



Draft Meeting Minutes
26 October 2022
Maryland Cybersecurity Council
Westminster Hall
Carey Maryland Law
Baltimore

Council Members Present or Represented (20/57)

Attorney General Brian Frosh (Chair), John Abeles, Tasha Cornish, Cyril Draffin, Howard Feldman, Michael Greenberger, Terri Jo Hayes, Fred Hoover, Mark Hubbard (for Walter Landon), Dr. Anupam Joshi, Senator Susan Lee, Bel Leong-hong, Delegate MaryAnn Lisanti, Kimberly Mentzell (for Secretary Mike Gill), Joseph Morales, Steve Pennington, Rodney Petersen, Jonathan Powell, Markus Rauschecker, Sue Rogan, and Chip Stewart (for Secretary Michael Leahy).

Staff Attending

Howard Barr (Assistant Attorney General and Principal Counsel, Department of Information Technology), Hannibal Kemerer (Director, Legislative Affairs, Office of the Attorney General), Michael Lore (Chief of Staff, Office of Senator Susan Lee), Dr. Greg von Lehmen (University of Maryland Global Campus, Staff to the Council).

Council Welcome, Presentation, and Attorney General Remarks

Renee MacDonald Hutchins, Dean, Carey Maryland Law, welcomed the Council to Westminster Hall and commended the work that the Council has done for the State. She then introduced Dr. Gregory Fowler, President of University of Maryland Global Campus, for a presentation.

Dr. Fowler thanked Dean Hutchins for her introduction and reminded the Council that this meeting was the last the Attorney General would chair. He noted that he appeared before the Council both as the CEO of the university staffing the Council and as a Maryland resident grateful for the Council's work.

Dr. Fowler observed that six years ago the Council was simply a name in a statute. Yet, within those years it had become an organic and highly active body for the State. He noted that this development was fostered by the leadership that the Attorney General brought to the Council. The Attorney General signaled the importance of the Council's work by chairing its meetings. He gave the Council ownership of its work, allowing it to freely deliberate and formulate recommendations. Even more, he lent the support of his office to selected bills that reflected Council recommendations. Over six years, the Council had built a record of success for Maryland. To recognize the Attorney General's leadership on cybersecurity policy issues and his service over many years to the State, Dr. Fowler presented the Attorney General with the university's Presidential Medal, its highest award.

The Attorney General expressed his appreciation for the award and emphasized that credit was due to the Council members. He then made remarks that underscored how important cybersecurity as a policy issue is, outlined the role of the Council in advancing the cybersecurity of State and local government, protecting the consumer, enabling criminal prosecution for ransomware attacks, and both recommending and mobilizing behind the creation of the State's cyber scholarship-for-service program. His remarks also highlighted areas of particular importance to him for further action by the Council. These included attention to innovative approaches to securing the grid and consumer privacy. He concluded by thanking the Council members for their commitment, informed recommendations, and active support in realizing some of those recommendations in law.

Council Business Meeting

The Attorney General opened the business meeting. The June plenary meeting had been recorded, and in lieu of minutes, the meeting recording had been posted on the Council's website. The Attorney General proceeded with updates from the subcommittee on their work.

Subcommittee Reports

Ad hoc Subcommittee on Consumer Privacy. Senator Lee noted that the subcommittee has met three times since the June plenary meeting and will meet at least one more time. She observed that the premise of the ad hoc committee's work is that information collected on Marylanders should be controlled by Marylanders. She noted that a priority for the subcommittee is information collected on children and their privacy.

To these ends, the subcommittee is examining the efforts of other states, including California, Virginia, Utah, Colorado, and most recently Connecticut. In the course of its meetings, it has heard testimony from the California Attorney General Rob Bonta, Professor Amy Gajda (Tulane University School of Law), Maureen Mahoney (California Privacy Protection Agency, Irene Li (Commonsense.org), Haley Hinkley (Fairplay), Phyllis Marcus, Esq. (Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP), and Bethany Corbin (Nixon Gwilt Law), among others. The subcommittee will benefit from a review of existing federal law and bills that have been proposed in Congress but not yet enacted.

Senator Lee noted that subcommittee's work will shape a series of recommendations that will inform a privacy bill in the 2023 session. This will follow her efforts in recent sessions, including most recently the 2022 Maryland Online Consumer Protection and Child Safety Act. She renewed her invitation for industry stakeholders to provide input to the subcommittee.

Subcommittee on Incident Response. Chip Stewart (State CISO) reported for the subcommittee for Secretary Leahy. He stated that the focus of the Department of Information Technology has been the implementation of the three cybersecurity-related bills in the last legislative session. This effort has included additional hires provided for in the new statutes. He also referenced the federal funds for state and local government that Maryland was awarded under the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. He noted that the committee required by the grant program to supervise the disbursements of funds has been chartered.

Subcommittee on Critical Infrastructure. Markus Rauschecker's comments focused on the subcommittee's follow-up work on the Council's December 2022 report, [Cybersecurity and the Maryland Electric Grid: Findings and Recommendations](#). To conduct a gap analysis, the subcommittee formed a study group to map the report's recommendations to the new cybersecurity regulations of the Public Service Commission. The study group will produce both the mapping and a series of suggestions. Mr. Rauschecker and the subcommittee are collaborating with the Senator Katie Fry Hester who had introduced grid-related cybersecurity legislation in the last session. She has engaged the PSC on the question of the relationship between its new regulations and the Council's report and is leading the discussions with the agency.

Subcommittee on Education and Workforce Development. Kimberly Mentzell offered the subcommittee's report for Senator Hester. Ms. Mentzell recapped that the subcommittee has met three times as a series since the June plenary meeting with a view to informing a cybersecurity workforce bill by Senator Hester in the next legislative session. To look at other state models, the subcommittee has had presentations by CyberFlorida and the Georgia Center for Cybersecurity. Scheduled for November 17 is a presentation to the subcommittee by the Howard County EDA on its grant submission to the US EDA and its perspective on how to build the cyber workforce in Maryland.

Subcommittee on Economic Development. Bel Leong-hong stated that the business environment for cybersecurity in Maryland is strong due in part to increased federal spending. However, a persistent problem is the lack of sufficient cybersecurity professionals. She noted that the subcommittee had met with representatives of county-level economic development authorities to increase the subcommittee's awareness of their efforts in this area. She noted that the subcommittee recently met jointly with Senator Hester's subcommittee for presentations by the US Chamber of Commerce and the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce on the talent pipeline management model as it has been implemented in cybersecurity and other industry vectors to reduce talent shortages.

Subcommittee on Public and Community Outreach. Sue Rogan reported that the subcommittee had met since the June plenary meeting and has two initiatives underway.

- One is the continuation of its webinar series on cybersecurity topics with the Attorney General and other guests. She reported that a webinar was held on October 20 (*Cyber Criminals are Looking for You* [with Joe Carrigan, security engineer, Johns Hopkins Institute for Assured Autonomy]) and that another is scheduled for November 17 (*Consumers Lose Millions in Cyber Scams: Don't be One of Them!* [with Ted Meyerson, Lead Volunteer, AARP]). The webinars are supported by the Cash Campaign of Maryland.
- The second is a first-ever base line survey of cybersecurity awareness of Maryland adults. Supported by funds from Johns Hopkins University and the National Cryptologic Foundation, the survey will canvass 1,000 adults in Maryland. It is being conducted through Amazon's Mechanical Turk. The purpose of the report is to inform future public outreach activities of the Council. The results will be announced at the Council's next plenary meeting and will be captured in a report that will be posted.

Other business.

Delegate Lisanti observed that she will be leaving the General Assembly after eight years. She stated that it was a privilege to sit on the Council and to learn so much about the policy issues. She commended the Council for its work for the State and expressed hope that its recommendations for cyber workforce development would soon be enacted. She noted the importance of public/private partnerships in addressing the issues for the State. She also referenced the need to continue tax credits supporting the cost to small businesses of obtaining a security clearance since this is often a requirement for federal contracts.

Adjournment.

Hearing no other business and no objections, the Attorney General adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am.