

Board Members' Questions and Staff Responses for 4-22-21 Boardbook materials
 Report about Joint Powers Agreement

Question	Response
<p>1. Is this a new JPA for One91 to join, or if it is being amended</p> <p>2. How long has this JPA been in existence?</p> <p>2. Section II Governance: - Section II, Item 9: Who is the fiscal agent?</p> <p>3. Would there be a time in which an emergency situation could impact the work of this group? There is no language covering board meetings and actions in case of emergency.</p> <p>4. Section III, 4: In the best interests of all involved, I would like to suggest that the JPA clearly defines the minimum time frame in which agenda and meeting materials are available for board review. "Loose" language opens the door to unnecessary confusion and lack of transparency. Consistency in the posting of an agenda ensures consistent access and transparency to said agenda and to proposed action items. We don't want our representative surprised by the agenda or by changes to it.</p> <p>5. Section III: "... Robert's Rules..." - Which version of Robert's Rules? This is typically clearly defined, as there are many different versions.</p> <p>- Of concern as well is that Roberts Rule is considered a matter of convenience. Do we know if it is generally standard practice for this board to follow Roberts Rules, or does it generally not follow Roberts Rules? Matters of voting and amendments to a recommendation would be of concern if Robert's Rules are operationally, a matter of convenience for the JPA board.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The recommendation is to join the West Metro Fiber JPA which would be new for us. Currently we are receiving telecommunications aid through Sourcewell. After July 1, Sourcewell is discontinuing their ISP internet services so we will be switching to a new ISP provider that does not qualify for telecommunications aid reimbursement. In order to be eligible for the aid in 2021-2022, we need to have a new JPA in place before 7/1/21. Start date was June 2017. This is a new agreement to us. Others in the group started the JPA after leaving TIES. 2. Hopkins Public Schools. This group does not expect to have any shared assets. Rather it is a means to accomplish the required telecommunications aid process. 3. There are regular board meetings. There is no emergency language but the board would meet virtually as needed. 4. Board meeting minutes for the JPA are taken and are on file. Unfortunately, the language of the JPA has been established by the existing group. We do not have the ability to modify the language individually. 5. Unknown. 6. The purpose of the JPA is to establish a Telcom cluster for the purposes of establishing pricing for fiber and internet. No district is contractually obligated to use this pricing and or vendors. Although purchasing is an option for us through the JPA, the benefit for us to join is that we would continue to qualify for MN Telecommunications Aid. For 2019-2020 that was approximately \$21,000 for ISD191. The telecom cluster does not have expenses and no longer has a bank account. There are no fees from the telecom cluster. Some districts have contracted support to pull together documentation for equity aid filing 7. There are no additional Bylaws beyond the JPA document. 8. Yes.

<p>6. In terms of financial oversight, what is the scope of responsibility for this proposed JPA? I would like to understand if the board is simply making purchasing decisions which govern fiber, and the JPA is the means by which these purchases may be made.</p> <p>- Or, are there bank accounts for the JPA that we need to be aware of? If yes, I imagine that meeting agendas include monthly reports on financials, accounting, etc.</p> <p>7. Section IV - Are there additional Bylaws? If yes, I would like to be able to review.</p> <p>8. I am assuming you (Rachel Gorton) would be the recommended rep for One91.</p>	
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Amendment to FY21 Revised Budget

<p>1. There is a difference of \$536,494 between the projected increase in general fund balance (\$1,157,294) and total reductions in 2021 Revised Budget by BU (\$1,693,788). How are we accounting for this \$536,494 difference</p>	<p>1. The January Revised Budget showed a deficit (expenditures exceeding revenues) \$536,494 as the amount). The adjustment of \$1,693,788 less expenditures results in a net variance that is positive (revenues exceeding expenditures) by \$1,157,294.</p>
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