Louisiana Cybersecurity Commission
Meeting Minutes May 14, 2019

- Meeting began at 12:30 pm
- In attendance:
    - Craig Spohn, Chairman
    - MG Glenn Curtis, Co-Chair
    - Dr. Les Guice, La Tech
    - Mr. Edward Flynn
    - Mr. Bill Bradley
    - COL Kevin Reeves
    - Dickie Howze
    - Dr. Ramesh Kolluru
    - Mr. Jeff Moulton
    - Dr. Yenmula Reddy
    - Dr. Michael Dunaway
    - Mr. Brad Harris, Proxy for Mr. Kyle Ardoin, La. SOS office
- Prior meeting minutes were adopted by the commission
- Dr. Guice presented proposal on Establishing Coding Language as a Priority for Louisiana Schools:
    - Proposal was in draft form
    - Idea to re-prioritize lessons, as too much material is being taught in too short a time period
    - Mr. Spohn endorsed the proposal
    - Dr. Ramesh Kolluru asked if special interest groups raised any objections. Mr. Spohn said no opposition currently known and may be because the proposal is an option, not a mandate for schools
    - Mr. Spohn stressed the importance of the next workforce being capable of addressing the next generation of jobs
    - Dr Guice and Mr Spohn will meet with Superintendent White and his staff to plan a way ahead.
- Legislative Update from COL Kenneth Donnelly and MAJ Sarah Anderson
    - MAJ Anderson gave an update on the Status of HB7, HB74, and SB 46, along with the resolutions and whether there were any objections to the bills.
    - To date, there are no objections to the bills, only positive amendments to some of the items.
    - Opposition is not anticipated to the LCC bills
- Dr. Guice gave an update on the Workforce, Education & Public Outreach Committee:
    - GOV Edwards wants La to be a leader in education for workforce development in cyber-related jobs
    - Two major imperatives targeted for the subcommittee :
        - Mobilize public and private resources in enhancing educations
        - Transform, elevate and sustain the learning environment
    - Key Recommendations:
        - Establish LA cybersecurity initiative funding for the workforce

- Encourage the formation of regional alliances of public and private sector leaders to communicate, plan and implement activities to build and sustain the cybersecurity ecosystems
- Launch an effort to recruit cybersecurity workers from underutilized and underrepresented populations in the cybersecurity workforce including veterans, women, and minorities
- Strengthen capacity for K-12 schools to prepare students with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to enter into cybersecurity career and educational pathways
  - Dr Guice discussed the bill drafter by Rep Mark Abraham to establish the Cybersecurity Talent Initiative Program that would provide a structure for funding of cyber-related programs in education across the state. The initial funding level for this program may be relatively small, but could build over time.
- Mr. Brad Harris gave an election security update:
  - Mr. Harris set forth an action plan with several goals:
    - A budget for Albert Sensors to be included in the Clerk of Course offices on the election machines and the SOS office is confident that it will occur
    - La SOS is conducting a table top exercise and is working with LANG, specifically LTC Steven Durel to accomplish this mission, but currently do not have funding
    - They are going to do a physical security assessment of voting protocol beginning in Baton Rouge
    - They are also planning a physical security evaluation of the voting machine warehouses, but they do not yet have funding for that event
    - Final goal is to replace the voting machines. They used leased voting machines in 3 parishes in the most recent elections
    - LA SOS is developing a RFI/RFP for more voting machines
    - Commissioner Moulton stated that $75K is too small a budget for a TTX
- COL(Ret.) Donnelly presented a wrap up of current status of sub-committee activities and discussed an end of year wrap up for the commission
- Informal Oral Briefs by Committee Leads:
  - Cyber Risk, Assets, and Capabilities Assessment: Not briefing today
  - ESF 17 – Brief by Commissioner Moulton:
    - Planning is ongoing for the TTX
    - Funding remains uncertain
  - Information Sharing and Integration Committee:
    - Want to create a Louisiana Cyber Information and Analysis Center, which require identifying logistical assets in Louisiana aside from the Fusion Center and Louisiana National Guard.
    - Created a survey instrument to measure information security incentives and have higher education professionals who will be able to interpret the data and determine the greatest priorities for the public sector.
    - A final goal is to position Louisiana as an innovator in cybersecurity by promoting higher education resources and public/private partnerships
      - Want to provide a place for innovators in cybersecurity to prove their ideas

- This should assist with economic development
  - o Economic Development Committee
    - Dr. Dunaway discussed the 3 principle outcomes:
      - Develop and training and education process in cybersecurity in the private sector
      - Develop a program to encourage LA start-up companies in the field of cybersecurity
      - Adapt NIST cybersecurity framework and the Baldridge "Cybersecurity Excellence Builder"
    - Dr. Dunaway is working with the Governor's office to make these goals a statewide program
    - Dr. Dunaway spoke with the Baldridge foundation to try to borrow their framework, which is already certified through NIST for cybersecurity
  - o Law Enforcement, Prosecution and Digital Forensics Committee
    - Brief by Mr. Devin King:
    - The LCC needs a new FBI rep
    - Over the 1st Quarter of 2019, Fusion center investigated over $3M in losses and the source of the investigation was referral from other agencies
    - Fusion Center is developing investigative teams to train groups from the Sheriff's departments to help investigate cyber crimes and the funds are being provided by the Federal Govt. Idea is to create a state-wide capability – not just one team
- COL(Ret.) Donnelly went over timeline for remainder of 2019
  - o Goal to present governor with a cybersecurity strategic plans
  - o Will continue to work on and complete action plans from individual committees
- Next Commission Meeting is not yet determined
- COL(Ret.) Donnelly advised on upcoming scheduling notes of on-going NGA Summit
- Chairman Spohn stated that the work of the LCC is the source of Governor's pride and that he (Chairman Spohn) is very grateful for the work of the commissioners.
- Chairman Spohn closed the meeting at 2:01 p.m.