



Draft Meeting Minutes
Maryland Cybersecurity Council
Subcommittee on State and Local Government Cybersecurity and Emerging Technology
Wednesday, July 15, 2026
Virtual Public Meeting

Subcommittee Member Attendance (5/11)

James Saunders (chair), Mark Cather, Duke Darringo, Major Tawn Gregory, and Dr. Jeff Hollingsworth.

Other Council Members and Staff Present

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

The chair opened the meeting, welcomed the members, and reviewed the posted agenda. In turning to the old business on the agenda, he provided an overview of the roundtable series on AI-enabled vulnerability discovery, exploitation, and remediation. The four roundtable presenters were Microsoft Threat Intelligence Center, OpenAI, the Cloud Security Alliance, and Google/Mandiant. He mentioned that there were 64 respondents to the pre-roundtable survey and nine respondents to the post-survey as of this meeting. The pre-roundtable survey aimed to collect information on both the current cybersecurity posture and needs of the public sector in Maryland, including questions about the use of AI tools and reasons why AI tools might not be used. The chair stated that the post-survey respondents were unanimous in wanting the roundtables to continue while focusing on different topics.

With this introduction, the chair asked Dr. von Lehmen to present some of the data from the pre-roundtable series. Dr. von Lehmen's summary covered responses to questions about IT asset inventory, confidence levels related to protecting networks from stipulated threats, cybersecurity gaps, current funding for IT and cybersecurity, estimated funding required to close gaps, among other questions. In response to the presentation, a number of subcommittee members suggested other metrics that might be developed from the data to better assess current capabilities and needs.

Moving to the new business, the chair introduced Dr. Anton Dahbura, executive director of the Johns Hopkins University Information Security Institute and the director of Johns Hopkins Institute for Assured Autonomy, and Dr. Odia Kane, a post-doctoral student at Johns Hopkins. As part of her post-doctoral work, Dr. Kane had developed a [framework](#) to guide public sector entities in the procurement of AI models. Dr. Dahbura thanked the chair for his welcome and the invitation for Dr. Kane to present her framework. Given its membership, he stated that the subcommittee was a very good venue for her to receive feedback on it. She then walked the subcommittee through the framework with the acronym Purchase (People, Use, Research, Cost, Helpfulness, Assessment, Safety, Evaluation). The chair and several subcommittee members offered comments on the framework.

The chair asked if there was further business that the subcommittee wanted to discuss. There being none, he mentioned that the next meeting was scheduled for September 2 and asked for motions to adjourn. These were provided, and with no objections, the meeting was adjourned.