

Louisiana Cybersecurity Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
25 MARCH 2021

Meeting Began at: 1:02 p.m. (CST) and took place via ZOOM.

In Attendance:

- Craig Spohn - Chairman
- BG Keith Waddell – Co-Chair
- April Danos
- Brian Landry
- Paul Rainwater
- Brad Lambert
- Chris Styron
- Tara McLeese
- Devin King
- Dickie Howze
- Earl Thornton
- Bill Bradley
- Arun Lakhota
- Phillip Contantin
- Jeff McKee
- Jeff Moulton
- George Tanner
- Dr. Leslie Guice
- BG James Waskom
- Kenny Donnelly, COL (Ret.)
- Lt. Col. Paul Perron
- Sonya Wiley Gremillion
- Sarah Allen
- MAJ Sarah Anderson
- Ramesh Kolluru
- Laura Wilt
- Neal Fudge
- Stephen Durel
- Michael Bendich
- Major Douglas Cain
- David Cordell

Commissioner Spohn opened the meeting by welcoming the Commissioners

- Chairman Spohn requested a Motion to Adopt the Minutes from the Previous Meeting.
  - Motion was proposed and adopted unanimously.
- Moving onto new business, COL Donnelly (Ret) requested a Legislative Report from MAJ Anderson:
  - MAJ Anderson advised the initially proposed legislative item for a Louisiana Data Security Standard is premature at this time for business concerns voiced by the Louisiana

Economic Development and potential conflicts of law raised by the Louisiana Attorney General's Office. MAJ Anderson advised that the A.G.'s Office, rep. Chris Styron, and she would work together to develop a better, more cohesive product for the 2022 legislative session.

- MAJ Anderson also commented on behalf of Brad Harris for the La. Secretary of State's office regarding the Managed Service Provider registration requirements. MAJ Anderson advised that the La. SOS office is working with the MSP Alliance to find mutually acceptable ways to exempt certain filings from public records for law enforcement investigations and other available public records investigations. MAJ Anderson further advised that registration information required from the MSPs will be consistent with Fusion center intel requirements.
- Commissioner Sarah Allen asked if anyone was aware of a software licensing bill. No commissioners were aware.
- Commissioner Sarah Allen offered support from Cox Communication's privacy experts to MAJ Anderson and Chris Styron.
- COL Donnelly advised of potential changes in Commission's Committees due to changes in the Cyber Landscapes (such as increase in Ransomware Attacks by 800%)
  - Proposal to reduce from 8 standing committees (as set up from March 2018) to 7 standing committees
    - Proposal to remove to Critical Infrastructure and Information Sharing Committee
    - Combine the Workforce and Economic Development, Education, and Public Outreach into one large committee with Dr. Guice as the Chair and Brad Lambert as the co-chair. Mr. Lambert discussed the overlap between the two previously distinct groups.
    - Proposal to create a distinct Maritime Industry Committee to cover an existing gap in Commission activities.
      - Ms. April Danos provided presentation on Maritime Cybersecurity issues discussing workforce issues, emergency support and responses, and information sharing within the maritime community given the presence of 32 ports in Louisiana that touch 16 critical infrastructure sectors within Louisiana.
  - COL. Donnelly asked for a Motion to Accept the changes as proposed. Jeff Moulton proposed the Motion with April Danos as the proposed Chairman of the Maritime Industry Committee.
    - Chairman Spohn asked Col. Donnelly summarized the changes again. No discussion or objection. Hearing none, all motions passed to make all proposed changes regarding the proposed changes on the committees.
    - Col. Donnelly then briefed a new timeline for the committee leads to be prepared to give a new, informal brief at the next meeting for plans for the remainder of 2021.
      - Col. Donnelly advised that there are no pending Commission items during this legislative session.
  - COL. Donnelly then asked for closing comments during this Commission.

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- Chairman Spohn then thanked all parties for their assistance with preparing for and participating in this meeting.
- Co-Chair BG Waddell thanked the Chairman and all the Committee members and chairpersons, current, former, and future for their work. BG Waddell congratulated Ms. Danos on her new appointment and looks forward to working with her.
  - BG Waddell mentioned that ESF-17 worked 19 incidents in the 14 months and wants the Commission to be thinking with initiative about a campaign for cyber awareness to get the message out, to bring additional attention to some of the challenges being faced by cyber responders to try and slow down the incidents being faced by ESF-17.
  - BG Waskom advised that GOHSEP, Rick Moore, the Fusion Center, and the Governor's office is looking to expand their messenger on cyber information past just law enforcement to promote cyber hygiene.
  - BG Waddell closed his comments with additional thank you for everyone's support.
- Commissioner Spohn adjourned the meeting at 1:56 p.m.