

Louisiana Cybersecurity Commission
Meeting Minutes
19 Aug 2021

Meeting Began at: 3:00 p.m. (CST) and took place via ZOOM.

In Attendance:

- Craig Spohn - Chairman
 - MG Keith Waddell – Co-Chair
 - LTG (Ret) Mark Montgomery (Cyberspace Solarium Commission)
 - April Danos
 - Brian Landry
 - Les Guice
 - Paul Rainwater
 - Brad Lambert
 - Chris Styron
 - Devin King
 - Dickie Howze
 - Dustin Glover
 - Earl Thornton
 - Bill Bradley
 - Arun Lakhota
 - Phillip Constantine
 - Jeff McKee
 - Brad Manuel
 - Dr. Leslie Guice
 - Director James Waskom
 - COL (Ret.) Kenny Donnelly
 - Col. Paul Perron
 - Sonya Wiley Gremillion
 - Sarah Allen
 - MAJ Sarah Anderson
 - Laura Wilt
 - Neal Fudge
 - Mathew Mckey
 - Stephen Durel
 - Michael Bendich
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- Commissioner Spohn opened the meeting by welcoming the Commissioners and covered the admin announcements listed on the read ahead slides. LTC Bendich helped facilitate the meeting on zoom.
 - Chairman Spohn requested a Motion to Adopt the Minutes from the Previous Meeting. Motion was proposed and adopted unanimously.
 - Moving onto new business, Craig Spohn highlighted the guest speaker's BIO and introduced the guest speaker. Guest Speaker was Mark Montgomery from the Cyberspace Solarium Commission. Craig asked that we move to other briefings until Mark Montgomery was able to join in on the zoom meeting.

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- Craig asked if Jeff Mckey from DHS could brief first while we wait for Mark Montgomery to join in.
- Jeff McKey provided an update on the following CISA Activities:
 - Admin Subpoena
 - JCDC
 - Ransomware website
 - Chain of Custody Framework
 - Stuff of Search
 - Cyber Workforce Training
- Jeff briefly discussed that CISA conducted 62 assessments throughout Louisiana in several Critical Infrastructure Sectors and the plan is to increase the number of assessments once a new cyber security advisor gets on board supporting Louisiana. Jeff mentioned to everyone that CISA has a Publications Library and pointed them to the link to access. <https://www.cisa.gov/publications-library/Cybersecurity?page=3>
- After Jeff briefed, Craig moved on to the next briefer. Mike Bendich told Craig the next speaker on the agenda was Neil Fudge from GOHSEP.
- Neil Fudge briefed the plan for supporting the October Cybersecurity Awareness Month which is a state initiative. He provided a status and plan to execute the Governor's Proclamation, Cyber PSAs, and outreach events throughout the month of October. Commissioner Sarah Allen had offered support from Cox Communication on the PSAs.
- The Guest Speaker joined the zoom call and Craig exchanged pleasantries and skipped over the formal introduction but let Mark Montgomery know he gave everyone his background. Craig turned the floor over to Mark Montgomery. Mark Montgomery gave a very insightful briefing on the charge of the Cyberspace Solarium Commission and provided information on the President's Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill that was being proposed. Mark let everyone know the bill as written includes provisions that would assist in cybersecurity planning for infrastructure like electric grids and water systems and establish a grant program to aid state and local government. He talked about some of the latest cyber attacks to water systems. Mark let everyone know that Grant writing will be key to success if states want to secure cybersecurity funding based on the spending plan. Director Waskom acknowledged and thanked him. Craig, and MG Waddell both thanked Mark Montgomery for speaking to the commission.
- Craig asked Mike Bendich what was next on the agenda and Mike stated that the next order of business was to have the 7 Standing Committees provide their reports.
- Paul Rainwater provided a legislative update. Nothing significant was brought up on cyber legislation for Louisiana. The discussion was on the Presidents Infrastructure Bill. Craig and Paul offered up assistance to Director Waskom should money come down to the state. There are several subject matter experts that Paul and Craig can reach out to if needed to help with grant writing or reviewing the actual Bill to determine what the money can be spent on. Director Waskom acknowledged but said usual Matt Block, DOA, and the Governor's Administration take the lead and were good at going thru those Bills when they come down.
- Brandt Mitchell provided the ESF-17 report and gave a good recap on the status of the cyber indent response EOP and Annex. He stated the plan was 50% completed after all the action items. His target date for completion is 31 Oct 2021. He also discussed the improvement plan based on the RYUK incidents in the state back in 2019. Brant also talked about the plan to secure grant funding if the Presidents Infrastructure Bill was passed.
- Arun Lakhotia briefed for Ramesh Kolluru who could not attend the commission meeting. Arun briefed the changes to the committee now that Information Sharing and Critical Infrastructure have been consolidated into one committee.

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- Arun noted who the new members were that are now part of the committee and he briefed how the committee was divided into sub-groups of CI Sectors of Health Care, and Higher Ed. He expressed that they plan on meeting in the near future to get things organized to establish the goals and objectives. Craig thanked Arun for the brief and was glad to see the right people were asked to support the committee.
- Brad Lambert provided the update for Dr. Guice and provided the status of the Workforce and Economic development, Education, and Public Outreach. Brad let everyone know that after LED's post-legislative session review, they recently discovered HCR 108 which was directed at LED. The bill directs the Department of Economic Development to study and analyze the cyber industry within the state and its impact on the economy in Louisiana and to report its findings to the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs. Brad mentioned he was going to discuss the actions needed with Dr. Guice and Jeff Mouton from STC to see the best way to get this done.
- Next Brad Manuel proxied for Secretary Ardoin and gave the update for the SOS on the Election Security Committee. Craig welcomed Brad back from his recent deployment. Brad did not have anything significant to report.
- Devin King provided an update on the Law Enforcement Committee
- April Danos provided a status of the Maritime Industry Committee and let the Chairmen know she was in the early stage of getting the committee formed.
- Mike Bendich told the Chairmen that all the briefing were concluded. Craig thanked all the committee leads and noted all the great work being done.
- Craig then asked for any closing comments during this time. Went thru the room and asked if anybody had anything.
- Chairman Spohn then thanked all parties for their assistance with preparing for and participating in this meeting. Craig turned the floor over to MG Waddell for his comments.
- Co-Chair MG Waddell thanked the Chairman and all the Committee members and chairpersons for being part of the team. MG Waddell mentioned that he looked forward to seeing Cybersecurity Awareness Month take off and thanked the team for putting that together. He mentioned that cyber incidents have not slowed down. The cyber awareness campaign will help get the message out and bring attention to some of the preventative things we can do to slow down the incidents.
- MG Waddell closed his comments with additional thank you for everyone's support.
- Commissioner Spohn adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.