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MINUTES LOG

February 25, 2016
Room 102, Capitol Building
Helena, Montana

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Sen. Roger Webb
Susan Fox, Chairperson

Lindsey Grovom
Marilyn Miller
Amy Carlson
Dale Gow
Ron Baldwin

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED

Rep. Kirk Wagoner
Tori Hunthausen
Robert Nelson

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Eller, CSS Manager
Mike Allen, NSS Manager
Darrin McLean, ISS Manager
Fong Hom, Committee Secretary

VISITORS' LIST ([Attachment 1](#)) -- No public attended

AGENDA ([Attachment 2](#))

COMMITTEE ACTION

The Information Technology Planning Council adopted the Operating Guidelines.

CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

00:02:48 Ms. Fox called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. The committee secretary noted roll. ([Attachment 3](#)) Introductions were made by members of the committee.

Review of Council's Statutory Roles and Responsibilities - Susan Fox, Chair

00:04:20 Ms. Fox discussed the statutory roles and responsibilities of the committee.

00:06:40 Ms. Fox discussed the statutes related to the Legislative Branch Information Technology Plan. ([Exhibit 1](#))

00:09:26 Ms. Fox discussed the Operating Guidelines. ([Exhibit 2](#))

Motion

00:09:55 Marilyn Miller moved to adopt the Operating Guidelines.

Vote

00:10:07 The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Current Legislative Branch IT Environment

00:10:54 Dale Gow, Chief Information Officer ([Exhibit 3](#))

00:13:19 Steve Eller, Computer Services Section Manager ([Exhibit 4](#))

00:16:11 Mike Allen, Network Services Section Manager ([Exhibit 5](#)) ([Exhibit 6](#))

00:20:10 Darrin McLean, Information Services Section Manager ([Exhibit 7](#))

00:22:56 Dale Gow discussed the role of security in the Information Services Section.

Current Legislative Branch Communications Environment - Gordy Higgins, Operations Director

00:25:33 Gordy Higgins ([Exhibit 8](#))

00:32:41 Marilyn Miller asked who the contact person would be if a reporter has a question about the Legislative Branch. Mr. Higgins said that it would depend upon the question and who is asking it.

Update from the Executive Branch - Ron Baldwin, Chief Information Officer, ITSD

00:34:23 Ron Baldwin gave a presentation on the activities of the Executive Branch's ITSD. He introduced his staff, Jerry Marks, Bureau Chief of Enterprise Technology Services Bureau, and Kenny Kyler, Supervisor of the Database Group in the Application Technology Services Bureau.

00:43:36 Mr. Marks gave a presentation on the Exchange environment.

00:46:16 Ms. Fox asked if Mr. Baldwin sees the eventuality that the state would use the Microsoft Cloud.

- 00:55:03 Ms. Carlson asked about the Cloud costs, how it is managed and where it fit in the budget.
- 01:02:59 Kenny Kyler discussed better communication, understanding the dependencies if a database closes down, having alerts to prevent outages instead of responding to an outage, and responses to any type of resource incidence.

IT Initiatives with ITSD - ITSD Staff

Ron Baldwin gave an update of the activities of the executive branch's ITSD:

- 01:05:19 The Oracle agreement, Mobile Device Management.
- 01:11:43 The Mobile Device Management and Solution Air Watch.
- 01:15:22 Volume 10, a volume which will catalogue and record IT expenses in one volume across government in Governor's executive budget.
- 01:30:37 The Enterprise Content Management.

BREAK (reconvened at 11:00 a.m.)

Session Systems Replacement Project - Steve Eller, Dale Matheson

- 02:04:12 Steve Eller gave a brief overview of the SSR project.
- 02:08:00 Dale Matheson, Project Manager, gave an update on the SSR Project. [\(Exhibit 9\)](#)
- 02:21:58 Dale Gow discussed the finance sheet for the SSR Project. [\(Exhibit 10\)](#)
- 02:23:40 Lindsey Grovom gave a brief update on the House chamber's work on the SSR Project.

Committee Questions/Comments

- 02:26:31 Mr. Eller discussed the need for additional funding for the Session Systems Replacement Project.
- 02:28:11 Mr. Baldwin asked about the release dates and what will be delivered by session.

Review of other IT Projects - Steve Eller, Mike Allen, Darrin McLean

- 02:34:46 Mike Allen gave an update of the hardware/software replacement. [\(Exhibit 11\)](#)
- 02:42:15 Darrin McLean gave a presentation on Security Audit.
- 02:43:15 Mike Allen gave a presentation on Remote Connection.
- 02:49:47 Darrin McLean gave a presentation on Service Management.
- 02:52:11 Steve Eller gave a presentation on Budget Book Improvements.
- 02:53:12 Mike Allen gave a presentation on Virtual Network Health Assessment.
- 02:57:27 Steve Eller discussed future projects: Conversion of Program Language and Integrate Calendars and Noticing.
- 03:00:27 Mike Allen discussed completed projects: SSR - Hosting Infrastructure.
- 03:05:11 Steve Eller gave a presentation on the upgrade of the Legislative Fiscal Division's Analysis Tools.
- 03:06:08 Mike Allen gave a presentation on Data Backup.
- 03:07:27 Mike Allen gave a presentation on the Data Center Move/Disaster Recovery upgrade.

Review of Communications Projects - Gordy Higgins

- 03:10:08 Mr. Higgins discussed the contracts with TVMT, Granicus, and the new platform for the branch's website and publications.

03:20:09 Ms. Fox suggested looking at A/V capabilities in Enterprise or statewide level jointly with ITSD.

Review of Legislative Branch 2017 Biennium IT Budget - Susan Fox, Dale Gow

03:21:21 Ms. Fox gave a presentation on the first three budget items in the 2017 Biennium IT Budget. [\(Exhibit 12\)](#)

03:23:34 Mr. Gow gave a presentation on the four columns of figures related to the Central IT Budget.

Other IT Topics for Consideration in Future Meetings

03:28:50 Amy Carlson, Legislative Fiscal Division, gave a presentation on the IBARS conversion and an update of staffing at the Legislative Fiscal Division.

03:34:24 Mr. McLean gave a presentation on the Business Stakeholder Strategic Planning questionnaire.

03:35:45 Lindsey Grovom and Marilyn Miller discussed issues regarding the sound system in the House and the Senate.

03:43:34 Mr. McLean discussed a letter that he would like sent out to legislators educating them on the differences between a personal email account and an enterprise-based email account.

Public Comment - None

Future meetings, Work Plans, and Other Business

Proposed Future Meeting Dates

03:49:50 The next meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2016.

Adjournment

03:50:15 With no further business before the committee, Ms. Fox adjourned the meeting at 12:51 p.m.

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