



COLORADO

Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Department of Public Safety

Meeting Minutes

Purpose: HSAC Cybersecurity Advisory Committee

Date: 10/01/2025

Members Present:

Benjamin Edelen (Chair)
Cathrine Olimb
Brandon Beaudette (Secretary pro tem)
David Cutler
Dolgio Nergui
Eric Bates
Eric Dowdy
Gregory Williams (Primary) / Rich Schliep (Secondary)
Gretchen Bliss (Primary) / Kiti Hall (Secondary)
Jay Britt
Joe Milliken
JR Noble
Jill Fraser (Primary) / Craig Hurter (Secondary)
Kevin McElyea (Primary) / Anthony Davis (Secondary)
Susan Halterman
Shane McGuinness

Members Absent:

Daniel Dockendorf
/ Levi Valdez (Secondary)
Joshua Creese
Thomas Johnson (Secretary)

Committee Business:

10:00 - 10:10 a.m. Roll call

- Quorum achieved.

10:10 - 10:20 a.m. Discussion about the sunset of CISA-2015

- Federal law that protected cyber info sharing with CISA.
- All Colorado whole-of-state participants are advised to review their information sharing with CISA.
- This includes other connection points, like sharing cyber info with other fed agencies that may end up going to CISA.
- Currently, OIT and CIAC are evaluating state information sharing with CISA.

10:20 - 10:30 a.m. SGCLP application period is open

- Application is here:
<https://dhsem.colorado.gov/grants-management/grant-programs/state-and-local-cybersecurity-grant-program-slcgp>
- Runs through the end of October.
- Message has gone out to CGAIT, not sure if special districts and K-12s have been informed.
- Crowdstrike is working with partners to help work through the 40% match.
- Recommendation for folks to apply even if you can't make the 40%, since there may be ways to help each other with that.
- We want to encourage applications to note in their application if they can't afford the 40%, so we have that data.
- Recommendation to make sure questions are going to the distribution list, so everyone gets their questions answered. Making sure that questions don't bypass the DHSEM group around the grant conversations.
- We may open an additional round of applications to help support folks who have applied for the bare minimum of endpoints.

10:30 - 10:40 a.m. Austin update on grant funding

- Increased funding for 2025 funds (current funding round is distributing 2024 funds).
- Be prepared for change in the grant ecosystem, there are a lot of unanswered questions.
- We will get creative to cover the needs, particularly of our smallest applicants.

10:40 - 10:45 a.m. Update on guard status

- CO National Guard is on furlough but will respond to state issues that are funded by state.

10:45 - 10:50 a.m. Note about Cisco ASA and Firepower firewalls

- Mitigation Guidance:
<https://www.cisa.gov/news-events/directives/ed-25-03-identify-and-mitigate-potential-compromise-cisco-devices>
- Reminder to share these steps with our communities of practice who may be using the VPN on these firewalls.

10:45 - 10:50 a.m. Partner call update

- Signup form for the call:
<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=VZ7mWBMdAkGqx-opR0MBkfIKinrCwA1LpCocVd1mr9xUNVRNUg1TTdONkFZODRLTkVEUFZEVEdLTC4u&route=shorturl>
- Look for an update on the Deloitte cyber needs assessment in the next Thursday Partner call.

10:55 - 11:00 a.m. Next meeting topics

- Status of application process for SLCGP
- Status of plan for secretary work
- Update on CISA partnership status