



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL
INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY

Thursday, June 4, 2026 • 9:00 a.m.

LA-RICS Headquarters
2525 Corporate Pl., Suite 200,
Large Conference Room
Monterey Park, CA 91754

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Tadeo, Director, EMS Agency County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services

Michael Alegria, Fire Chief, Los Angeles Area Fire Chief's Association

Scott Wiese, Police Chief, (Monterey Park), Los Angeles County Police Chief's Association

Joshua Nelson, City Manager (City of Industry) California Contract Cities Association

Ric Walczak, Police Chief, At-Large Seat #3 (City of Covina Police Department)

Brandon Coatney, Deputy Fire Chief, At-Large Seat #4, (City of La Verne Fire Department)

ALTERNATES FOR BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Leslie Luke, Deputy Director, Office of Emergency Management, County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office

Nicholas Berkuta, Acting Deputy Fire Chief, County of Los Angeles Area Fire Department

Marshall Yelverton, Captain, County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department

Cardell Hurt, Captain, At-Large Seat #2 (City of Inglewood Police Department)

OFFICERS PRESENT

Scott Edson, LA-RICS Executive Director

Laura Vasquez, LA-RICS Board Secretary



NOTE: ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY ITEM IDENTIFIED ON THE AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

Alternate Board Chair Nicholas Berkuta called the Regular meeting of the Board to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. ANNOUNCE QUORUM – ROLL CALL

LA-RICS Project Team Member Marissa Bosque took roll call and acknowledged a quorum was present.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (A)

A. May 7, 2026 – Regular Minutes

Agenda Item A

Alternate Board Chair Berkuta asked the Board if there were any questions to the attached Regular meeting minutes for May 7, 2026; hearing none, he called for a motion to approve.

Board Member Ric Walczak motioned first, seconded by Board Member Scott Wiese.

Ayes (10): Tadeo, Alegria, Wiese, Nelson, Walczak, Coatney, Luke, Berkuta, Yelverton, and Hurt.

MOTION APPROVED.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no consent items on the Regular Meeting Agenda.



VI. REPORTS (B - D)

B. Director's Report – Scott Edson

Executive Director Edson greeted the Board and reported that during the month of May, most of LA-RICS' efforts were focused on annual preventive maintenance across the network's critical infrastructure, and this work included servicing generators, performing fuel polishing at selected sites, maintaining DC power systems, inspecting fire suppression systems, servicing HVAC equipment, and conducting routine maintenance on RF systems. Executive Director Edson, further reported that LA-RICS also completed the core system's quarterly software updates and mentioned that these updates, originally scheduled for June, were moved to May to reduce the risk of any service interruptions during World Cup operations.

Executive Director Edson shared that progress on permanent power projects continued, although at a slower pace than anticipated, and just this week, trenching work was completed at site Green Mountain (GRM), which was a positive step forward. Executive Director Edson further shared that at site Burnt Peak (BUR1), however, Southern California Edison (SCE) continued to provide conflicting information regarding United States Forest Service approval, creating delays in moving the project ahead.

Executive Director Edson stated that at site Whitaker Middle Peak (WMP), road repair work was expected to begin in April but was postponed following the tragic loss of a member of the County of Los Angeles (County) Department of Public Works team, and as a result, County Internal Services Department (ISD) was evaluating alternative approaches and potential contractors to complete the work and restore reliable site access.

Executive Director Edson reported that, with the World Cup less than ten (10) days away, LA-RICS was heavily involved in frequency coordination and interference mitigation efforts and was working closely with County ISD, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), and other stakeholders to ensure a reliable communications environment throughout the event. Executive Director Edson further reported that LA-RICS would actively monitor the radio spectrum around SoFi Stadium to quickly identify and address any unauthorized RF transmissions that could interfere with the LA-RICS public safety radio system.



Executive Director Edson stated that next week, Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), would host a simulation match involving Major League Soccer youth teams to provide a realistic operational test for broadcasters, venue operators, and public safety agencies; the exercise would help identify any frequency conflicts that need to be resolved before the tournament begins. Executive Director Edson further stated that the exercise would help identify any frequency conflicts that would need to be resolved before the tournament begins. Executive Director Edson went on to say that public safety agencies were also asked to participate by testing operational radio communications, allowing LA-RICS to identify any necessary radio programming changes, system configurations, or coverage adjustments.

Executive Director Edson shared that this pre-event exercise would also service as a valuable opportunity for technicians responsible for locating and mitigating interference in a live operating environment. Executive Director Edson further shared that this event would allow LA-RICS to validate and refine the RF Deconfliction Playbook under realistic conditions, and it was LA-RICS' objective to ensure that any interference, whether accidental or intentional, could be rapidly detected, investigated, and resolved; this would minimize operational impacts during the World Cup activities. Executive Director Edson mentioned that Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez would share more regarding FIFA in his Outreach report.

Regarding the Budget, Executive Director Edson reported that the Finance Committee met on May 28th and unanimously voted to recommend the enclosed Budget that was presented to the Board for adoption under Agenda Item G; Finance Committee Chair Brian Hoffman would provide additional details under his Finance Committee Chair Report, and Executive Director Edson would address any questions the Board would have regarding the Budget. Executive Director Edson mentioned there was one new line item included in the Recommended Budget which was the Capital Replacement Annual Reserve line; this line took projected revenue from the prior fiscal year (FY 2025-26), placed un-expended revenue from subscriber fees, and placed it in an interest-bearing account for LA-RICS' upcoming replacement / system refresh costs; this would ensure that subscribers maintained a steady subscription rate while, in parallel, planned for upcoming system refresh costs.

Executive Director Edson stated that as the fiscal year closed, LA-RICS may return to the Board with a Budget adjustment to allocate any total remaining revenue to this line item.



Regarding Grants, Executive Director Edson reported that LA-RICS completed the spending of the UASI 2023 Grant, which included the augmentation of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000), and with all of the claims submitted to this grant, the Mayor's office informed LA-RICS that they anticipated receipt of funds from the State and should reimburse LA-RICS for three million dollars (\$3,000,000) in expenditures by the end of this month.

Regarding the 2024 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP), the County Chief Executive Officer's office informed LA-RICS that once they received approval on a regional modification that they submitted as grant administrators of SHSGP, then they would process the payment for LA-RICS' expenditures of one million one hundred thousand dollars (\$1,100,000). Executive Director Edson expressed that he hoped to confirm to the Board that all grant expenditures LA-RICS submitted claims for, including the 2023 Urban Area Securities Initiative (UASI) and 2024 SHSGP 2024, were fully reimbursed prior to the close of the fiscal year.

Regarding Contracts, Executive Director Edson reported that under Agenda Item H was Amendment No. 136 to LA-RICS Agreement 007 with Motorola Solutions, Incorporated (MSI), and this Amendment was for two (2) Change Orders: for damage caused at site Hauser Peak (HPK), and the other was for a damaged antenna at site Mount Lukens (MTL2), for a net increase in the Contract Sum of nine thousand eight hundred and fifty-one dollars (\$9,851).

Executive Director Edson shared that Agenda Item I requested the Board's delegated authority to execute Amendments to LA-RICS User Agreements to allow for some modifications to the User Agreements which included that for all entities with twenty thousand or more devices on the network, the cost per device would be sixty-five dollars (\$65) and would include the use of the Narrowband Data Network (NMDN) and ESChat; for the lower tier subscription rate, which was twenty dollars (\$20) a month, ESChat could be added to their subscriber rates for only ten dollars (\$10) per device per month.

Executive Director Edson expressed that, as the Board was aware, several After-Action reports following the devastating wildfires in Los Angeles cited the failure of cellular infrastructure, leaving the public safety agencies without data services. Executive Director Edson said that in an effort to encourage all public safety agencies to use NMDN as a primary data network and use the cellular network as a backup, LA-RICS was recommending those subscribers using twenty thousand or more in devices on the LA-RICS network to utilize NMDN and pay sixty-five



dollars (\$65) flat rate versus the escalated eighty-five dollars (\$85) per device that was in place.

Executive Director Edson stated that, additionally, the Amendment would provide users who are paying sixty-five dollars (\$65) per device the use of ESChat on their devices for that per device subscription cost, and the Board's approval of this Amendment would allow for that adjustment, encourage use of NMDN by all public safety agencies and still provide sufficient revenue to offset all operations and maintenance expenditures.

Executive Director Edson further stated that, additionally, this Amendment contemplated conclusion of the one (1) year trial period of ESChat and provided a monthly rate for users who were paying twenty dollars (\$20) per device to continue to use ESChat; he would address these changes in greater detail under Agenda Item I.

This concluded the report on Agenda Item B by Executive Director Edson. There was no further discussion.

C. Joint Operations and Technical Committee Chair's Report – NONE

D. Finance Committee Chair's Report – Brian Hoffman

Finance Committee Chair Hoffman greeted the Board and reported that the Finance Committee meeting was held on May 28, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.; a quorum was met; Minutes from February 26, 2026, Finance Committee meeting was approved; there were no public comments or items on the Consent calendar.

Finance Committee Chair Hoffman shared that Executive Director Edson presented a report, the Executive Summary, in which he noted that subscribers and regional interoperability continued to grow for the upcoming World Cup. Finance Committee Chair Hoffman further shared that Executive Director Edson also noted that the subscriber rate for sixty-five dollars (\$65) for users greater than twenty thousand (20,000) included narrowband data. Finance Committee Chair Hoffman shared that the Executive Summary mentioned that After-Action Reports from the January 2025 wildfires indicated that the cellular infrastructure failed both in Pacific Palisades and in the County area.



Finance Committee Chair Hoffman shared that Executive Director Edson presented an Administrative Matter, which was for the Finance Committee to review and recommend approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Operating Budget, which was a balanced Budget of thirty million seven hundred and twelve thousand dollars (\$30,712,000) that would fund expenditures effective July 1, 2026, and fund the costs of the LA-RICS Authority. Finance Committee Chair Hoffman reported that all Finance Committee Members in attendance voted to recommend approval to the Board.

This concluded the report on Agenda Item D by Finance Committee Chair Hoffman. There was no further discussion.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (E – F)

E. Land Mobile Radio Network Operations Status and Issues

Technical Lead Pao stated that, as the Executive Director mentioned, a significant portion of LA-RICS' efforts was focused on completing the annual preventative maintenance program across the system infrastructure, and since the last report, LA-RICS has made substantial progress on all preventative maintenance activities. Technical Lead Pao reported that most of the work was well on track for completion in June, and the remaining RF activities would continue throughout the month and were expected to be completed by the end of July.

Technical Lead Pao further reported that LA-RICS was also working closely with County ISD to integrate portions of LA-RICS' system databases into Geographic Information System (GIS) GIS-based applications; this effort would provide technical staff with enhanced mapping and visualization tools to support day-to-day system operations and troubleshooting.

Technical Lead Pao shared that, as an example, when the Network Operations Center received a coverage-related complaint from field personnel, staff could quickly verify whether any sites serving that area was experiencing alarms or faults; if the infrastructure was operating normally, they could then access the appropriate voice or data coverage maps to determine whether the reported location fell within the expected service area and better assess the issue.



LA-RICS Information Technology (IT) Manager Justin Compito provided a demonstration of some of the GIS platform mapping integration efforts that were underway and highlighted how these tools would be supporting system operations moving forward. IT Manager Compito mentioned how more layers and functionality could be added to the map since it was on a GIS platform, and, as Technical Lead Pao mentioned, this was integrated with another database that was being developed by the County. IT Manager Compito further mentioned that LA-RICS would have the ability to filter their sites based on the frequency and could quickly and easily identify affected systems. IT Manager Compito went on to say that LA-RICS was looking at incorporating assets, enabling the platform to be visually based, and it would simplify pulling data for analytics and for reports.

Board Member Brandon Coatney asked if LA-RICS was plugged in with Nterra. IT Manager Compito replied that it was not connected to Nterra, but integration could be pursued. Member Brandon Coatney agreed to provide a contact for Nterra to discuss potential integration.

Board Member Walczak asked IT Manager Compito if there was a way to see actual coverage on the map since there was "bleed over" the County lines. IT Manager Compito said that the map being presented was the contractual coverage from the vendor as the network was deployed, therefore, the map being presented was based on the contract with the vendor and, when addressing coverage issues, it was important to be clear on whether an issue would be vendor supported remediation by the contract or an issue that would need to be investigated. IT Manager Compito noted that the vendor was contracted to provide coverage to the County line, understanding the coverage does indeed bleed over.

IT Manager Compito said that, unfortunately, there was no exact replica of real coverage. However, drive tests could be performed to gather data, and LA-RICS could explore obtaining potential coverage data based off County predictions with County ISD using their software.

Alternate Chair Berkuta expressed his gratitude to IT Manager Compito for his assistance, especially regarding coverage issues in the Antelope Valley. Alternate Chair Berkuta mentioned the GIS maps were helpful. IT Manager Compito emphasized the importance of using the same platform.

This concluded the update on Agenda Item E. There was no further discussion.



Executive Director Edson took this time to announce the retirement of Technical Lead Pao and presented him with the County retirement scroll issued by the County Board of Supervisors. Alternate Chair Berkuta, on behalf of the LA-RICS Board of Directors, congratulated Technical Lead Pao on his retirement and expressed his gratitude for the work he did for the County.

F. Outreach Update – Lt. Joseph F. Dominguez

Operations Lead Lieutenant Joseph F. Dominguez greeted Board members and referenced the detailed Outreach Summary document for the month of May included in the Agenda Packet for review and information.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez reported that throughout May 2026, Authority staff monitored system performance, responded to agency inquiries, coordinated facility access, and provided on-site escorts for scheduled inspections, emergency repairs, and routine maintenance activities; these efforts helped maintain uninterrupted service, regulatory compliance, and overall system reliability while supporting operational readiness throughout the region.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez said that during this reporting period, the Authority continued outreach and coordination efforts with agencies interested in joining LA-RICS as Subscriber or Affiliate members, including:

- Torrance Fire Department (Affiliate)
- City of Hidden Hills (Subscriber)
- Lynwood Unified School District Public Safety Department (Subscriber)
- City of La Habra Heights (Subscriber)
- City of Hawaiian Gardens (Subscriber)
- City of Artesia (Subscriber)
- City of Calabasas (Subscriber)
- City of La Cañada Flintridge (Subscriber)
- Pepperdine University (Subscriber)
- Amtrak Police Department (Affiliate)

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez stated these outreach efforts continued to support the expansion of regional interoperability and strengthen the public safety communications network throughout the region.



Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez further stated that as ESChat continued to expand across Subscriber agencies, additional agencies were being onboarded and actively utilizing the application; to date, four hundred eighty-four (484) ESChat provisional licenses were established and remained active among participating agencies. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez went on to say the Authority continued to receive positive feedback regarding ESChat's ability to support operational communications and integrate seamlessly into existing interoperability frameworks.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez shared that, at the request of the County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Taskforce for Regional Autotheft Prevention (TRAP), Authority staff conducted an in-service training on ESChat, which was well received. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez further shared that, more recently, LASD Major Crimes Bureau personnel reported successful utilization of the application during a surveillance operation that originated in Riverside County, extended through multiple jurisdictions, and concluded in Pomona, California. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez went on to say that ESChat performed without interruption throughout the incident and contributed to continuous communications and enhanced officer safety, and the continued expansion of ESChat reflected growing confidence in its reliability and operational value among participating agencies.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez reported that access to Whittaker Middle Peak (WMP) remained limited after storm damage washed out a portion of the access road, and as a result, the U.S. Forest Service developed a repair design through the Emergency Relief for Federally Owned Roads (ERFO) program, while County ISD implemented temporary stabilization measures for the most critical roadway segment. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez further reported that, currently, the site remained accessible only by off-highway vehicles (OHVs); the Authority staff continued to evaluate long-term repair options utilizing pending Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding while coordinating limited site access for essential maintenance activities.

Regarding regional interoperability, Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez stated that the Interoperable Sub-System Interface (ISSI) links were established between LA-RICS, the City of Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), Port of Los Angeles (POLA), County of San Bernardino, City of Long Beach, ESChat, and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), allowing users across all systems to communicate on shared interoperable channels. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez further stated that several



operational agreements were completed, with additional agreements currently in final review. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez went on to say that Authority staff also continued coordinating radio programming and system configuration efforts with partner agencies to support reliable regional communications.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez reported that radio programming support for Subscriber agencies remained ongoing as part of the Authority's commitment to maintaining reliable interoperable communications capabilities throughout the region, and during this reporting period, Authority staff provided programming assistance to the California State University Police Department, City of Compton, Santa Monica College Police Department, City of Malibu, and the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department to address operational radio programming needs.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez shared that as LA-RICS continued to experience increased growth and interest from agencies seeking participation as Subscribers and Affiliates, the need for additional technical and programming support resources had increased, and as a result, Authority staff was actively evaluating operational requirements, resource availability, and potential staffing solutions to support continued system expansion and associated technological needs; updates regarding personnel planning and support strategies would be provided to the Board as these assessments progressed.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez said that LA-RICS continued coordinating with LASD Fleet Management regarding the acquisition of a 4x4 truck and off-road all-terrain vehicle to support access to remote communications sites located in rugged terrain, and due to LASD temporarily freezing vehicle purchases until the next fiscal year beginning in July, the acquisition was currently on hold; however, because these vehicles were critical to supporting maintenance, inspections, and emergency response operations at remote sites, Authority staff would continue to monitor and pursue this request as funding and purchasing approvals become available.

Operations Lead Lt. Weber reported that Authority staff also remained actively engaged in emergency communications planning efforts for upcoming large-scale events, including the FIFA World Cup 2026 and the LA28 Olympic and Paralympic Games, in coordination with local, state, and federal partners. Operations Lead Lt. Weber further reported that LA-RICS executed Affiliate Agreements with both the United States Federal Air Marshal Service and the United States Secret Service to support interoperability and communications needs throughout Los Angeles County and surrounding jurisdictions; these partnerships would play a critical role in



supporting security operations and protective details associated with upcoming international events.

Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez stated that, in support of these efforts, requests for radio equipment loans and communications resources for World Cup 2026 operations were submitted, and Authority staff continued coordinating with partner agencies to support operational and mission requirements. Operations Lead Lt. Dominguez further stated that LA-RICS remained well positioned to support federal, state, and local partners during the FIFA World Cup 2026 and the LA28 Olympic and Paralympic Games through its regional infrastructure and interoperable communications capabilities, and ongoing planning efforts continued to focus on enhancing regional communications coordination and supporting safe and secure event operations.

This concluded the update on Agenda Item F. There was no further discussion.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (G – I)

G. APPROVE THE FISCAL-YEAR 2026-27 RECOMMENDED LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY OPERATING BUDGET

Executive Director Edson stated that the Authority staff requested the Board adopt the LA-RICS Fiscal-Year 2026-27 Budget; the Authority's Finance Committee reviewed the Proposed Operating Budget and recommended approval and adoption.

Executive Director Edson reported that the Budget of thirty million seven hundred twelve thousand dollars (\$30,712,000) would be utilized for the continued operation of the Authority. Executive Director Edson further reported that the enclosed Budget would allow the Authority to expend funding, among other things, the project team members, balances that remained on executed consultant and operations and maintenance contracts, travel, training, services, supplies, equipment, lease, liability, and commercial property insurance including Federal Communications Commission (FCC) licensing.

Executive Director Edson said the Federal and State revenue would fund four million four hundred thousand dollars (\$4,400,000) of the grant funded expenditures, and, in addition, the LMR system's operations and maintenance



expenditures would be offset by grants and subscriber revenue, which included setting aside the estimated portion for overall costs of the system refresh capital replacement to be implemented in the next few years.

Executive Director Edson stated that, in addition, this year's Recommended Budget included a balance of four hundred twenty-four thousand dollars (\$424,000) in remaining funds from costs related to the LMR and LTE collocation sites in accordance with executed business agreements between the Authority and AT&T, paid for by the LA-RICS and AT&T Budget Agreement funds. Executive Director Edson further stated that this year's Recommended Budget also included a balance of funds allocated via the LA-RICS and AT&T Agreement of six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000).

Executive Director Edson went on to say that the LA-RICS Fiscal Agent and the County Auditor Controller reviewed the recommended action, and the Finance Committee met on May 28, 2026, and recommended the adoption of the Recommended Operating Budget.

Alternate Board Chair Berkuta asked for a motion to approve. Alternate Board Member Hurt motioned first, seconded by Board Member Wiese.

Ayes (10): Tadeo, Alegria, Wiese, Nelson, Walczak, Coatney, Luke, Berkuta, Yelverton, and Hurt.

MOTION APPROVED.

H. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 136 TO AGREEMENT NO. LA-RICS 007

Executive Director Edson stated that Agenda Item H requested the Board's approval to execute Amendment No. 136 with MSI to incorporate two (2) Change Orders and increase the Maximum Contract Sum in the amount of nine thousand eight hundred and fifty-one dollars (\$9,851). Executive Director Edson further stated that, if approved by the Board, this work would be funded by Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grants in accordance with the LA-RICS Adopted Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operating Budget.

Executive Director Edson reported that the first Change Order was needed to perform remediation work at the Hauser Peak (HPK) site due to damage by the



Hawk Fire in August 2025; the work was to restore structural integrity to microwave antennas, and completion of this work was necessary to file a claim with the LA-RICS insurance carrier to seek reimbursement.

Executive Director Edson further reported the second Change Order was for field tower installation services to remove and replace a damaged antenna at the Mount Lukens 2 (MTL2) site; the work to be performed included, but was not limited to, decommissioning, installation, system testing, and validation of the replaced antenna at MTL2 site.

Executive Director Edson said that, further, Board approval was requested to delegate authority to execute Amendment No. 136 and issue one or more Notices to Proceed for this work.

Executive Director Edson asked if there were any questions. Alternate Chair Berkuta if LA-RICS was able to perform immediate repairs to damaged and inoperable sites such as HPK before asking the Board for approval, Executive Director Edson said that LA-RICS had the ability to make immediate repairs.

Alternate Board Chair Berkuta asked for a motion to approve. Board Member Josh Nelson motioned first, seconded by Board Member Michael Alegria

Ayes (10): Tadeo, Alegria, Wiese, Nelson, Walczak, Coatney, Luke, Berkuta, Yelverton, and Hurt.

MOTION APPROVED.

I. DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENTS TO THE LA-RICS USER AGREEMENTS AND EXECUTE REVISED USER AGREEMENTS

Executive Director Edson stated that Agenda Item I requested the Board's approval to delegate authority to the Executive Director to execute Amendments and execute a revised version of the User Agreements to reflect the following:

- User Agreements with Subscriber entities with twenty thousand plus (20,000+) overall devices on the LMR System would reflect a change in cost to sixty-five dollars (\$65) per device per month including use of the Narrowband Mobile Data



Network (NMDN) as well as a "Value Add" for ESChat licenses, the amount of licenses to be determined by the Authority, on a gratis basis.

- User Agreements with Subscriber entities with **less than twenty thousand (20,000)** (Subscribers who pay twenty dollars (\$20) per month) overall devices on the LMR System would include an optional cost line item for a specified amount of ESChat services for ten dollars (\$10) per device per month.

Executive Director Edson further stated the Authority was working closely with the County and its Subscribers to align services offered to Countywide users with recommendations made by several after-action reports following the recent fires. Executive Director Edson went on to say the reports indicated that cellular infrastructure failed during these disasters, leaving LASD and other public safety agencies without data services. Executive Director Edson reported that in an effort to encourage all public safety agencies use the LA-RICS NMDN as a primary data network and use cellular as a backup, the Authority recommended those Subscribers that form part of a Subscriber entity with twenty thousand plus (20,000+) devices on the LMR System and utilize the NMDN network, pay the per device per month cost of sixty-five (\$65) and include NMDN.

Executive Director Edson said that, additionally, the Authority offered all Subscribers on the LMR System a certain amount of ESChat licenses on a trial basis for one (1) year at no cost (gratis); ESChat was a carrier-agnostic commercial grade IP based Push to Talk (PTT) system which allowed ESChat Users to communicate with the LMR System from broadband devices.

Executive Director Edson mentioned that while the ESChat gratis trial period was still ongoing, the Authority received encouraging and positive feedback from Subscribers on the functionality of utilizing ESChat to access the LMR System via smartphones, tablets, and IoT devices, and, as a result, Board approval was requested to offer a "Value Add" of ESChat licenses to those Subscribers who pay sixty-five dollars (\$65) per device per month. Executive Director Edson further mentioned that, additionally, Board approval was requested to provide an optional line item of ten dollars (\$10) per device per month for those Subscribers who pay twenty dollars (\$20) per device per month, who were interested in continuing to utilize ESChat beyond the gratis trial period.

Executive Director Edson asked if there were any questions. Board Member Nelson asked for clarification regarding using ESChat for an additional ten dollars



(\$10) per device per month for those paying twenty dollars (\$20) per device per month. Executive Director Edson said that Subscribers can augment their twenty dollars (\$20) per month device subscription to add ESChat for ten dollars (\$10) per device per month.

Alternate Board Chair Berkuta asked for a motion to approve. Board Member Wiese motioned first, seconded by Board Member Richard Tadeo

Ayes (10): Tadeo, Alegria, Wiese, Nelson, Walczak, Coatney, Luke, Berkuta, Yelverton, and Hurt.

MOTION APPROVED.

Executive Director Edson acknowledged the upcoming retirement of LA-RICS IT Specialist Nancy Yang. Executive Director Edson said that, like Technical Lead Pao, she has been a part of the engineering and technical team at LA-RICS. Executive Director Edson stated that IT Specialist Yang specialized in the LA-RICS Site Access Agreements. Executive Director Edson further stated that IT Specialist Yang began working for the County in October 2001 as an Assistant Telecommunications System engineer for County ISD and would be retiring as an IT Specialist this month. Executive Director Edson went on to say that IT Specialist Yang led the design, development, and implementation of critical communications infrastructure supporting County departments and first responders which included LASD, County of Los Angeles Fire Department, and Emergency Medical Services. Executive Director Edson shared that under her technical leadership, she provided comprehensive engineering for the upgrade and operation of mountain top communications sites, and, furthermore, she played a key role in the commissioning of the LA-RICS while overseeing facilities maintenance and ancillary services.

Executive Director Edson expressed that IT Specialist Yang demonstrated professionalism, courtesy, and efficiency in her work earning the respect and admiration of numerous County departments.

Alternate Chair Berkuta, on behalf of the LA-RICS Board, expressed his gratitude and congratulated IT Specialist Yang on her upcoming retirement.



IX. MISCELLANEOUS – NONE

There were no Miscellaneous Items for the Regular Meeting.

X. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION BY THE BOARD

There were no Future Discussion and/or Action Items for the Regular Meeting.

XI. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – NONE

XII. ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS AND NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Alternate Board Chair Berkuta adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 9:42 a.m. and stated the next Regular Board Meeting would be held on Thursday, July 9, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the LA-RICS Headquarters.

Alternate Board Chair Berkuta called for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Alternate Board Chair Berkuta made a motion.