

Information Technology Advisory Board (ITAB)

May 16, 2023
1:30pm – 3:00pm
Virtual Meeting

Minutes

Opening Welcome & Update

Jeff Maxon, Interim CITO-E

- Jeff reported that there have been some changes since the legislative session wrapped. The passage of House Bill 2019 grants the Joint Committee on Information Technology (JCIT) the power to advise and consult for reportable projects. Also, that bill introduced mandatory reporting by local governments experiencing a cyber incident.

Cybersecurity Updates

Mark Abraham, CISO

- Mark stressed the importance of scanning for vulnerabilities and patching them and reminded everyone that Microsoft patches do not patch everything. If you are using third-party tools and software, you will need to make sure those are patched as well. KISO is seeing an uptake in attacks on unpatched third-party software. Mark recommended that agencies make sure that they are protecting any information they are collecting and are not keeping it longer than needed. That will reduce an agencies' attack surface and liability.

Legislative Update

Allie Denning, Director of Public Affairs

- House Bill 2019 – there are three primary components of the bill.
 - One component requires entities receiving data from or interacting with State of Kansas systems to report any significant cybersecurity incident to the Kansas Information Security Office (KISO).
 - The second component gives KISO the ability to set cybersecurity policy and standards for the executive branch.
 - The third component is the update of the definition of a reportable IT project. The current definition sets a monetary threshold with the update using a business risk assessment as the reportable threshold. This change will take effect on the first of July.
- Senate Bill 66 has to do with the process of professional licensing, which will primarily impact the non-cabinet agencies, but it requires licensing bodies to provide both paper-based and electronic credentials and instantaneous validation to credential holders.

ITEC Policy Updates

Alex Wong, CITA

- ITEC Policy 1100, 1500, and 9500 – Alex Wong stated that copies of policies and standards for 1100, 1500, and 9500 was presented to this group as well as the Information Technology Executive Council (ITEC) in the March meeting. We received feedback from both groups, and the working groups reviewed the feedback and made revisions when appropriate. The final drafts were sent to ITAB members last week with the meeting packet. If there are no further changes, the final drafts will be sent to ITEC in June for approval.

- ITEC Policy 2400 – Alex stated that policy 2400 has to do with project monitoring and reporting. He mentioned that one of the big changes in HB 2019 was changing JCIT reportable criteria from a monetary threshold which is \$250,000 today into a risk-based assessment in the future. We are making those changes in policy 2400 to reflect those legislative requirements. The working group started the draft in the last legislative session.
 - Alan Weiss, Legislative CITO, asked for a list of the team members. He stated that he did not think there was anybody from the legislative branch. Alex Wong replied that Katrin Osterhaus, LPA, and Alan had provided feedback on 2400 last year and that he would send Alan the members list.
- ITEC Policy 7230 & 7230A– Jeff Maxon stated we need to get another working group together for policy 7230 & 7230A. The state-level cyber security policy is due for a major revision. He is seeking volunteers to be on that working committee. If you are interested, you can email us or Allie Denning. We would like to have kick-off before the start of fiscal year, and have some progress done before the end of the calendar year.
- 2023 Executive Branch 3-Year IT Plan – Alex mentioned that feedback received from the regents’ schools last year stated that the start of the 3-Year IT plan conflicted with the start of the fall semester. This year we will start in June so that it does not conflict with the regents’ school schedule. The process will be like last year. We will be emailing the spreadsheets with your projects you already have listed from last year. The deadline to publish the report is September 30th.

Open Discussion:

- Katrin Osterhaus from Legislative Post Audit (LPA) wanted to share more detail on HB 2019. There are some changes to security awareness training based on that bill. Although the training is not free, it is supposed to be available to all branches of government. She wanted to make everyone aware in case there are agencies that are not aware. The Cyber Security Act Amendment also added very specific leadership requirements dealing with training and deactivating accounts. She wanted to make sure everyone in leadership is aware that is a direct requirement for agencies.
 - Katrin asked, “How do public entities know they will have to report, and how will that be communicated?” CITO Jeff Maxon said it will be communicated through multiple ways. There is IT group within the State that is made up of local government IT departments and staff called Government Management Information Sciences (GMIS). We will be working through different avenues to provide the outreach on requirements of that mandatory reporting. Also, we will be putting together a reporting guide of what they need to notify us.
- Adrian Guerrero from Kansas Board of Nursing asked that with the changes to HB 2019, will there be a single Statewide IT policy staff sign-off on? Or do we still need to have our own agency IT policy?
 - CITO Jeff Maxon replied the order of IT policies they’re agreeing to: ITEC policy, their respective branch policies (Legislative, Executive, Judicial), and then agency level and departmental level policies. The HB 2019 inserted that the CISO can put in cybersecurity relevant policies for the Executive Branch, like the CITO being able to apply IT relevant policies.
- CITO Jeff Maxon reported that the legislature approved, and the governor signed the Omnibus budget. A portion of this bill included a pay raise for executive branch employees. The 5% pay raise will take effect on June 11th, and you will see it on your July 7th paycheck.

Future ITAB Meetings:

August 15, 2023
November 21, 2023

Future ITEC Meetings:

June 20, 2023
September 26, 2023
December 19, 2023

ITAB Members: Bold names were present during the meeting.

ADA – Anthony Fadale	KCC – Todd Reinert	KSHS – Megan Burton
BOHA – Susan Gile	KCJIS – David Marshall	KSOS – Kevin Comstock
CISO (Interim CITO) – Jeff Maxon	KDHE – Lane Wiley	KU – Mary Walsh
CITA – Alex Wong	KDHE – Glen Yancey	KSU – Gary Pratt
Commerce – Jim Haugh	KDOC – Melissa Mounts	KUMC – Christ Harper
DCF/KDADS – Laura Howard	KDOE – Kathi Grossenbacher	KWO – Connie Owen
Dept of Ag – Shawn Lane	KDOL – Jeffry Lewis	LCITO – Alan Weiss
DofA – Josh White	KDOR – Andy Sandberg	Leg Services – Tom Day
ESU – Doug Polston	KDOT – Shawn Brown	Lottery – Darren Dreier
FHSU – Mark Griffin	KDWP – Jason Dickson	LPA – Karin Osterhaus
HS-EBIT – Tom Pagano	KGS – Ken Nelson	PSU – Angela Neria
INK – Duncan Friend	KHP – Tom Mai	SG Co IS – Mike Elpers
JCITO – Kelly O’Brien	KID – Vicki Schmidt	Treasurer – Terry Dickson
KAG – Col Robert Stinson	KPERS – John Cahill	WSU – Ken Harmon
KBI – Joe Mandala	KRGC – Dennis Bachman	
KBON – Adrian Guerrero	KS School for the Deaf – Joe Oborny	
KBOR Steve Funk	KS Senator – Jeff Pittman	

Other Attendees: (Note: Those joining by telephone were not identified.)

Abraham, Mark – OITS KISO	Gann, Greg – Sedgwick County	Moreland, Carol – (Guest)
Adams, James - KSOS	Gorman, Andrew – (Guest)	Murray, Jan - KSSBEO
Burns, Hope - OITS	Grau, Denise – (Guest)	Ramirez, Celena - OITS
Calhoun, Vanessa – (Guest)	Hart, Bob – (Guest)	Reiter, Brian - OITS
Cary, John - BOHA	Heffel, Tanya – OITS CTO	Scott, Linda - KID
Curtis, Pam - Legislature	Hodges, Matt – (Guest)	Wilson, Angela - OITS
Denning, Allie - OITS	Jones, Nolan – (Guest)	
Gadberry, Dy - OITS	Karns, Larry - KSBTP	