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Draft Meeting Minutes  
Maryland Cybersecurity Council  
Subcommittee on State and Local Government Cybersecurity and Emerging Technology  
Wednesday, September 2, 2026  
Virtual Public Meeting

Subcommittee Member Attendance (6/10)

James Saunders (chair), Donnie Green (vice chair), Mark Cather, Marcia Deppen (MDEM/GoHS), Jared DiMarinis, and Dr. Jeff Hollingsworth.

Other Council Members and Staff Present

Howard Barr (Assistant Attorney General and Principal Counsel, DoIT, for Attorney General Brown), and Dr. Greg von Lehmen (University of Maryland Global Campus and Staff to the Maryland Cybersecurity Council).

Meeting Minutes

Mr. Saunders opened the meeting, welcomed the members, and reviewed the agenda. He called for the minutes of the July 15, 2026, meeting, which were approved without objection.

Moving to old business, he then asked Dr. von Lehmen to provide a summary of his draft report analyzing the findings of the cybersecurity survey of public sector participants in the roundtable series. After the summary, Mr. Saunders then asked the members what possible recommendations for the State that they would suggest based on the report findings. There were a number of points made in the ensuing discussion.

As a foundational point, Mr. Cather suggested that recommendations should distinguish between what should be in law and require the attention of the General Assembly and what should be policy that could be flexibly adapted as needed by DoIT or another department. Mr. Saunders added that it would be important to consider the State's constrained budgetary resources. Discussion about a number of possible recommendations followed. This discussion was preliminary and no subcommittee action was taken on any of the suggestions.

Mr. Saunders asked Dr. von Lehmen to distribute his report and for the members to continue considering what the recommendations they might make either for statutory or policy changes. He indicated he would try to schedule a meeting near the end of the month to discuss recommendations and perhaps to formally adopt some of them in the name of the subcommittee.

By way of new business, Mr. Saunders mentioned that he had begun to think about a public sector cybersecurity summit sometime next year. He noted that such a summit could be a kick-off to launching knowledge sharing networks or other initiatives. He promised more discussion of the summit in later meetings.

Mr. Saunders asked if there was further business that the subcommittee wanted to discuss. There being none, he asked for motions to adjourn. These were provided by Mr. Cather and Dr. Hollingsworth. With no objections, the meeting was concluded.