

MINUTES

JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Monday, September 12, 2022

11:00 AM

Room A, MAC

Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senators Mathew Pitsch, Vice-Chair; and Jane English; Representatives Stephen Meeks, Co-Chair; Karilyn Brown, Stan Berry, Jim Dotson, and Fredrick Love

Other members present: Senators Kim Hammer, and Missy Irvin; Representatives Fred Allen, Marsh Davis, Jon Eubanks, Kenneth Ferguson, Aaron Pilkington, and Joy Springer

Representative Meeks called the meeting to order.

Consideration to Adopt November 17, 2021, Meeting Minutes [Exhibit B]

Senator English made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Representative Brown, and the motion carried.

Presentation of Cybersecurity Practices at Next Step Innovation [Exhibit C]

Trent Townsend, CEO, Next Step Innovation, and Dr. David O’Gwynn, Director of Cybersecurity, Next Step Innovation, gave a presentation on best practices of cybersecurity, including information on better security for schools and state organizations.

Presentation of the Department of Information Systems (DIS) Activities [Exhibit D]

Jonathan Askins, Director DIS, Transportation and Shared Services, gave a presentation on in-progress projects, including standards for those projects and timelines for completion.

Presentation on Security Incidences [Handout]

Roger Norman, Legislative Auditor, Arkansas Legislative Audit; David Coles, Deputy Legislative Auditor, Arkansas Legislative Audit; and Kevin White, Staff Auditor and Assistant Legal Counsel, Arkansas Legislative Audit; gave a presentation regarding cyber security incidence reports and discussed their role in the cyber security field per Act 260 of 2021.

Introduction of the New State Broadband Manager

Glen Howie, State Broadband Manager, Department of Commerce, introduced himself to the committee. He discussed his professional background and his vision for the office.

Representative Meeks spoke regarding the bi-annual report that Mr. Howie is responsible for providing to the committee.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.