELCOME Anthony!!!! ..." with ❤️

08:12:16 From Anthony Costantini to Everyone: Reacted to "Welcome Anthony!" with ❤️

08:12:22 From Anthony Costantini to Everyone: Reacted to "Welcome Anthony!" with ❤️

08:12:46 From Erin Lorandos to Everyone: Replying to "Please send an email..."

Thanks!!

08:13:31 From Mark Goldstein to Everyone: The Arizona BEAD Challenge Process is detailed at <https://www.azcommerce.com/broadband/arizona-broadband-equity-access-deployment-program/the-challenge-process/> and the Arizona Challenge Process Portal is now open at <https://az.broadbandnavigator.com/map?zoom=7&center=-12460707%2C4061995> with challenge submissions due by May 14, 2024.

08:13:52 From Mark Goldstein to Everyone: PJ Way has started some dialog regarding RDOF's lower broadband speed requirements and defaults with their implications for BEAD location availabilities for new funding. See his post at <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7174657405916442624/>

FYI. Can/should AZBSN &/or ATIC broker some dialogue with the State Broadband Office?

08:16:12 From Mark Goldstein to Everyone: Related article at <https://www.fiercetelecom.com/broadband/rdof-defaulters-hinder-state-bead-programs> FYI.

08:19:10 From Kelly Krusee to Everyone: State Broadband Office Hours link to book: Challenge Process Office Hours ([google.com](https://www.google.com))

08:19:35 From John Kelly to Everyone: Good morning. I can't stay on for long but wanted to make sure everyone was alert to HB 2471, a strike everything amendment to be heard in Senate Government today. The amendment proposes to wind down the Arizona Commerce Authority and transfer the State Broadband Office to the AZ Dept of Administration.  
<https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/56leg/2R/proposed/S.2471HOFFMAN2.DOCX.htm>

08:19:41 From Erin Lorandos to Everyone: Reacted to "State Broadband Offi..." with 👍

08:19:54 From Rory Conaway to Everyone: Reacted to "Good morning. I can..." with 👍

08:20:10 From Erin Lorandos to Everyone: All Challenge Process info here:  
<https://www.azcommerce.com/broadband/arizona-broadband-equity-access-deployment-program/the-challenge-process/>

And see Kelly's link direct to Office Hours!

08:20:24 From Kelly Krusee to Everyone: Reacted to "All Challenge Proces..." with 👍

08:23:34 From Ilana Lowery to Everyone: Before people need to jump, just wanted to remind people about the ASU Arizona Smart Region Summit next week. Here's the info.  
[https://tech.asu.edu/events/2024-smart-region-summit?utm\\_campaign=ASU\\_UTO\\_3.19.24+SRS+-+Know+Before+You+Go+-+Registrants\\_6843362&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=ASU\\_UTO\\_SFMCE&utm\\_term=ASU&utm\\_content=asu+link&ecd42=518002183&ecd73=246191432](https://tech.asu.edu/events/2024-smart-region-summit?utm_campaign=ASU_UTO_3.19.24+SRS+-+Know+Before+You+Go+-+Registrants_6843362&utm_medium=email&utm_source=ASU_UTO_SFMCE&utm_term=ASU&utm_content=asu+link&ecd42=518002183&ecd73=246191432)

08:26:35 From Erin Lorandos to Everyone: Thank you all, as always - happy to connect offline. I need to go to another meeting. ErinL@azcommerce.com

08:27:01 From Kelly Krusee to Everyone: Thanks everyone, great to be back! See you next week.

08:27:40 From Mark Goldstein to Everyone: An American Association for

Public Broadband (AAPB) handbook published by the Benton Institute for

Broadband & Society "Own Your Internet: How to Build a Public Broadband Network" is discussed & available for download at <https://www.benton.org/publications/public-broadband-handbook> FYI.

08:30:45 From Ilana Lowery to Steve Peters(direct message): That was my report Steve

08:31:19 From Ilana Lowery to Steve Peters(direct message): ACP funding runs out in 40 days

Communications Daily is reporting today that additional funding for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is not included in the FY 2024 appropriations "minibus" package that Congress will take up later this week to keep the government open. The White House and Capitol Hill leaders apparently reached an agreement on FY 2024 funding for the FCC and other government agencies last weekend and Monday.

Rip and replace money is not expected to be in the package either. ("Rip and replace" is for untrusted IT equipment from communications service providers' networks. Facing a \$3B shortfall)

08:34:00 From Mark Goldstein to Everyone: Reacted to "State Broadband Offi..." with 👍

08:34:26 From Mark Goldstein to Everyone: ISACA will hold their  
North American Conference 2024 for IS/IT professionals in Phoenix (or online)

on May 8-10. Details & registration at <https://www.isaca.org/training-and-events/conferences/isaca-2024-north-america-conference> FYI.

08:37:37 From Heather Floyd to Everyone: TOUA statistics on telephone vs. broadband is interesting. Most ISPs have more broadband subscribers than phones.

08:39:16 From Brian Daly to Everyone: Sorry for the background noise. I thought I was muted.

08:39:17 From Ilana Lowery to Everyone: Here's the info on ACP funding Mala mentioned: ACP funding runs out in 40 days

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08:40:18 From Mala Muralidharan to Everyone: Thank you Illana!

08:44:06 From Mark Goldstein to Everyone: 2.5 GHz is Education Broadband Service (EBS) spectrum to which tribal entities have had opportunity to lock in for their use.

08:44:42 From Tamara Rosenberg to Everyone: I need to jump off! Thank you everyone for the information.

08:48:29 From Holly Henley to Steve Peters(direct message): Sorry, I have another meeting. Mala and Megan will be sharing the State Library news.

08:57:47 From Megan Hammond to Everyone: I need to jump into another meeting. Thanks!

08:58:11 From Ilana Lowery to Everyone: I am sure Drew would do that, @Mala Muralidharan

09:02:41 From Mala Muralidharan to Everyone: Benton Institute Report:  
<https://www.benton.org/blog/how-build-public-broadband-network>

09:03:03 From Mala Muralidharan to Everyone: Of Course Illana.... Drew is there now!

09:04:51 From Mala Muralidharan to Everyone: FCC's 706 Report:  
<https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-increases-broadband-speed-benchmark-0>

09:06:15 From Mark Goldstein to Everyone: The Arizona Regional Economic Development Foundation (AREDF) is hosting a State of Broadband in Arizona in-person meeting on March 25th, 2024 from 11-1pm at the Flinn Foundation in Phoenix. Details will be available shortly at <https://www.aredf.org/>.