

Meeting Minutes
Maryland Cybersecurity Council
9 June 2021 Meeting
Zoom Format

The following is an outline of the meeting.
The full meeting recording and speaker slides may be found [here](#).

Council Members Present or Represented (43/57)

Attorney General Brian Frosh (Chair), John Abeles, Dr. David Anyiwo, Barry Boseman, Delegate Ned Carey, Dr. Michel Cukier, Dr. Anton Dahbura, Robert Day, Vince Difrancisci, Cyril Draffin, Patrick F Cd 0 1 4 (te)-7 ().odmifray, 3M(ria) ().o G4 (r)-6 (e)8 (e)4 (obe)-5geuray,0rrriaes,37How Katie Fry Hester, Fred Hoover, Clay House, Mark Hubbard (for Walter Landon), Brian Israel, Anupam Joshi, Miheer Khona, Kevin Kornegay, Linda Lamone, Secretary Michael Leahy, Mathew Lee, Senator Susan Lee, Blair Levin, Bel Leong-hong, Larry Letow, Delegate MaryAnn Lisanti, Anthony Lisuzzo,

Subject Matter Expert Presentation

The Attorney General called on Secretary Leahy to introduce the speaker, Douglas Robinson, Executive Director of the National Association of State CIOs (NASCIO), since the Secretary had

Senator Lee also reported out to the Council four recommendations of the subcommittee for inclusion in the 2021 activities report. She asked Dr. von Lehmen to state those for the record as they were approved by the subcommittee:

That the State consider incentives for businesses to assess their cybersecurity posture and to invest more, if necessary, to create a cybersecurity program consistent with recognized standards and frameworks.

That the State consider appropriate legislation to ensure the transparency to consumers of the

The subcommittee is continuing to identify resources that have been added to the repository hosted on the Council's website.

Subcommittee on Economic Development. Ms. Bel Leong-hong noted that during the COVID year many companies were reconfiguring their operations and spending time on related workforce development and improvement. In cybersecurity, the talent gap continues to grow, constituting a persistent brake on growth of the cyber sector in Maryland. For this reason, her subcommittee completely supports the efforts of Senator Hester and the Education and Workforce Development Subcommittee to help address this challenge through efforts like last session's SB 902 (Economic Development - Cyber Workforce Program and Fund – Established).

Regarding her June 2 subcommittee meeting, Ms. Leong-hong mentioned that discussions focused on three topics:

Subcommittee on Public and Community Outreach. Reporting for Ms. Rogan, the chair, Dr. Anton Dahbura noted various activities in which the subcommittee has been involved:

It facilitated a cybersecurity webinar on June 2, hosted by Maryland CASH, that focused on cyber crime and featured the Attorney General and Mr. Joseph Carrigan, at the Johns Hopkins Information Security Institute. This was the third webinar the subcommittee facilitate during COVID.

With the assistance of Dr. Doswell, and as a pilot, the subcommittee has invited students at Bowie State University to serve as externs identifying appropriate resources for the Council's repository. The subcommittee plans to extend the same invitation to students at other HBCUs within the State.

The subcommittee is discussing how to conduct a survey of individuals and small businesses to gauge their level of cybersecurity awareness. The questions of survey construction, platform, and channels are all part of the discussion.

Special Reports

The State Cybersecurity Study. Senator Hester was given the floor to describe the study. Its purpose is to inform and support a package of bills in the 2022 session to enhance the cybersecurity posture of State and local governments. SB 49 was a 2021 contribution to this objective, but a number of other bills introduced in 2021 that would have carried the work further did not pass.

The study will be co-led by Senator and Ben Yelin at the Center for Health and Homeland Security at the Carey School of Law at the University of Maryland, Baltimore. Partners to the study include Senator Lee, the Maryland Cybersecurity Council, the Joint Committee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Biotechnology; the State Department of Information Technology, the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, and the Maryland Association of Counties. A kick-off meeting would occur shortly. The timeline is for the report to be completed by the fall.

The Critical Infrastructure Study Focused on Utilities. Ms. Corcoran, the NSA Fellow, thanked Cyinvestm4 (nter)5 (e)4 (i)ersec

on June 7 and asked that members complete their review by June 16 so that the draft could be updated and given to the Office of the Attorney General for review.

The Attorney General reminded that the next plenary Council meeting is scheduled for October 13 (10:00 am – noon). He noted that the meeting is still planned to be virtual and that the members will be updated on any change to an onsite meeting.

Adjournment

The Attorney General asked if there was other business. Hearing none, the meeting was duly adjourned at 12:04 pm.

[Note: These minutes were approved at the 13 October 2021 meeting of the Council.]