



Albemarle County

Legislation Text

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AGENDA DATE: 12/4/2019

TITLE:

Modification of the Composition of the Albemarle Broadband Authority Board of Directors

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Approval of expanded and updated list of County staff eligible to serve on the Albemarle Broadband Authority Board of Directors

ITEM TYPE: Consent Action Item

STAFF CONTACT(S): Richardson, Henry, Kamptner, DeLoria, Fritz, Culp

PRESENTER (S): N/A

LEGAL REVIEW: Yes

REVIEWED BY: Jeffrey B. Richardson

BACKGROUND: The Albemarle Broadband Authority (ABBA) Board of Directors recently appointed the County's IT Director, as its Chief Administrative Officer. Because he also serves as an ABBA Director, when he presents ABBA-related matters to the Board of Supervisors, the Board meeting also constitutes an ABBA meeting pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (the composition of the ABBA Board of Directors includes two Board of Supervisors members). This scenario legally requires advance public notice and adherence to joint meeting protocols despite there not actually being a joint meeting held. To eliminate the potential for confusion, the ABBA Board of Directors has determined that the wisest course of action is to modify the composition of its board (Attachment A). The ABBA Board of Directors proposes to have the newly appointed Chief Administrative Officer resign his ABBA directorship and to appoint in his stead, the Assistant County Executive. The modification to the composition of the board would also include, due to staffing changes, the appointment of a Community Development Department (CDD) designee.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Infrastructure Investment: Prioritize, plan and invest in critical infrastructure that responds to past and future changes and improves the capacity to serve community needs. Educational Opportunities: Provide lifelong learning opportunities for all our citizens. Quality Government Operations: Ensure County government's ability to provide high quality service that achieves community priorities.

DISCUSSION: The original ABBA Board of Directors Resolution designating eligible staff for directorship does not include the Assistant County Executive position. The ABBA Board of Directors decided to take the opportunity to further adjust and update the list of County staff who are eligible to serve on the ABBA Board of Directors.

If the Board adopts the attached Resolution (Attachment A), staff will return to the Board on January 8, 2020 to request that the Board appoint the Assistant County Executive, Trevor Henry, to complete the IT Director's (Mike Culp) term and reappoint or reaffirm William Fritz as the CDD designee.

BUDGET IMPACT: None

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached Resolution (Attachment A).

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Resolution