



Meeting Minutes
Maryland Cybersecurity Council
Subcommittee on Critical Infrastructure
Monday, February 23, 2026
11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Virtual Meeting

Subcommittee Attendance (9/14)

Dr, Charlie Harry (chair), Ben Abramovitz, Senator Katie Fry Hester (vice chair), John Abeles, Dr. Anton Dahbura, Ariana Garcia, Terri Jo Hayes, Chris Hollifield, Clay House, Ryan Hsu.

Staff

Dr. Greg von Lehmen (University of Maryland Global Campus and Staff to the Maryland Cybersecurity Council)

Presentation

Ben Abramovitz (Director, Cybersecurity, Public Service Commission) and Christopher Nieves (Cybersecurity Specialist, Public Service Commission)

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1. The chair welcomed the members, confirmed a quorum, reviewed the agenda, and asked each of the members to introduce themselves.
2. As an update for the subcommittee since its August 2025 meeting, Ben Abramovitz briefed the subcommittee on the work of the Cybersecurity Office at the PSC. Questions and discussions revolved around the challenges that small- and medium-size utilities have in improving their cybersecurity posture. Suggestions made by the members to address this included: connecting these firms with resources offered by organizations like Dragos or the National Guard; narrowing down the key obstacles for these firms and mapping these and other resources to those obstacles; partnering big utilities with the smaller and medium-size firms; and building a database of resources that these firms could access as the Council had maintained in the past.
3. Turning to new business, the chair opened the floor to a discussion of the policy agenda that the subcommittee should pursue in the next 12 – 18 months. Starting ideas that members voiced included a focus on the cybersecurity issues that have emerged in the food processing, finance, transportation, or telecommunication sectors. Dr. Harry mentioned the maritime sector in Baltimore, noting that his Center is using OSINT to map the attack surface of that sector. Agentic Ai was proposed, since it is being incorporated into CI infrastructure. It was noted that the traditional security controls do not map easily to agentic AI models. Finally, the exposure of CI to quantum computing

(QC) was mentioned, with the suggestion that the subcommittee look at what CI sectors should be doing to prepare for the security threats that will come with QC.

In regard to research resources, both Dr. Harry and Greg von Lehmen indicated that they would reach out to their contacts at the NSA about another State Fellow and report out on this at the next meeting.

The subcommittee resolved to meet again in near time to finalize its agenda if possible and agree on next steps.

Hearing no further business, the chair adjourned meeting at 12:05 pm.