



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Dane County Broadband Task Force

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Wednesday, February 4, 2026

9:00 AM This is a Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at City-County  
Building, Room 354, 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd;  
Attend virtually via Zoom.

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See below for additional instructions on how to attend the meeting and provide public  
testimony.

#### A. Call To Order

Others present: Jaron McCallum, Josh Schroeder, Mark Leonard (PSC)

**Present** 7 - RENEE LAUBER, BOB WIPPERFURTH, Chair JEFF GLAZER, DON POSTLER,  
JOHN VAN OUYEN, ADAM RASCHKA, and TODD VIOLANTE

**Excused** 2 - SARAH EDGERTON, and RANDY UDELL

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2025](#)  
[MIN-535](#)

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 3, 2025 DANE COUNTY BROADBAND TASK  
FORCE MEETING

**Attachments:** [2025 MIN-535](#)

A motion was made by POSTLER that the Minutes be approved. The motion  
carried by a voice vote.

#### C. Action Items

#### D. Presentations

#### E. Reports to Committee

### 1. Broadband Infrastructure Expansion Updates

UpNet provided Jaron with its Q4 2025 update to the fiber expansion project using ARPA funds. Currently the project is roughly 65% complete with an end date scheduled for November of this year. UpNet hopes to start service in completed areas next month.

Broadband Equity Access and Development (BEAD) funding received federal approval from the National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA). National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) approval still required before the grant agreement process with ISPs can begin.

Between \$300 million to \$400 million of non-deployment funds available in Wisconsin from BEAD that can hopefully be used for a variety of things including; workforce, affordability, education, device availability, AI related training/preparation. Listening session scheduled with the Assistant Secretary for the week of February 9th to discuss the use of the funds.

### 2. Discussion regarding Task Force Direction, Priorities, Topics of Interest, Presentations, etc. for 2026

Discussed ensued with members discussing the need for the Task Force especially with deployment for several programs anticipated to break ground over the next few years. Also, the possibility of expanding the scope to include other methods including satellite and wireless.

Discussion ensued about reducing the number of Broadband Task Force meetings. Task Force discussed bringing back Bertram Communication and other ISPs to give updates on projects or the discussion of funding. Creation of Broadband Task Force annual report discussed with the possibility of providing the report to various local municipalities.

### F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next Dane County Broadband Task Force Meeting will take place on April 8th, 2026 at 9am in a hybrid format.

### G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

### H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

### I. Adjourn

**A motion was made by POSTLER that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Josh Schroeder, pending Task Force approval