



Virginia Cybersecurity Planning Committee
December 11, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.
7235 Beaufont Springs Dr, Mary Jackson Boardroom,
Richmond. VA. 23225



Call to Order:

A meeting of the Virginia Cybersecurity Planning Committee was called to order at 10:00 am. Mr. Watson welcomed the members. Mr. Watson welcomed a new member, Timothy Wyatt, who is replacing Michael Dent in the seat for local government.

Presiding:

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

Members Present:

Troy Adkins, Broadband Infrastructure Program Manager, Chickahominy Indian Tribe
Diane Carnohan, Chief Information Security Officer, Virginia Department of Education
Robbie Coates, Director, Grant Management and Recovery, Virginia Department of Emergency Management
Charles DeKeyser, Major, Virginia Army National Guard
Brenna R. Doherty, Chief Information Security Officer, Department of Legislative Automated Systems
Charles Huntley, Director of Technology, County of Essex

Members Participating Remotely:

Derek Kestner, Information Security Officer, Supreme Court of Virginia
Uma Marques, Information Technology Director, Roanoke County Government.
Wesley D. Williams, Executive Director of Technology, Roanoke City Public Schools
Timothy Wyatt, Director of Information Technology, County of York

Ms. Marques, Mr. Williams and Mr. Wyatt participated from their principal residences as it is more than 60 miles from the meeting location. Mr. Kestner participated remotely due to work-related commitments.

Members Not Present:

Brandon Smith, Chief Information Officer, Department of Elections
Beth Burgin Waller, Chair, Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Practice, Woods Rogers Vandeventer Black

Staff Present:

Mylam Ly, Policy & Governmental Affairs Manager, Virginia IT Agency
April Gauldin, Legal & Legislative Services Coordinator, Virginia IT Agency
Mary Fain, Director of Information Security Programs, Virginia IT Agency
Janet Logan, Project Manager, Virginia IT Agency

Review of Agenda:

Ms. Gauldin provided an overview of the agenda.

Readoption of Remote Participation Policy and Approval of Minutes:

As a physical quorum was not present, a vote to approve the minutes could not be conducted. These items will be carried forward to the agenda for the next meeting.

Finances

Ms. Fain presented the financial update. The program is well positioned for Phase 2 after having used a single tool across all domains to save costs. So far, 2 million dollars of Phase 2 monies have been fully spent, with 1.58 million dollars of 2023 Phase 2 monies spent. Ms. Fain stated that they are currently gathering quotes for ongoing maintenance for full service and the next generation of implementations.

Phase 2 Project Status

Ms. Fain discussed Phase 2 project status. Endpoint Detection Response (EDR) and Vulnerability workstream completed the consent process and entered the detailed planning phase. The asset and data inventory workstream has been moved from approvals to the consent process. The final workstream is secure remote access and firewalls, which is currently in the approvals process. Deferred applications were discussed and the potential for them to be accepted at a later date. For the EDR deferred applicants, some already have a toolset that is at or better than the selected tool. There may be a chance to revisit and have an opportunity to include deferred applicants if there is additional funding. Additionally, a second round for another product may be more attractive to deferred applicants and could potentially be another path. The introduction meeting with localities and implementation vendors is projected to be in January. Deployment is currently on track to be completed in March from a locality perspective. Asset inventory and Data inventory have a planned completion date of April 30th. There is currently not an update on secure remote access or firewall. Ms. Fain discussed the projected implementation timeline and reviewed the timeline for the projected areas. For EDR and vulnerability, detailed planning with the vendor is currently being wrapped up and will be deploying between January and April. EDR and vulnerability will be monitored in May and June and will be formally closed out in July. For asset and data inventory, detailed planning with selected vendors will begin in January. The overall project is targeted to closed by the end of June.

Phase 2 Projected Outcomes and Next Steps

Ms. Fain discussed in detail the Phase 2 applicants. Starting with all applicants, the capability improvement impacts indicate that most of the applicants can get to enterprise cybersecurity levels. The disaster recovery implementation will be tackled at a later stage because it involves communications for recovery and that is different from the other technical solutions that are currently being worked on. It is not certain if it will have a scaled implementation and what the execution paths will be, whether some sort of large contract or a direct pass through. The Phase 2 applicants that were approved are currently lower than enterprise security level but will be brought up to that level after implementation. For the assessment population post Phase 2 Implementation, a level two is the minimum but a level three is optimal. The locality SOC and locality ISO service related objectives will be addressed once the procurement finishes. There was a discussion about ongoing assessment to help with program support and the need for documentation and where the ongoing costs are going to come from. Members also discussed possible ways to increase locality participation with funding and education. The members then discussed what the exit plan looks like when we reach the end of the program. Members discussed the possibility of legislation and Chair Watson agreed that this is the point that this discussion needs to begin. Chair Watson asked the members to think of questions that they want to see asked of the localities to be able to monitor and assess after the initial implementation.

Public Comment Period:

There were no public comments.

Other Business:

Chair Watson opened the floor for other business.

Ms. Gauldin discussed travel forms. Chair Watson noted the next meeting will be January 21st at 10am and will be all virtual. Chair Watson also let the members know that the committee will be voting on a new Vice Chair in January. If any of the members are interested in the position, they were instructed to send that interest by

email. If there are no interested members, Chair Watson will be picking a candidate to be voted on at the next meeting. Chair Watson stated that the February meeting will most likely be cancelled.

Adjourn

Upon a motion by Ms. Carnohan and duly seconded by Mr. Kestner, the Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:12 am.