

Meeting Minutes

Maryland Cybersecurity Council Meeting
January 21, 2020

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Calvert House
58 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland

Council Members Present or Represented (26/57)

Attorney General Brian Frosh, Chair; Dr. David Anyiwo, Dr. Michel Cukier, Cyril Draffin, Patrice Drago (for Delegate Carey), Judi Emmel, Howard Feldman. MG Timothy Gowen, Professor Michael Greenberger, Heather Gramm, Mary Jo Hayes, Senator Katie Fry Hester, Fred Hoover, Clay House, Mark Hubbard (for Walter Landon), Brian Israel, Mathew Lee, Senator Susan Lee, Bel Leong-hong, Jonathan Prutow, Markus Rauschecker, Sue Rogan, Christine Ross, MG (Ret) Linda Singh, Chip Stewart (for Secretary Michael Leahy), and Pegeen Townsend.

Staff Attending

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

Council Meeting

Opening Remarks by the Chair

The Attorney General thanked the Council for their willingness to convene after the reception and noted that the meeting would run for one hour only.

Call for the Minutes

The chair observed that the Council had received the minutes of its October 17, 2019, meeting in advance. He asked for any amendments. Hearing none, the minutes were approved on motions duly made and seconded.

Subcommittee Reports.

Reports were made by four subcommittees: Law, Policy and Legislation; Education and Workforce Development, Critical Infrastructure, Economic Development, and Public and Community Outreach.

Senator Susan Lee, Co-chair, Law, Policy and Legislation Subcommittee.

Senator Lee summarized the following bills related to Council objectives that the General Assembly would be considering this session:

- Online Maryland Consumer Protection Act.
- Security Features for Connected Devices (SB 443)
- Personal Information Protection Act Revisions (SB 201/HB 237)
- Ransomware Bill (SB 30/HB 215)
- Bill to expand the role of the State Department of Information Technology is overseeing cybersecurity policy for public entities within Maryland.

Nithin Venkatraman for Senator Katie Fry Hester, chair, Education and Workforce Development.

Mr. Venkatraman noted that Senator Hester had dropped SB 5 (Cyber Reserve Corps) to implement a recommendation that the Council had made in 2016 and described the several meetings that Senator Hester had had with the subcommittee and other working groups on workforce development initiatives starting in November and running into January. These will result in bills concerning a stipulation of State cybersecurity position requirements in terms of competencies and a talent pipeline development bill reflecting the US Chamber of Commerce Talent Pipeline Management (TPM) model).

Markus Rauschecker, chair, Critical Infrastructure Subcommittee

Mr. Rauschecker noted three initiatives of the subcommittee:

- The development of a plan for a Maryland ISAO along the lines of ACTRA in Arizona. This would be a first step to gauge business and industry interest in such an entity.
- Outreach to the energy sector to develop recommendations to enhance the security of the sector
- Continued consultation with the ENSB about the Next Gen 911
- Development of a new cache of resources for the repository

Bel Leong-hong, chair, Economic Development Subcommittee

Ms. Leong-hong noted that members of her subcommittee joined Senator Hester's November subcommittee meeting, since there are shared concerns between the two groups about apprenticeships and related ways to develop the cybersecurity workforce. Participating Economic Development Subcommittee members were Christine Ross, Gregg Smith, and Stacey Smith. Ms. Leong-hong noted that the next subcommittee meeting was in planning and that she hoped that a number of venture capitalists would join.

Sue Rogan, chair, Public and Community Outreach Subcommittee

Ms. Rogan reported that the subcommittee would continue to work with the Critical Infrastructure Subcommittee in building out the repository. She indicated that given the size and quality of the repository, her subcommittee would explore ways of advertising its availability. These will include partnering with appropriate organizations to list the repository's link.

Following the reports, Mr. Cyril Draffin, a member of the Critical Infrastructure Subcommittee, drew the Council's attention to the State Board of Elections plan to use a wireless network to facilitate voter registration. He voiced concerns about the security of such a system given the documented and persistent threats that all state election system face and noted that the Montgomery County Board of Elections had asked state official to reconsider the plan.

The Attorney General asked if there was any further business. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.