

Minutes

Oregon Cybersecurity Center of Excellence Advisory Council
December 6, 2024 — 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Location: Lane Council of Governments (Park Place Building)
859 Willamette St. Suite 500, Eugene, OR 97401

Chair: Frank Stratton

Vice Chair: Ben Gherezgiher

Attendees:

#	Advisory Council Member Names	Y/N	#	Name	Y/N
1	Frank Stratton	Y	12	Janna Sondenaa	Y
2	Ben Gherezgiher	Y	13	Glen Szymoniak	N
3	Laura Boehme		14	Rachel Wenten-Chaney	Y
4	Jessica Chastain		15	Sen. Aaron Woods	N
5	Greg Hardin	Y	16	Rep. Nancy Nathanson (Spencer Rosenau)	Y
6	Gary Robert Lomprey	Y	17	Richard Rylander	Y
7	Robin Mayall	Y	18	Curtis Peetz	Y
8	Brenda Moore	Y	19	Chris Molin	N
9	Skip Newberry	Y	20	Erinn Cartwright (sub for Donald Johnson, sub for Michael Kaplan)	Y
10	Dominic Perez	Y	21	Adrienne Anderson	N
11	Richard Rader	N	22		

Also attending: Jonna Papafethimiou, Jose Dominguez, Gabriel Duvidovich, Tugrul Daim, Reza Rejaie, Richelle Eastridge, Rakesh Bobba, Sullivan Swift, Tessa Stadel, Oliver Grant, Maria Wright, Grace Gasser

AGENDA

	Topics	Outcome	Time	Presenter
1	Introductions		11:00	Oliver
2	Roll Call		11:05	Frank
3	Minutes Review, Approval	Approved	11:10	Frank
4	Executive Report/Director Updates (budget etc)		11:15	Birol
5	Associate Directors Updates		11:44	Reza, Rakesh
	Lunch Break		Delayed 12:35	
6	Subcommittee Reports - Strategy & Policy - Finance - Technology & Standards		12:00	Janna, Rachel, Dominic
7	Old Business			
8	New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve charters of the subcommittees Discussion of the process for the Subcommittee on Finance: 		12:55	Birol

	recommendations and bringing them for affirmation by the AC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the recommended budget • Review the process for timely drafting and identifying the needs before the legislative session starts for the new budget cycle. 			
9	Executive Session		1:05	Birol
10	Schedule next meeting - Mar 14, 2025 (2nd Friday of the quarterly month) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time • Location 		1:25	Frank, Tessa
11	Adjournment		1:30	Frank

ACTION ITEMS

Description	Owner	Date ID'd	Due Date	Status
Reach out to Robin and Jessica about OAGITM	Tessa	12/6	asap	Complete
Rachel and Brenda to connect for lobbying plans	Rachel/ Brenda	12/6	asap	Unknown

DECISIONS

Date	Description	Outcome
12/6/2024	Minutes approval (motioned by Greg, seconded by Ben)	Approved
12/6/2024	Approve Strategy and Policy Committee Charter (motioned by Rachel, seconded by Greg)	Approved
12/6/2024	Approve Finance Committee Charter (motioned by Janna, seconded by Robin)	Approved
12/6/2024	Approve Technology & Standards Committee Charter (motioned by Robin, seconded by Brenda)	Approved
12/6/2024	Approve the OCCoE budget (motioned by Greg, seconded by Robin)	Approved

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Description	Outcome	Owner	Date
Clarify what is NOT funded		Oliver/ExecC	3/14/25
Utilizing Council member resources to push tasks forward		Council	3/14/25
Lobbying in Salem with cybersecurity stories		Brenda/Rachel	

MINUTES

Executive Report/ Director Update with slides

OCCoE Director (Yesilada) provided Center updates, including working towards applying for additional grants with PSU Research Professor Tugrul Diam. OCCoE Operations and Fiscal Manager (Grant) provided financial updates including operational chart, budget allocation and expenditures, external support for OCCoE programs, funding expansion priorities, and next steps.

- Funds covering partnering university employees working on OCCoE
- WFD funds to be spent by October 2025
- Applying for 3-year expansion of federal earmark
- HECC funding for Oregon Tribes certificate program in progress
- NW Cyber Camp funding expanding
- Future plans for Cyber Range with help from State CISO

Associate Director Updates

Associate Directors from University of Oregon (Rejaie) and Oregon State University (Bobba) gave updates on program progress at each university.

- TSOC and high school mentorship program for minority students both in progress at UO, with university delays on vendor processes, hiring, and grant data collection requirements
- ORTSOC looking to expand from 11 clients to 20 by summer, making program accessible to online students and more hours, with constraints to personnel costs

Subcommittee Reports

Each Subcommittee Chair provided updates from their subcommittee meetings, and all Charters were approved by Executive Committee and the Council.

- Strategy & Policy (Sondenaa) discussed next steps for policies in Council member participation guidelines
- Finance (Wente-Chaney) indicated that financial report was covered in Executive Update
- Technology & Standards (Perez) confirmed as Chair and discussed plans for security evaluations over benchmarking as a role of this subcommittee

Old Business

The Council expressed a need for a deeper budget explanation

- Costs budgeting for TSOC, Certificate Program expansion, Cyber Range, Cybersecurity training for Secondary School Teachers, additional staff, interdisciplinary degree

New Business

Budget approved by Council.

Council members discussed opportunities to lobby in Salem to take cybersecurity stories to legislature as part of a greater need to utilize Council to have more impact on tasks where universities can't. Part of that impact can include using organizational support in Council to undertake ideas and provide facilitation, such as promoting existing frameworks like NCSR with CISA to provide security assessments throughout the state.

Executive Session

Pursuant to ORS 192.660 section 2(p), the Advisory Council held an executive session to consider matters relating to cybersecurity infrastructure and responses to cybersecurity threats.

Public meeting resumed without any Council decisions being made from the Executive Session.

Location: OSU Campus in Bend

Logistics: OAGTIM conference ends this day in Bend at 12pm