



# BROADBAND OFFICE

## Broadband Advisory Council

August 21, 2024  
SC Office of Regulatory Staff  
At the Fairfield County Council on Aging  
210 E Washington St, Winnsboro, SC 29180

In-Person Meeting  
2:00P.M. - 4:00P.M.

### AGENDA Minutes

#### I. Welcome

Tom Allen, Chair

Tom Allen welcomed everyone, discussed the evacuation plan in case of emergency, and gave an overview of all print material and read ahead materials. The next meeting is tentatively set for the third week in October and is planned to be hosted in the Orangeburg area.

#### Introductions

All attendees shared name, birthplace, where they currently live, what they do professionally, and a digital impact story.

#### II. Digital Evolutions for Seniors and Senior Serving Organizations

Angi Connor, FCCOA

Angi Connor shared information about Fairfield County Council on Aging, Councils on Aging in every county, and challenges that can be faced in rural areas with senior communities.

#### III. What Is The Internet?

Mike, Herzberger, ORS

Mike Herzberger presented on the basics on internet and digital access.

#### IV. Workshops:

Mary Dell Hayes, ORS

Mini-grants, Apprenticeships, Secure SC, Digital Navigator, Device Recycling

Small group discussions on one of the above topics. Worksheets are included below.

#### V. Action Items

Worksheets are included below for each of the small group topics. Please think through each one to be prepared for the next meeting. We will continue our discussion at the next meeting, in October.

Please contact Tom Allen ([tallen@ors.sc.gov](mailto:tallen@ors.sc.gov)) or Cami Aull ([caull@ors.sc.gov](mailto:caull@ors.sc.gov)) with questions.



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### Minigrants:

- Funds allocated to each SC County
- Small awards (\$10,000) will be made and renewed continually throughout the project period
- Intended to support grassroots efforts to achieve goals of digital equity plan

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### Apprenticeships:

- Job creation program for corporate, nonprofit, and government entities
- For “broadband related” new full time positions
- Cannot require recipients to undergo additional training/education

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### Digital Navigator:

- Can be hosted by nonprofits, for profits, or government entities
- Teach people how to use tech, navigate medical/banking/jobs online
- Navigators can be volunteers or paid employees

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**SecureSC:**

- Cybersecurity awareness month in October
- Statewide marketing campaign
- Sponsorships for orgs to host events
- SecureSC website with digital literacy resources

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### Device Recycling:

- Low or no cost devices available for ownership
- Where do the devices come from?
- Where do the devices go (to who)?
- How are they distributed?

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