

Technology Services Board (TSB) Security Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2024

Call to Order

Ralph Johnson opened the August 2024 meeting of the Technology Services Board, welcoming attendees and expressing gratitude to the members for their commitment to the committee, highlighting the group's potential to achieve impactful work in the coming months and years.

Ralph reminded attendees of the requirement under RCW 43.105.291 for the committee to meet jointly with the Military Department's Cybersecurity Advisory Committee. The closed meeting, scheduled for **September 26th**, will focus on drafting the **joint cybersecurity report** due to the Governor's Office and select legislative committees by **December 1st**.

TSB Security Subcommittee Charter Review

Ralph reviewed the TSB Security Subcommittee charter, which guides the group in advising the Technology Services Board on cybersecurity, addressing risks, and fulfilling RCW 43.105.291 objectives. Members are expected to attend quarterly meetings, maintain confidentiality, and collaborate effectively. The charter will be reviewed annually, with collaboration supported by WaTech's administrative team.

Policy & Standard Review

Three policies and standards were reviewed by Ralph:

1. **SEC-06-01-S: Identification of Standards**
Focuses on controls for identifying and authenticating users to state systems, including multi-factor authentication, password management, and credential handling.
2. **SEC-04-09-S: Endpoint Detection and Response Standard**
Requires endpoint security for state-issued and personal devices used for state business, with reporting to the Security Operations Center.
3. **SEC-10: Incident Response Policy**
Establishes an enterprise incident response framework for agencies to adapt, defining incident types, communication protocols, and documentation requirements.

With no objections, all were approved to move to the Technology Services Board for review.

OCS Highlights: Security Operations

Deputy CISO Jack Potter outlined the Security Operations Center's role in centralized security, incident response, and collaboration under RCW 43.105.450. He highlighted evolving threats like phishing, vulnerabilities, and AI-driven attacks, and detailed the SOC's tools, 24/7 monitoring, and forensics support.

State & Local Cybersecurity Grant Program Update

Bill Kehoe presented on the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program, highlighting its role in funding local government and tribal cybersecurity initiatives. With \$17M allocated over four years, the program supports critical projects, particularly for under-resourced rural areas, to address vulnerabilities and ransomware threats. In its second round, the program approved 125 of 189 applications, distributing \$5.3M. Bill emphasized the strong collaboration between WaTech, the Military Department, and local governments, ensuring a united front against cyber threats.

Enterprise Strategic Plan: Security Alignment

Ralph presented how the state's cybersecurity governance aligns with the broader enterprise IT strategic plan, emphasizing four key pillars: shared governance, digital trust, service excellence, and equitable outcomes. He explained that the Office of Cybersecurity (OCS) aims to integrate its goals with the strategic plan through upcoming workshops and collaborative efforts with state agencies. Notably, cybersecurity, while not a standalone goal, is embedded across all pillars under the concept of digital trust. Ralph highlighted the importance of fostering public confidence in digital services, improving service delivery, leveraging data for decision-making, addressing technology debt, and enhancing workforce training. The vision is to position Washington as a national model for cybersecurity, ensuring secure, seamless operations while prioritizing customer focus, reliability, and innovation.

10:25 am - Executive Session

An executive session was held for 25 minutes to discuss sensitive security topics and information pursuant to RCW 43.105.291(4). The session closed at 10:50 am; no action was taken.

Public Comment

No public comments were received.

Adjournment

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am. The next meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2024.

Submitted by: Leanne Woods, Board and Committee Program Administrator