

Technology Services Board (TSB) Security Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Hybrid – 1500 Jefferson St SE, Olympia, WA; Presentation Room and Virtual via Zoom

Call to Order – Bill Kehoe

Bill Kehoe, called the meeting to order, conducted a roll call confirming a quorum, and proceeded with the approval of the December 4, 2024, meeting minutes. After a brief review, Senator Boehnke moved to approve, the motion was seconded, and the minutes passed unanimously.

Committee Roles and Responsibilities Refresh – Ralph Johnson

Ralph Johnson provided a refresher on the committee's purpose, established under RCW 43.105.291, emphasizing its role in enhancing Washington State's cybersecurity. The committee is responsible for advising the Technology Services Board, addressing security risks, assessing tools and policies, and recommending strategies to minimize cyber threats.

Legislative Update: Bills with a Security Component – Angela Kleis

Angela Kleis provided a legislative update on bills with security components, highlighting key measures under consideration. She explained the legislative process and committee jurisdictions for cybersecurity-related bills. Three bills were discussed: Senate Bill 5014, focused on election security measures for county election systems; Senate Bill 5017, aligning Washington's voting laws with federal standards for overseas voters; and House Bill 1672, addressing electronic monitoring of employees, which has significant cybersecurity implications. The latter bill raised concerns over potential security risks, such as required disclosures of monitoring technology and data access details. Watech is actively working with stakeholders to address these concerns.

State & Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) Update – Zack Hudgins

The discussion highlighted the urgent need for continued funding to support cybersecurity in small and rural jurisdictions, many of which lack basic protections. The program, included in the governor's budget and under legislative review, aims to address these gaps, particularly for jurisdictions impacted by ransomware attacks. Washington State is recognized as a leader in this space, with efforts to demonstrate the program's return on investment. The State Auditor's Office and CISA offer no-cost assessments, but demand far exceeds available funding. Officials

emphasized using grant application data to identify common needs and inform strategic statewide initiatives, with recommendations already presented to the governor and legislature. The program has also fostered collaboration among state agencies, strengthening cybersecurity resilience across Washington.

10:10 am - Executive Session

An executive session was held for 15 minutes to discuss sensitive security topics and information pursuant to RCW 43.105.291(4). The session closed at 10:20 am; no action was taken.

Public Comment

No public comments were received.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Submitted by Leanne Woods, Board & Committee Program Administrator

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