At its most basic level, the decision that needs to be made around the M365 split-tenant issue hinges around whether to host our email service under our own tenant space or move our M365 content and services into the State’s.

Figure 1, below, shows the current status of the two tenants and the end goal of all Microsoft 365 services used by the Legislative Branch under a single O365 tenant. Whether that’s our legmt.gov tenant or the State’s mt.gov tenant is the question.

Figure 1 - Migration Options

Briefly, we must decide whether to:

A. Migrate all M365 licenses, data, and services to the State’s MT.GOV M365 tenant space, making the @mt.gov login and email account primary in Outlook and other Office applications, separating the computer login from the Office login, and ceding management of the tenant services over to SITSD, or

B. Migrate email services to the LEGMT.GOV Exchange Online service and retain all M365 licensing, data, and services in the Legislature’s tenant space, making the @legmt.gov login and email account primary in Outlook and other Office applications, joining the computer login to the Office login, and retaining management of the tenant services in OLIS and the Legislative Branch.