



Wes Moore | Governor
Aruna Miller | Lt. Governor
Katie Savage | Secretary

Modernize Maryland Commission
Meeting Minutes
1/6/25

Patrick Mulford, Chief of Staff for DoIT, called the meeting to order at 3:03PM.

Roll Call

Voting Members Present:

- Patrick Mulford, Chief of Staff for DoIT
- Mark Cather, Chief Info. Security and Privacy Officer, USM
- Ken Hlavacek, Director of Cybersecurity, MD-THINK
- Manoj Srivastava, Chair, Chief Technology Officer, Blackpoint Cyber
- Michael Piercy, Senior Advisor for Program Innovation, to the CTO of MD
- Lance Cleghorn, Director of State CyberSecurity, DoIT
- Andrew Drummond, Director of Accessibility, DoIT
- Greg Rogers, CISCO DoIT

Voting Members Not Present:

- Ken Kurz, Chief Info. Officer at COPT Defense Properties

Non-Voting Advisory Members Present:

- Senator Katie Fry Hester

Non-Voting Advisory Members Not Present

- Delegate Anne Kaiser

Others Present:

- Sara Elamy, Legislative Director, DoIT
- Natalie Wisnoski, Legislative Director for Office of Senator Hester
- Bridget O'Toole, Chief of Staff for Office of Senator Hester

Review of the Annual Report Draft

Patrick Mulford and Sara Elalamy summarized the draft annual report prepared over the holiday season, which includes recommendations for IT and cybersecurity improvements.

Key Points from the Report:

- Cover letter addressed to the Governor, presiding officers, and committee heads.
- Overview of the MMC's legislative mandate.
- 12 key recommendations for IT strategy and cybersecurity.
- Recognition of the Department of IT's (DoIT) growth under Secretary Savage and the Moore-Miller administration.

Discussion on Recommendations:

Recommendation 1: Promoting Diversity and Inclusion in IT Hiring & Procurement

- Ensuring best practices in hiring and procurement policies.
- Collaboration with the Office of State Procurement and DGS to institutionalize DEI efforts.
- Clarifications needed on how DEI applies to procurement processes.

Recommendation 2: IT Resource Consolidation & Optimization

- Ensuring DoIT and the IT Council (ITC) develop a feedback mechanism for service improvement.
- Enhancing transparency by publicizing IT service offerings.
- Developing a user-friendly MITDP dashboard to track spending and project progress.

Recommendation 3: Cybersecurity Measures & MFA Implementation

- Focus on increasing cybersecurity visibility and standardization across agencies.
- Discussion on the feasibility of implementing multi-factor authentication (MFA) for local governments.
- Greg Rogers (DoIT) emphasized that MFA implementation should focus on feasibility rather than conducting another study.

Recommendation 4: Network Infrastructure Consolidation

- Renewed focus on maintaining an up-to-date inventory of state IT and broadband infrastructure.
- Acknowledgment that past efforts to centralize this data had lost momentum.
- Debate over whether a new working group is necessary or if the ITC can handle this task.

Recommendation 5: IT Procurement Process & Threshold Adjustments

- Proposal to increase the IT procurement approval threshold by the Board of Public Works (BPW).
- Suggestion to introduce an automatic adjustment based on inflation to avoid frequent revisions.
- Difficulty in engaging the Office of State Procurement for feedback on this issue.

3. Additional Discussion Points

- Concern over the scope of MMC recommendations and ensuring clarity in target audiences.
- The need for more stakeholder input before some recommendations move forward.
- Discussion on the feasibility and value of cyber insurance policies for the state.

4. Next Steps & Closing Remarks

- Patrick Mulford (DoIT) and Sara Elalamy (DoIT) will finalize the draft report over the next few days.
- The final draft will be distributed for review and potential online voting to expedite submission.

Action Items:

- Patrick and Sara to refine the draft report and incorporate feedback.
- Members to review and provide any additional comments.
- Consider scheduling a follow-up meeting or online vote for final approval.

Patrick Mulford, Chief of Staff for DoIT, adjourned the meeting at 4:00PM.