



**EXECUTIVE ORDER 10-08**

**WHEREAS**, all Kansas citizens, businesses, and communities benefit from statewide availability and adoption of broadband services to improve quality of life, support community and economic development, enhance education, improve access to health care and increased effectiveness of government; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Kansas seeks to encourage and support strategic partnerships in the public, private and non-profit sectors for the continued improvement in availability and adoption of quality broadband services for Kansas residents and businesses, so that all residents are able to obtain and utilize broadband fully, regardless of location, economic status, literacy level, age, disability, size of business or business entity structure; and

**WHEREAS**, a Kansas Broadband Advisory Task Force will be asked to develop recommendations for implementing a strategy to support universal statewide availability and adoption of broadband services to position Kansas with a competitive advantage through a robust and growing digital economy and to coordinate input from key stakeholders in the public and private sectors in furtherance of economic growth and commerce in Kansas; and

**WHEREAS**, benchmarked goals and metrics for achieving statewide universal broadband availability and adoption must be established to include the percent of Kansas residents with available broadband service as defined in the 2010 National Broadband Plan, statewide adoption rates, and county level adoption rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kansas Department of Commerce shall be tasked with supporting the task force because of the vital importance of broadband services to economic development, Tele-Health and Tele-Medicine, E-government and education in the state of Kansas;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor of the state of Kansas, I hereby establish the Kansas Broadband Advisory Task Force with the following purposes and charges:

1. To develop recommendations for development and implementation of a broadband digital strategy to support statewide availability and adoption of broadband services consistent with the 2010 National Broadband Plan.
2. To coordinate key stakeholders input from both the public and private sectors to assist in broadband planning and implementation efforts and in a technology-neutral manner.

3. To establish performance goals and metrics, and the impact on achieving statewide universal availability and adoption of broadband services with greatest attention to un-served and under-served communities.
4. Advise the Governor and the Kansas Legislature on statutory, regulatory, and policy changes necessary to support making affordable, quality broadband service available to every Kansas home and business and encourage its adoption and to provide feedback to federal agencies engaged in national broadband policy and funding efforts as they relate to Kansas.
5. Identify opportunities to leverage public/private partnerships in funding broadband sustainability and infrastructure.
6. Identify opportunities to foster economic development and technology innovation through partnerships between public, private and non-profit sectors.
7. This task force shall report annually to the Governor and the Secretary of Commerce.
8. The task force shall be composed of:
  - a. One member to represent rural agricultural and business development.
  - b. One member to represent the counties of this state.
  - c. One member to represent the cities of this state.
  - d. One member to represent public safety.
  - e. Three members to represent telecommunications service providers and Internet service providers operating in this state. One member would represent rural telecommunications consortia; the other two members should each represent different broadband technology platforms.
  - f. Two members to represent Kansas digital divide and underrepresented interests.
  - g. Two members to represent economic business development.
  - h. One member to represent education.
  - i. One member to represent health care industry.
  - j. One member to represent government's electronic interface with the public.
  - k. One member to represent library and public access.
  - l. One member to represent regulatory affairs.
  - m. One member to represent digital inclusion of citizens with disabilities.
  - n. One member to represent inter-agency government technology integration.
  - o. Both the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Commerce as ex officio, non-voting members.

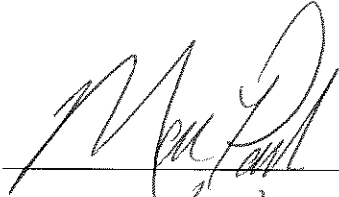
- p. Four members of the legislature, one appointed by the Speaker of the House, one appointed by the President of the Senate, one appointed by the Minority Leader of the House, and one appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate, as ex officio, non-voting members.
9. The initial term of office for members described in paragraph 8.a. through 8.d. above shall be two years. The initial terms of office for the three members described in paragraph 8.e. shall be two years, three years and four years respectively, as designated upon appointment. The initial terms of office for the two members described in paragraph 8.f. shall be two years and three years respectively, as designated upon appointment. The initial terms of office for the two members described in paragraph 8.g. shall be two years and three years respectively, as designated upon appointment. The initial terms of office for members described in paragraph 8.h. through 8.k. above shall be three years, and for members described in paragraph 8.l. through 8.n. shall be four years. A voting member is eligible for reappointment. All subsequent appointments and reappointments for voting members shall be to four year terms. If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall make an appointment to become immediately effective for the unexpired term.
10. The legislative members shall serve two-year terms and are eligible for reappointment. Legislative appointments are made by the House and Senate leadership, with each of the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the House, and the Minority Leader of the Senate each controlling one appointment.
11. Members of the Task Force are not entitled to compensation, but may be paid expenses if funding is available.
12. The Task Force shall select one of its voting members as chairperson and another voting member as vice chairperson, for such terms and with duties and powers necessary for the performance of the functions of such offices as the Task Force determines. The Governor shall appoint the chairperson and vice chairperson for only the first year of the Task Force. The Task Force shall elect its own chairperson and vice chairperson after the first year.
13. A majority of the voting members of the Task Force constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

14. Official action by the Task Force requires the approval of a majority of the voting members.
15. The Task Force may recommend legislation, which must be prepared in time for pre-session filing at the next regular session of the Legislature.
16. The Department of Commerce shall provide oversight and may provide staff or facilities to the Task Force.
17. The Kansas Department of Administration, the Department of Agriculture, Department of Education and the Board of Regents may provide staff or facilities to the Task Force.
18. All agencies of state government are directed to assist the Task Force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the Task Force consider necessary to perform their duties.

This document shall be filed with the Secretary of State as Executive Order 10-08 and shall become effective immediately.

THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

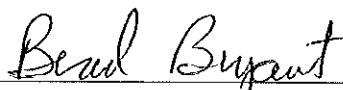
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Secretary of State

  
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