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Aruna Miller | Lt. Governor
Katie Savage | Secretary

Modernize Maryland Commission
Procurement Subgroup
September 16, 2024
Minutes

Sara Elalamy, Legislative Director DoIT, called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM.

Roll Call

Voting Members Present:

- Stanley Lofton, Chief Info. Officer at MDPS & Correctional Services
- Michael Piercy, Senior Advisor for Program Innovation, to the CTO of MD

Voting Members Not Present:

- Greg Rogers, Chief Info. Security Officer

Non-Voting Advisory Members Not Present:

- Delegate Anne Kaiser
- Senator Katie Fry Hester

Others Present:

- Sara Elalamy, Legislative Director, DoIT
- Robert Marshall, Legislative Affairs Intern, DoIT
- Solomon Kingston, Deputy Chief Cooperative Procurement Officer, NASPO
- Damian Lang, Chief of Staff for Office of Senator Hester
- Melissa Leaman, Deputy Secretary for DoIT

Guest Presentation: NASPO - Improving Maryland IT Procurement

- Introductions:
 - Solomon Kingston: Deputy Chief Cooperative Procurement Officer
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Discussion/Remarks

- **Commissioner 1:** What were the exceptions in states with mostly centralized procurement processes?
 - Solomon Kingston: Exceptions to centralized procurement are treasuries and entities outside of the executive branches of states.
- **Commissioner 2:** Have there been any efficiency studies on centralized procurement?
 - Solomon Kingston:
- **Commissioner 3:** Centralized procurement and centralized IT may go hand in hand, DoIT needs to have IT procurement oversight in order to truly centralize IT.
- **Commissioner 1:** What was the primary goal of centralization, oversight, cost? What were the metrics of effectiveness?
 - Solomon Kingston: No known metrics, main goal of centralization was oversight
- **Commissioner 2:** How can we move forward large projects forward quickly, does excessive oversight slow projects and lose money?
- **Commissioner 1:** Need to be able to purchase products quickly. Oversight is good, but we need metrics to know if we are improving processes and oversight.
- **Commissioner 2:** IT should be included in construction, transportation and other high priority projects with exceptions or dedicated oversight.

Closing Remarks

- **DoIT Staff:** Will stay in touch with Solomon and NASPO, information to be shared to facilitate more detailed discussion about state centralization.

Sara Elalamy, Legislative Director for DoIT adjourned the meeting at 4:02PM.