

Louisiana Cybersecurity Commission

Meeting Minutes

- Meeting began at 1:00 p.m.
- Present were:
  - Chairman Craig Spohn
  - Co-Chair, BG Keith Waddell
  - George Tanner, Secretary of State, Kyle Ardoin
  - Mr. Brant Mitchell – proxy for Mr. Jeff Moulton, SDMI
  - Laura Wilt – CIO Ochsner
  - Mr. James Waskom, GOHSEP
  - Mr. Paul Rainwater
  - Dr. Yenumula Reddy
  - Dr. Les Guice – Louisiana Tech
  - Mr. Dickie Howze, Division of Administration
  - Mr. Bill Bradley, CenturyLink (Retired)
  - Mr. Brad Lambert- Proxy for LED Secretary, Don Pierson – New Commissioner
  - Sonya Wiley – Rapides Parish Emergency Response
  - Mr. Sumit Jain – LSU
  - Mr. Devin King, Louisiana State Police
  - Mr. Dustin Glover, Louisiana Office of Technology Services
  - Lester Millet,
  - Earl Thornton, Department of Agriculture
  - Tara McLeese, United States Secret Service
  - George Tanner
- Additional guests and ex-officio members participated in the meeting
- Welcoming remarks made by Chairman Spohn
- Meeting minutes were approved from previous meeting.
  - Previous Meeting was February 20, 2020 – Minutes were approved unanimously. No edits or corrections to the minutes.
- Mr. Kenny Donnelly address housekeeping matters:
  - Gregory M. Bowser, the President and CEO of LCA/LCIA was recommended by Brian Landry to fill Edward Flynn’s Seat.
  - Need to reorganize the subcommittees to prevent redundancies
  - Need to be start end of year reporting
- Chairman Spohn Introduced the Guest Speaker: Scott Dickerson and Ms. Christy Coffey of the Maritime Transportation System ISAC
  - MTS-ISAC is a 501(c)(6), nationwide information sharing through stakeholders including Port of New Orleans and Port Fourchon
    - Member of the National Council of ISACs and DHS Cyber Information Sharing and Collaboration Program
  - Seeking to go from physical threat information to cyber threat information sharing and will to allow non-attributable data to all more effective sharing for betterment of entire maritime ecosystem.

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- Maritime ecosystem has economic impacts across the nation
- Presented a case study of how information sharing works and its cybersecurity intelligence products.
  - MTS-ISAC provides webinars and exercise support.
- Cost of participation is \$37,500 to cover all Louisiana entities who would participate. It can be supported through grant program funds.
- Committee Update:
  - Legislative and Budget Update by Paul Rainwater: All previous bills were passed and signed by the Governor's office:
    - SB398 (Foil) - Background Checks for Rapid Response Force – Resolution to create a volunteer, civilian rapid response force of information technology professionals to assist the State with cyber-attacks. These individuals will submit fingerprints for state background checks with Louisiana State Police.
    - ACT 57 (Abraham) - Legislative Bill for Cybersecurity Talent Fund Initiative – this legislation will create a fund to support cyber-based education in Louisiana higher-education, such as faculty salaries and curriculum development.
    - ACT 144 (Zeringue) - Legislative Bill for Cybersecurity Emergency Response Fund – this legislation will create a fund to support training/education on information security and additional pay for state employees who assist in responding to cyber-attacks. The fund will be hosted by GOHSEP.
    - Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10 (Foil) - Louisiana Cyber Investigators Alliance – this resolution will create an alliance out of Louisiana State Police of all public sector cybercrime analysis professionals, state and federal, for a streamlined and more efficient approach to data analytics and evidence collection.
    - ACT 117 (Hewitt) - Legislative Bill for Managed Service Providers - this bill will require managed service providers to register with the Louisiana Secretary of State's office for the quality control purposes.
    - Secretary Pierson asked if budget for cyber incident response could be used for pre-disaster issues like better firewalls.
  - Cyber Risk, Assets, and Capabilities Assessment and Information Sharing Integration Committees: by Dr. Ramesh Kolluru
    - Wrapping up strategic plan for state and critical infrastructure
      - Received assistance from the National Governor's Association
    - Looking forward to getting into information sharing with stakeholders across the state in healthcare, education, and maritime
    - Also looking at cross-sector individuals who can help understand weaknesses in information sharing posture
    - Dr. Arun Lakhota made a supplemental report:
      - Working on a pilot program with Johns Hopkins University
      - Comment by Dustin Glover: worked with JHU on a Sore platform for Louisiana's environment for threat management
      - Education is difficult to manage because of all of the regulatory requirements.

- Trouble with retaining talent
- Need a talent pipeline for all universities, including those who are less mature in these fields.
- Working with Laura Hilt to assist efforts in Healthcare section
- ESF-17 Committee Report by Brant Mitchell:
  - New member, Neal Fudge to committee as deputy director for homeland security at GOHSEP.
  - Working on closing out 14 items of tasks by end of the year. Need additional resources for these item such as a Cyber Core and Cyber response team.
  - Will need be working on an exercise for the cyber team for 2021. Going to start meeting with various groups, forensics, operations, and legal to complete on-going tasks to ensure state is better prepared for next major attack.
- Workforce Development, Education, and Public Outreach Committee by Dr. Leslie Giuce:
  - Cyber Talent Initiative Fund will soon receive \$1 million in it.
  - Had first meeting of Cyber Education management council through the board of regents, which includes members of the commission, to develop RFP frameworks to then solicit from educational entities to grow and enhance cyber talent across the state of Louisiana.
- Economic Development Committee by Sec. Pierson
  - Trying to enhance cyber related activities of Louisiana National Guard and having good cooperation and movement.
  - Bringing in the Louisiana Optical Network Infrastructure (LONI) connection to cyber efforts in the Baton Rouge area
  - Two awards from Department of Energy for cyber protection – one for cyber protection of Port Fourchon and another related to a cyber training exercise
  - Currently working with General Dynamics to expand cyber work in Louisiana, in both North and South portion of the State.
  - LED Deputy Secretary Brad Lambert made a supplemental report: put forth a brief online survey re: Louisiana businesses on cyber. However, storms and COVID re-directed certain efforts. Hoping to complete efforts by 2021.
  - Recently Issued Cyber Ed. Certificates to teachers as spear for cyber workforce for the future.
- Election Security Committee Report by George Tanner:
  - Municipal general and primary postponed by COVID-19 pandemic
  - Participated in 2 tabletop exercises with DHS/CISA and others for elections
  - Received funding for a dedicated cybersecurity position in La. SOS and looking forward to building a dedicated team for that.
  - Preparing for presidential general and primary in October and November
- Law Enforcement, Prosecution, and Digital Forensics Committee by Devin King:
  - LCIA will have first meeting next week, Wednesday, to set up governing body for the LCIA.
- Milestone and Timeline Review:

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- Through the end of calendar year and December, will start preparing the report to the Governor on the commission. However, need each committee to develop written report for end of the calendar year given the accomplishments of 2020.
- Commission will continue to notify members of webinar and other events concerning cybersecurity, such as the National Summit on State Cybersecurity.
- Cybersecurity Awareness Month is the full month of October,
- Mr. Donnelly gave a history of the commission and how the commission has assisted in closing cyber gaps across the state. Still have a lot of work, but moving in the right direction.
- Upcoming Commission Deadlines:
  - Committee Reports due NOV 2020
  - Chairmen to prepare annual report to the Governor in Dec 2020
  - Re-Evaluate Standing Committees in DEC 2020
  - 2021 will be a time to re-assess commission goals and objectives
- Mr. Donnelly requested final comments or questions from public – none were received.
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- Closing Remarks by BG Waddell thanked Mr. Donnelly, his staff, and Commissioners.
- Closing remarks by Chairman Spohn – none added.
  - Meeting Adjourned at 2:13pm