

Louisiana Cybersecurity Commission

Meeting Minutes

- Meeting began at 10:00 a.m.
- Present were:
  - Chairman Craig Spohn
  - Co-Chair, MG Glenn Curtis
  - Mr. Mark Northrup – via telephone
  - Mr. Brad Harris, proxy for Secretary of State, Kyle Ardoin
  - Mr. Jeff Moulton, SDMI
  - COL Kevin Reeves, Louisiana State Police
  - Mr. James Waskom, GOHSEP
  - Mr. Paul Rainwater
  - Mr. Kevin Nolten – Proxy for Dr. Les Guice, Louisiana Tech
  - Dr. Yenumula Reddy, Grambling State University
  - Dr. Ramesh Kolluru, University of Louisiana Lafayette
  - Mr. Dickie Howze, Division of Administration
  - Mr. Bill Bradley, CenturyLink (Retired)
  - LED Secretary, Don Pierson – New Commissioner
  - Sarah Olocott Allen – For Cox Communications – New Commissioner
- Welcoming remarks made by Chairman Spohn
- Meeting minutes were approved from previous meeting.
- Chairman Spohn asked for recommendations for a new member/nominee in a CIO-type position from the health and human services sector
- Kenny Donnelly → introduced the legislative committee update
  - There will be a budget subcommittee for the legislative committee for the 2020 regular session priorities
  - There will be a host of budget items coming from the other committees for the legislative portion
  - MAJ Sarah Anderson gave a briefing on two more legislative proposals:
    - Legislative subcommittee has 2 proposals (1) legislation; and (2) resolution:
      - (1) 44:3.1 – wanting to tighten language in response to Louisiana Public Records Law
      - (2) Proposing to create a certification (fingerprints, credit score, etc.), through a legislative resolution, to develop a “bench” of IT professionals who can assist the State in an emergency. Goal is to run background checks on the proposed IT professionals for public protection.
        - Comment: 2017 legislation for Cajun Navy could be used as a template
        - Comment (General Curtis): Want to be prepared in the event the next cyber-attack is larger.
        - Commissioners Waskom, Moulton, Kolluru, and Mitchell to work on this proposal with MAJ Anderson

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- Kenny Donnelly advised the commissioners to read the additional details regarding the legislation and be prepared to vote at the next meeting. Mr. Donnelly also requested that the other committees submit their requests to the Governor's office.
  - Secretary Pierson → advised that all budget requests must be submitted before December 1 to the Governor's office.
- Paul Rainwater asked that anyone submitting legislative ideas check in with private partners to vet proposals before submitting the commission
- Kenny Donnelly gave an update on the Louisiana Cybersecurity Collaboration Forum – in NOLA for 75-100 people. It will be an outreach event with the commission. There is a leadership board.
  - Targeted at C-Suite executives, CISO, CIOs, Head of Risk Compliance, Audit, Privacy and other stakeholders for security their organization
  - Invitation only event – trying to keep it small to focus on relationship building
- New Business:
  - Cyber Incident Response: Gov declaration expired on 22 October 2019, but since then three other cyber-attacks and ransomware events occurred in the State
    - Dustin Glover – asked that commissioners push out the message that the sooner he and the Fusion Center is made aware of the incident, the more effective the response and better able they are to take preventative measures.
    - Chairman Spohn recommended that the other commissions join InfraGard to receive the FOUO updates and information
  - Ryuk Ransomware AAR – by Brant Mitchell of LSU/STC
    - Conducted 13 different interviews and created a total of 72 action items for improvement
    - Came up with 8 different groupings for improvements. Not a lot of technical issues, mainly process and procedures
    - The notification foundations of ESF-17 worked properly. However, the two parishes who were hit before the state was notified did not report to the Fusion Center, which would have potentially mitigated or prevented the future attacks.
    - AAR revealed that because of how quickly and effectively the technology group responded, namely Dustin Glover and Devin King, 7 additional attacks on different school boards were found before damage was inflicted
    - Amazing victory that all 69 school districts were able to open their schools up on time despite the attacks
- Kenny Donnelly gave a brief regarding the IBM Cyber Incident Response training to which Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Donnelly, Dustin Glover, and LTC Steve Durel attended.
  - IBM wants to work with the State of Louisiana to conduct a cybersecurity exercise
  - They would either travel to Louisiana, or have 20-30 people travel to Cambridge
- Committee Updates:
  - Information Sharing and Integration Committee:
    - Dr. Kolluru gave an update, focusing on how to get the community to become comfortable reporting cybersecurity information, before, during and after an attack to support also ESF-17.

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- Dr. Kolluru gave praise to the technology team responding to the previous attack
- Dr. Kolluru, Chairman Spohn, and Kenny Donnelly discuss the Potential Pilot Participation Information for State Local, Tribal and Territorial Indicators of Compromise automation run by Johns Hopkins University. The commission can make a recommendation on whether to participate
- Cyber Risk, Assets, Capabilities Assessment Committee:
  - Kenny Donnelly said this committee is working with the National Governor's Association, the Louisiana Chemical Association, and various Ports to participate in an exercise in January. ULL will serve as a location for this event and DHS will also serve as an industry partner. NGA will produce a document for the event, which will be provided to the commission near the end of the year.
- Workforce Development, Education, and Public Outreach Committee:
  - Mr. Kevin Nolten, obo Dr. Guice gave an update. The committee is building a matrix and action plans based on a previous report focusing on low-dollar wins for the State. Looking for regional programs, such as NICERC, which focuses on the K-12 level educators
  - NICERC will work with Dr. Guice for awareness campaigns for educators and try to best fuse resources
- Election Security Committee:
  - Brad Manual – CIO for the La. SOS office gave an update from Kyle Ardoin. Working on 7 goals: 1) inventory of voting machines; 2) risk assessments and corresponding report; 3) Albert Censors; 4) Work with La Guard for Table Top Exercise for election security 5) physical security assessment of local office; 6) physical security assessment for warehouse of voting machines; and 7) update and replace voting machines.
  - Just launched and used new voting machines for most recent elections
- Law Enforcement, prosecution, and digital forensic Committee:
  - Devin King gave his report OBO COL Reeves. Devin said they established the Louisiana Cyber Law Investigator's Alliance, with members from state and federal entities with investigative tools to train for the next response. The first training class will happen the week before Thanksgiving. Participants are on a waiting list and coming from around regions in hopes of developing out of state partners. The Bureau of Justice and Administration provides the funding.
- Economic Development:
  - Brad Lambert obo LED – working on a survey incident for the businesses in Louisiana to get a knowledge capability analysis of cybersecurity issues. Currently working with the LSU business school to get it loaded electronically.
- COL Donnelly thanks everyone who has participated with NGA events to spread the word about cybersecurity
- COL Donnelly gave an update on the water campus
- COL Donnelly gave a timeline of upcoming events such as the FEMA event the 2020 Cyber Summit in New Orleans in January 2020 by Checkpoint.
- Next Commission meeting will likely be in January 2020.

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- Before closing, Jeff McKee of DHS discussed CISA and that he is the representative for that in Louisiana, and he is asking that commissioners pick up handouts on the program.
  - Frank Kidd from US Dept of Labor retired, asked if School Board Officers have an IT admin that can respond to security issues. Chairman Spohn answered that such a plan is currently in place, but there is a budget and resources constraint.
- Meeting adjourned.