

agencies designated under paragraph (1)(B) and shall act in an advisory capacity.

(c) Chair duties and authorities

The Chair of the Governance Board shall—

- (1) preside over all meetings and deliberations of the Governance Board;
- (2) provide the Secretariat functions of the Governance Board; and
- (3) propose bylaws governing the operation of the Governance Board.

(d) Quorum, decisions, meetings

A quorum of the Governance Board shall consist of the presence of the Chair and four voting members. The decisions of the Governance Board shall require a majority of the voting membership. The Chair shall convene a meeting of the Governance Board not less than four times each year to carry out the functions of the Governance Board. The Chair or any voting member may convene a meeting of the Governance Board.

(e) Governance Board duties

The Governance Board shall have the following duties with respect to the DTS-PO:

- (1) To approve and monitor the plans, services, priorities, policies, and pricing methodology of the DTS-PO for bandwidth costs and projects carried out at the request of a department or agency that uses the DTS Network.
- (2) To provide to the DTS-PO Executive Agent the recommendation of the Governance Board with respect to the approval, disapproval, or modification of each annual budget request for the DTS-PO, prior to the submission of any such request by the Executive Agent.
- (3) To review the performance of the DTS-PO against plans approved under paragraph (1) and the management activities and internal controls of the DTS-PO.
- (4) To require from the DTS-PO any plans, reports, documents, and records the Governance Board considers necessary to perform its oversight responsibilities.
- (5) To conduct and evaluate independent audits of the DTS-PO.
- (6) To approve or disapprove the nomination of the Director of the DTS-PO by the Executive Agent with a majority vote of the Governance Board.
- (7) To recommend to the Executive Agent the replacement of the Director of the DTS-PO with a majority vote of the Governance Board.

(f) National security interests

The Governance Board shall ensure that those enhancements of, and the provision of service for, telecommunication capabilities that involve the national security interests of the United States receive the highest prioritization.

(Pub. L. 106-567, title III, §322, as added Pub. L. 111-259, title V, §501(a)(1), Oct. 7, 2010, 124 Stat. 2736.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 7302, Pub. L. 106-567, title III, §322, Dec. 27, 2000, 114 Stat. 2843; Pub. L. 107-306, title VIII, §811(b)(5)(E), Nov. 27, 2002, 116 Stat. 2425, which related

to personnel, was repealed by Pub. L. 111-259, title V, §501(a)(1), Oct. 7, 2010, 124 Stat. 2735.

§ 7303. Funding of the Diplomatic Telecommunications Service

(a) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for the operations, maintenance, development, enhancement, modernization, and investment costs of the DTS Network and the DTS-PO. Funds appropriated for allocation to the DTS-PO shall remain available to the DTS-PO for a period of two fiscal years.

(b) Fees

The DTS-PO shall charge a department or agency that uses the DTS Network for only those bandwidth costs attributable to such department or agency and for specific projects carried out at the request of such department or agency, pursuant to the pricing methodology for such bandwidth costs and such projects approved under section 7302(e)(1) of this title, for which amounts have not been appropriated for allocation to the DTS-PO. The DTS-PO is authorized to directly receive payments from departments or agencies that use the DTS Network and to invoice such departments or agencies for the fees under this section either in advance of, or upon or after, providing the bandwidth or performing such projects. Such funds received from such departments or agencies shall remain available to the DTS-PO for a period of two fiscal years.

(Pub. L. 106-567, title III, §323, as added Pub. L. 111-259, title V, §501(a)(1), Oct. 7, 2010, 124 Stat. 2738.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 7303, Pub. L. 106-567, title III, §323, Dec. 27, 2000, 114 Stat. 2845, which related to Diplomatic Telecommunications Service Oversight Board, was repealed by Pub. L. 111-259, title V, §501(a)(1), Oct. 7, 2010, 124 Stat. 2735. See section 7302 of this title.

§ 7304. Definitions

In this chapter:

(1) DTS Network

The term “DTS Network” means the worldwide telecommunications network supporting all United States Government agencies and departments operating from diplomatic and consular facilities outside of the United States.

(2) DTS-PO

The term “DTS-PO” means the Diplomatic Telecommunications Service Program Office.

(3) Governance Board

The term “Governance Board” means the Diplomatic Telecommunications Service Governance Board established under section 7302(a)(1) of this title.

(Pub. L. 106-567, title III, §324, as added Pub. L. 111-259, title V, §501(a)(1), Oct. 7, 2010, 124 Stat. 2738.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 7304, Pub. L. 106-567, title III, §324, Dec. 27, 2000, 114 Stat. 2846, which related to general