

Louisiana Cybersecurity Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
21 January 2021

Meeting Began at: 1:00 p.m. (CST) and took place via ZOOM.

In Attendance:

- Craig Spohn - Chairman
- BG Keith Waddell – Co-Chair
- April Danos
- Jeff Moulton
- Paul Rainwater
- Bill Bradley
- Secretary Don. Pierson
- Brad Lambert
- Brahmananda Reddy
- Tara McLeese
- Devin King
- Dickie Howze
- Earl Thornton
- James Waskom
- Jeff McKee
- Kenny Donnelly, COL (Ret.)
- Les Guice
- Lt. Col. Paul Perron
- Sonya Wiley Gremillion
- Sarah Allen
- MAJ Sarah Anderson
- Josh Velasquez
- Ramesh Kolluru
- Garret Abston
- David Cordell
- Toby Guillory

Commissioner Spohn opened the meeting by playing a pre-recorded video of Gov. John Bel Edwards addressing the attendees of the National Governor's Association, Cybersecurity Summit. During Gov. Edward's recorded remarks, he positively commented on the work of the Cybersecurity Commission, ESF 17, and he announced the winners of the Louisiana Cybersecurity High School competition.

- Motion by Commissioner Wiley with a second by Commissioner Guice to accept the former meeting minutes as written. Motion passed.
- Chairman Spohn announced the retirement of former Commissioner Reeves and his replacement with now LSP Superintendent Davis and thanked former Louisiana AG Rep. Alberto Depuy for his service to the commission. Mr. Depuy is now moving to the Division of Administrative Law.
- Commissioner Kolluru Presented a New Opportunity Regarding Cybersecurity Maturity Requirements for Federal Contractors:

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- Commissioner Kolluru discussed University of Louisiana-Lafayette's PTAC program, which will provide cybersecurity support to Louisiana businesses under the Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification Model requirements put out by the Department of Defense CIO.
  - The certification assistance will be for levels 1-3, which will last for up to 3 years.
  - Commissioner Kolluru asked for feedback from the Commission about setting up an analogous program for the state of Louisiana for contractors to do business with the state of Louisiana.
  - Comments were raised about initial resolutions passed in 2018/2019 by the commission about studying the impact on businesses if they were required to comply with NIST cybersecurity requirements before contracting with the state of Louisiana.
  - Chairman Spohn encouraged Commissioner Kolluru to look into this further and come back to the commission with proposed implementation details.
  - Commissioner Kolluru asked for volunteers to assist.
- Cyber Threat Brief by Devin King from Louisiana State Police – Cyber Crime Unit
  - Top 5 types of cases:
    - Ransomware
    - Business Email Compromise
    - Network Intrusion – Data Loss
    - Network Intrusion – Cryptomining
    - Insider Threat
  - Consistently seeing Trickbot
    - Identified in every Emotet/Ryuk Ransomware case that CCU has worked.
    - Steals credentials, worm-like capabilities.
    - Steals PII and contacts and increases data loss cases.
    - It also destroys evidence making law enforcement investigations more difficult.
    - Top 3 places of origin: Russia, China, and US
    - Also seeing a significant risk in remote access hacking attempts
    - Also seeing Ransomware coming in through brute force attacks
- COL. Donnelley & Chairman Spohn went through the various subcommittees asking for any significant updates:
  - No significant updates from any committee except for the Workforce Development, Education, and Public Outreach, Legislation and Funding Committee, and
  - Workforce Development, Education, and Public Outreach:
    - Dr. Guice will be preparing to bid on a federal RFI.
  - Legislation and Funding Committee:
    - COL Donnelly presented a timeline of legislative proposal deadline to the committee.
  - Law Enforcement, Prosecution and Digital Forensics Committee:
    - Devin King stated that the LCIA is growing quickly along with its lab. The LCIA now has a full-time guard member and its case load is rapidly increasing.

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- Proposed Agenda Items for Next Commission Meetings:
  - Conduct a Review of the 8 Standing Committees:
    - Address Overlaps and Gaps
    - Improve any inefficiencies.
    - Recommendations on moving forward on committees.
    - Brad Lambert commented on supporting this agenda item and Chairman Spohn considered motion carried and will add this item to the agenda for next time.
- Review of Timeline for Commission:
  - Next Steps:
    - Commissioners to examine 8 standing committees and make recommendations for improvements.
  - Regular legislative session begins on 21 April 2021 and ends on 10 June 2021.
    - Idea is to propose necessary cybersecurity legislation.
  - Committees encourages to work on their action plans and 2021 initiatives.
    - Committee leads brief their 2021 action plans at the next meetings.
- Closing Comments from Chairman Spohn advised COL Donnelly to please provide as much notice as possible for next meeting.
- Closing Comments from BG Waddell thanked GOHSEP, LANG Servicemembers, LSP CCU lead Devin King, and OTS CISO Dustin Glover for cybersecurity response efforts behind the scenes.
  - BG Waddell reminded the commission about Cybersecurity awareness month in October and offered to assist with promoting the awareness efforts.
  - BG Waddell thanked COL Donnelly and all of the commissioners for their continued efforts.
- Chairman Spohn echoed BG Waddell comments thanking COL Donnelly for putting on the meetings.
- Commissioner Sarah Allen (Cox Communications) offered to partner with someone on a PSA for cybersecurity awareness month in October.
- Commissioner Spohn adjourned the meeting at 2:05pm.