

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT REP. GREG VANWOERKOM CHAIR

## **COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

10:30 AM

Room 307, House Office Building

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government was called to order by Chair VanWoerkom.

The Chair requested the clerk to read a letter from the speak of the house removing Representative Fink and assigning Representative Marino to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. VanWoerkom, Bollin, Allor, Marino, Lightner, Maddock, Sabo, Tate,

O'Neal.

Absent: None. Excused: None.

Representative VanWoerkom recognized Todd Cook, Director of Legislative Affairs for the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity, and Eric Frederick, Vice President of Community Affairs for Connect Michigan, who presented on the services Connect Michigan provides for the state.

Representative VanWoerkom recognized Matt Groen, Executive Director of the Michigan Cable Telecommunications Association, who presented on the role of cable companies in providing broadband services and the various public funding opportunities available for broadband expansion.

Representative VanWoerkom recognized Gavin Goetz, Executive Director of External and Legislative Affairs at AT&T, and David Lewis, President of AT&T Michigan, who presented on AT&T's efforts to address the digital divide, and the benefits of the Broadband Expansion Act of Michigan.

Todd Cook and Eric Frederick returned to answer members' questions.

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Representative O'Neal moved to adopt the meeting minutes from November 9, 2021. There being no objections, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, Chair VanWoerkom adjourned the meeting at 11:56 AM.

Representative Greg VanWoerkom, Chair

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