



Virginia Cybersecurity Planning Committee
March 26, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.
7235 Beaufont Springs Dr, Mary Jackson Boardroom,
Richmond, VA, 23225



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Call to Order:

A meeting of the Virginia Cybersecurity Planning Committee was called to order at 10:02 am. Mr. Watson welcomed the members, discussed board departures, and introduced a new board and staff member.

Presiding:

Michael Watson, Committee Chair, Chief Information Security Officer, Virginia IT Agency

Members Present In Person:

Diane Carnohan, Chief Information Security Officer, Virginia Department of Education

Robbie Coates, Director, Grant Management and Recovery, VDEM

Adrian Compton, Tribal Administrator, Monacan Indian Nation

Charles DeKeyser, Major, Virginia Army National Guard.

Michael Dent, Chief Information Security Officer, Fairfax County Department of Information Technology

Charles Huntley, Director of Technology, County of Essex

Derek M. Kestner, Information Security Officer, Supreme Court of Virginia

Members Participating Remotely:

Brenna R. Doherty, Chief Information Security Officer, Department of Legislative Automated Systems

Beth Burgin Waller, Chair, Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Practice, Woods Rogers Vandeventer Black.

Wesley Williams, Executive Director of Technology, Roanoke City Public Schools

Ms. Waller and Mr. Williams participated from their home because their principal residence is more than 60 miles from the meeting location. Ms. Doherty participated remotely for personal reasons.

Members Not Present:

Capt. Eric W. Gowin, Division Commander- Information Technology Division, Virginia State Police

Stephanie Williams-Hayes, Chief Information Security Officer, Virginia Department of Health

Staff Present:

Erica Bland, Info and Technology Manager, Virginia IT Agency

Joshua Heslinga, Director of Legal & Legislative Services, Virginia IT Agency

Patrick Disney, Coordinator Legal & Legislative Services, Virginia IT Agency

Mylam Ly, Legal Compliance & Policy Specialist, Virginia IT Agency

Sam Taylor, PR & Marketing Specialist, Virginia IT Agency

Review of Agenda:

Mr. Disney provided an overview of the agenda and corresponding items in the digital meeting packets.

Approval of Minutes:

The January 17th meeting minutes were displayed. Upon a motion by Mr. Dekeyser and duly seconded by Mr. Compton, the committee unanimously voted to adopt the January 17th meeting minutes.

On a second motion by Mr. Dekeyser and duly seconded by Mr. Kestner, the committee unanimously voted to amend the December minutes to reflect that Mr. Dekeyser's attendance was in person.

Assessment Project

Ms. Fain gave an overview of the over 70 applications received so far. (See presentation in meeting materials.) Communications regarding the project have been sent by the VDEM listserv and social media, as well as by partners such as VaLGITE, VACo and VML. Additional outreach may be needed for more tribal applications and an additional Q&A was suggested for tribes. As of the meeting, there are still three weeks left in the application process.

Mr. Watson reviewed the SOR and the template for assessment. The SOR is still being edited and members were encouraged to send in comments or questions. Mr. Heslinga noted that the FOIA language in the version in the meeting materials was standard procurement language that would be strengthened to clarify that assessments will be confidential.

Next Uses for Grant Funding (beyond the assessment project)

The Committee was asked to begin considering further allocations of resources and uses grant funding for impactful projects consistent with the cyber security plan. Mr. Watson addressed plans for SOC capabilities and the Committee's previously-endorsed approach of having three potential paths (full implementation, implementation-only, or contract only). Many stakeholders are expected to be interested in implementation, then having the locality taking over or project managed by VITA. Other subjects raised included cybersecurity clinics and cybersecurity training. Signing up for an assessment would be a good way to express and interest in training.

Grant Year 3/ Fiscal Year 24 Preview/ Update

Currently in year two of grant year one (as well as year one of grant year two). The fiscal year 24 grant opportunity (grant year three) will open sometime in the summer or fall of this year. Mr. Watson, Mr. Coates, and Mr. Heslinga noted the grants amounts received by the Commonwealth thus far, the varying matching funds splits across the grant years, the existing state-provided matching funding, and the fact that that the initial state matching funds were created before any NOFOs were released. There is a gap between the currently-appropriated state matching funds and the amount of matching funds ultimately expected to be required, but that is a future issue (which VITA and VDEM are working on), not a problem with respect to the assessments project or the current grant year.

Public Comment Period:

There were no public commenters.

Other Business:

Mr. Watson opened the floor for other business. No other business was discussed. Mr. Disney reminded members to complete their travel forms and that the next meeting is scheduled for April 23rd.

Adjourn

Upon a motion by Mr. DeKeyser and seconded by Mr. Compton, the committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 am.