

Modernize Maryland Commission
July 8, 2024
Minutes

Sara Elalamy, Legislative Director for DoIT, called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

Roll Call

Voting Members Present:

- Manoj Srivastava, Chair, Chief Technology Officer, Blackpoint Cyber
- Patrick Mulford, Secretary's designee, Chief of Staff, DoIT
- Greg Rogers, Chief Info. Security Officer
- Ken Kurz, Chief Info. Officer at COPT Defense Properties
- Michael Piercy, Senior Advisor for Program Innovation, to the CTO of MD
- Stanley Lofton, Chief Info. Officer at MDPS & Correctional Services
- Mark Cather, Chief Info. Security and Privacy Officer, USM

Voting Members Not Present:

- Ken Hlavacek, Director of Cybersecurity, MD-THINK
- Andrew Drummond, Director of Accessibility, DoIT

Non-Voting Advisory Members Present:

- Senator Katie Fry Hester

Non-Voting Advisory Members Not Present:

- Delegate Anne Kaiser

Others Present:

- Sara Elalamy, Legislative Director, DoIT
- Damian Lang, Chief of Staff for Office of Senator Hester
- Lance Cleghorn, Director of State Cyber Security, DoIT
- Robert Marshall, Legislative Affairs Intern, DoIT

Modernize Maryland Commission Overview

- Review of [Senate Bill 982 - Information Technology - Modernization of Information Technology Projects](#)
- Purpose of commission

Discussion of Current Membership and Future Appointments

- Manoj Srivastava, Patrick Mulford, and Ken Kurz expressed gratitude for the opportunity to work on this commission and their ability to be pioneers.
- Senator Hester echoed gratitude for the opportunity to head the bill and work on this commission.
- The governor's appointment office, a key player in the commission's structure, will fill three more commission roles.

Prior Meeting Frequency

- Commission plans to meet quarterly

Discussion/Remarks

- Michael Piercy emphasizes security and rapid procurement
- Stanley Lofton also emphasizes the importance of procurement improvement
- Mark Cather begins a discussion on centralization
- Ken Kurz views centralization and procurement as "hand-in-hand."
- Senator Hester suggests focusing on specific portions of the commission's goals, which previously had a bigger-picture approach.
- Manoj Srivastava suggests dividing the commission into smaller action groups.
- More meetings will be needed; Patrick Mulford suggests monthly meetings
- The consensus is that smaller groups will get together

Next Steps and Action Items:

1. Formation of Action Groups

- a. Establish smaller action groups to tackle specific goals and initiatives.
- b. Each group is to have a designated leader responsible for reporting progress.

2. Monthly Meetings

- a. Transition from quarterly to monthly meetings to ensure progress.
- b. Schedule the next meeting for August 2024.

3. Role Assignments

- a. The governor's appointment office may expedite the process of filling the remaining three roles on the commission
- b. Each member is to review current roles and propose any necessary adjustments by the next meeting

4. Focus Areas for the Subgroups :

- a. Detailed discussion on procurement processes and potential improvements.
- b. Initial proposals for centralization

c. Updates on security measures and rapid procurement strategies

Announcements

- The next meeting of the Modernize Maryland Commission (MMC) will be held in August 2024—the exact time and date to be determined.

Manoj Srivastava, Chair, Chief Technology Officer, Blackpoint Cyber, adjourned the meeting at 10:33 AM.