STATE & LOCAL CYBERSECURITY GRANT PLANNING COMMITTEE
June 30, 2026, 2:00 p.m.
Virtual Host Location:
Office of the CIO-Room 4C
501 South 14th Street
Lincoln, Nebraska
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Bryce Bailey, State Information Officer, Chair
Candace Meredith, County Representative, Nebr. Assc. of County Officials, Co-Chair
Sean Runge, State Administrative Authority, Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
Scott Issacson, K-12 Education Representative
Ryan Carlson, Cloud Range Cybersecurity
Rick Haugerud, Higher Education Representative, University of Nebraska System
Nathan Martinez, Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
Ethan Nguyen, Local Municipalities Representative, League of Nebraska Municipalities
Tim Pospisil, Critical Infrastructure & Public Power Representative, NPPD

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Jon Rosenlund, Hall County Emergency Management
Lisa Bazis, University of Nebraska Medical Center

OCIO Staff Present:
Theron Polvika, Project Manager, Project Management Office
Lori Lopez Urdiales, Office Services Manager

ROLL CALL; MEETING NOTICE: OPEN MEETINGS ACT INFROMATION

Mr. Bryce called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. A quorum was present to conduct official business. The meeting notice and agenda were posted to the public meeting calendar on June 23, 2026. A copy of the Nebraska Public Meeting law was on the counter of the room.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Meredith moved to approve the February 5, 2025 minutes as presented. Mr. Runge seconded. Roll call vote: Bailey-Yes, Meredith-Yes, Carlson-Yes, Haugerud-Yes, Isaacson-Yes, Martinez-Yes, Nguyen-Yes, Pospisil-Yes, and Runge-Yes. Results: Yes-9, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

PROJECT PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DISCUSSION

The State of Nebraska has $5.8 ($3.88 million federal monies plus in-kind match). There were several projects that were duplicates from same provider. The question was asked if they could be combined into one project. Members stated it would be beneficial to know if any of these projects have previously applied but not awarded. Staff indicated this information could be gathered.

Recommendations included the following:

- In regard to the duplicate projects from ESUCC, Mr. Isaacson recommended that the ESU Coordinating Council's 2nd project to not be funded.
- The City of Lincoln Project does not meet the grant requirements.
- The project on Douglas Omaha Technology Commission project needed more documentation. Ms. Gray will follow-up with the project.
- Legacy Christian School is a private school and does not qualify.
- McPherson County would award all but $60,000
- Cyber Tatanka should be continued.

PROJECT PROPOSAL SUBMISSION APPROVALS

After discussion, it was agreed to table approval of the projects until City of Lincoln has an opportunity to refine their application. Their deadline is July 10th to resubmit their application. In addition, this will give the staff time to gather information on projects who may have applied in the past.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Pospisil asked about the $400,000 approximate balance that was not spend the last funding cycle. If the funding is still available, perhaps that could be added to the 2022 ESCUU project. Mr. Runge will need to verify the federal balance and get information to the committee prior to the next meeting. It was suggested to have this on the agenda for the next meeting. Mr. Bailey hopes to get the group together again either July 13th or July 14th.

There was a Cybersecurity Plan that was submitted at the beginning that went until 2024. The question was asked if the committee needs to update the plan. Mr. Runge stated that the plan only needs to be updated if we indicate there is a change.

Mr. Bailey informed committee that the OCIO is reviewing the grant application process and to streamline the process, standardize when possible, and explore a holistic approach for the State. He has been in discussions with other states to learn what they have done but do it the Nebraska way. In addition, the OCIO would like to use federal dollars to accelerate programs and services. Discussions are underway with NEMA, ESUCC, higher education, etc.

Ms. Meredith commented that she appreciates having local input and participation.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Isaacson moved to adjourn. Ms. Meredith seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Meeting minutes were taken by Lori Lopez Urdiales and review by the Security Officer and Project Manager, Office of the CIO.