



## UC2B Policy Board Minutes

Regular Meeting  
April 20, 2011

Location:  
City of Champaign Council Chambers  
102 N. Neil, Champaign, Illinois

Committee Members Present: Abdul Alkalimat, Rev. Zernial Bogan, Brandon Bowersox, Mike DeLorenzo, Deborah Frank Feinen, Fred Halenar, Minor Jackson, Pete Resnick and Richard Schnuer

Committee Members Absent: none

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by Committee Chair Feinen.

Committee Chair Feinen said that she wished to have a more structured meeting plan, reminding everyone that audience comments will be limited to five minutes in length per person prior to each agenda item.

**Approve Agenda:** Committee Member DeLorenzo, seconded by Committee Member Alkalimat moved to approve the agenda. Motion was passed by voice vote.

**Approve Minutes:** Committee Member Jackson, seconded by Committee Member Bogan, moved to approve the minutes of the April 6th meeting with the following corrections: Pete Resnick and Minor Jackson were absent. Bill Gray appeared as proxy for Pete Resnick and the word “ensured” on page two should actually be “ensued”. The motion was passed by voice vote.

Action Items:

**A. Grant Required Approvals:** None

**B. Approvals of Items Forwarded from the Technical Committee and its Subcommittees:** None

**C. Amendments Proposed to By-Laws:** No action taken.

Discussion Items:

**A. Subcommittee report regarding minority and local workforce issues – discussion of community benefits language:** No audience comment. Committee Member Alkalimat passed out copies of the proposed resolution #2 on Community Benefit (attachment). Committee Member Alkalimat moved to accept items one through four as

written and take up items 5 & 6 separately. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Bogan. After minor committee comments, items 1-4 were passed by voice vote.

Committee Member Alkalimat, seconded by Committee Member Bogan, moved to accept Item #5 as written. . Committee members discussed possible changes to the document. Committee Member Schnuer stated that he would not vote for the item as currently written, stating that it is important to have a diverse Advisory Committee but not be restricted by gender. Committee Member Resnick asked who will appoint the Advisory Committee members, and Committee Member Alkalimat stated that the Policy Committee would do that. Committee Member Resnick suggested a friendly amendment to the motion, adding the words “By the policy committee” after the words “two co-chairs” in section 5. Committee Member Alkalimat agreed and explained why he had proposed the language regarding gender of the co-chairs. Further committee discussion of this matter ensued. Committee Member Halenar made a friendly amendment suggestion to drop the word “social” from the paragraph. Committee Member Alkalimat agreed. Committee Chair Feinen suggested voting on the proposal as is to avoid a lengthy wordsmithing session. The committee voted and the motion failed 3-4 (nay votes: Schnuer, Resnick; DeLorenzo, Halenar);

Committee member Pete Resnick moved to send the section back to the committee to develop revised language including a strong statement in support of a diverse Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Schnuer and passed by voice vote.

Committee Member Alkalimat, seconded by Committee Member Bogan, moved to accept Item #6 as written. Committee member Schnuer suggested deleting the words “non-governmental.” Committee discussed in length the different agencies that would be possible partners for the community, Committee Chair Feinen asked for a voice vote. Motion passed 4-3 (nay votes: Schnuer; DeLorenzo; Halenar)

**B. Discussion of pursuing a change order for ring design in order to include a production class facility:** Committee Member Schnuer informed the committee of discussions he has held with Committee Member Halenar, and that he would introduce a specific motion at a future meeting.

**C. Update on Lead Agency negotiations and status update:** Committee Member Schnuer gave an update on discussions regarding the lead agency role. He noted that the Committee currently operates under the Lead Agency model, which has been used for METCAD for 30 years. The Intergovernmental Agreement that established UC2B calls for the Policy Board to appoint a lead agency, but it has not done that. Currently the University is acting as the de facto lead agency. The three UC2B partner entities have agreed that the Lead Agency role should be clarified and changed somewhat as we move from construction into operations, with one of the cities serving as Lead Agency for operations. Committee members spoke in favor of full discussion of this matter by the Policy Board in the near future.

**D. Discussion on OSS/BSS Specifications:** Committee Member Halenar discussed the specifications regarding software needs for UC2B. He presented the committee with the

specifications as well as a cover sheet outlining three possible methods for implementing them. Community member Connie Dillard-Myers asked the Committee to keep in mind why the grant was given, to stimulate jobs in the underserved areas. The Committee discussed the possible ramifications of the different methods for purchasing software and equipment either together or separately. Mike Vrem from Champaign Telephone said that the GIS platform or GAD system is integrated with the City of Champaign's current GIS program and would be valuable from that aspect. Committee Member Bowersox made a motion to purchase the asset tracking software for use in Method 1 or 3. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Schnuer. Committee Member Halenar stated that the Technical Committee did not recommend one software solution over another because no one system was designed well enough to do everything. Committee Chair Feinen called for a voice vote. The Committee unanimously passed, by voice vote, purchasing the asset tracking software and putting the item on the agenda for the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**E. Discussion of Timeline** –Committee Member Alkalimat asked about the survey of designated census blocks, saying that it needs to start soon. Discussion will be placed on the May 4<sup>th</sup> agenda.

**F. Technology Committee Report** – no action.

**G. Organizational Structure/Lead Agency Designation** – no action.

**H. Mike Smeltzer update on NTIA bi-Weekly phone conference** – no action.

**I. Gabe Jaja, GM – Human Capital Development, LLC:** Mr. Jaja gave a presentation demonstrating his company's software package, which helps find and track minority-owned firms to ensure compliance with MAFBE guidelines. His program provides Good Faith Effort Documentation as well as Workforce documentation and a Workforce Analysis Report.

**Adjournment:** Committee Chair Feinen Adjourned the meeting at 1:43 p.m. The Next meeting will be May 4, 2011 from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m., Council Chambers, 102 N. Neil Street, Champaign, IL 61820

## **Proposed resolution #2 on Community Benefit**

This purpose of this resolution is to clarify the resolution passed at the Policy Committee meeting on April 6th regarding a commitment to overcoming the digital divide and setting up a community benefit fund for that purpose.

### ***Resolution Stating A Policy To Achieve Digital Equality in the UC2B Service Area***

1. The Policy Committee hereby establishes a goal to achieve digital equality for all people in the UC2B service area, and adopts the following objectives to achieve the goal.
2. The Policy Committee will issue an annual public report on the digital divide in the UC2B service area (the area of the seven rings including all of Urbana, Champaign, and Savoy).
3. The Policy Committee will convene an annual meeting of anchor social institutions to discuss the above report and set general goals for overcoming the digital divide. This meeting will be open to the public, and be scheduled as a regular meeting of all UC2B committees.
4. The Policy Committee sets a goal to allocate ~~5%~~ 5% of its annual revenue and no less than 2% to a community benefit fund as a line item in the budget. Money from this fund will be dedicated to overcoming the digital divide, according to the general goals as above and the process as below.
5. Prior to the operational phase of UC2B, the Policy Committee will appoint an Advisory Committee for Digital Equality to help it achieve the goals as above. There will be at least 7 committee members, including at least one member of the Policy Committee. Committee members will be chosen from the anchor social institutions which serve the underserved population of the UC2B service area. Among the advisory committee members will be appointed two co-chairs, preferably one male and one female. All other committee roles will be decided upon by the Advisory Committee.
6. The Advisory Committee for Digital Equality will propose a plan, including competitive grant awards from the community benefit fund to non-governmental agencies, to implement the general goals as above. If there is no available money in any given year, no grants will be made. The Advisory Committee will forward to the Policy Committee its recommendations for spending the community benefit fund, and the Policy Committee will make the final decision.