

INVESTMENTS IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT & MODERNIZATION PROJECTS OVERSIGHT BOARD

Minutes

January 21, 2025

Call to Order and Roll Call

The first meeting of the Investments in Information Technology Improvement & Modernization Projects Oversight Board was held on January 21, 2025, at 11:00 AM in Room 149 of the Capitol Annex. Representative Matt Lockett, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Senator Gex Williams, Co-Chair; Representative Matt Lockett, Co-Chair; Senators Cassie Chambers Armstrong and Michael J. Nemes; and Representative John Hodgson.

Guests: John T. Hicks, State Budget Director, Office of State Budget Director; and Jim Barnhart, Acting Commissioner, Commonwealth Office of Technology.

LRC Staff: Jennifer Hays, Adam Johnson, Sarah Watts, and Heather Hamilton.

Approval of Minutes

Representative Hodgson made a motion, seconded by Senator Williams, to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2024, meeting. The motion passed by voice vote.

Discussion on 2025 Regular Session Proposals

Representative Hodgson provided an overview of revisions for Regular Session 2025 Bill Request 355.

Jim Barnhart, Acting Commissioner, Commonwealth Office of Technology, and John T. Hicks, State Budget Director, Office of State Budget Director, provided recommended changes to the bill.

Replying to Senator Nemes, Mr. Barnhart agreed that the definition of cybersecurity projects should be changed to cybersecurity systems.

In response to Representative Hodgson, Mr. Hicks stated a biennial report, instead of an annual report, was recommended. The first six-year report deadline should ideally be July 15, 2025, with subsequent reports due biennially on April 15th.

Addressing Senator Williams, Mr. Hicks made some suggestions to the capital planning process.

Replying to Representative Lockett, Mr. Hicks recommended having the budget review drafter modify the biennial agency budget instructions to require a linkage between the initial request and the proposed agency budget.

Representative Hodgson discussed the suggested bill changes.

Replying to Senator Williams, Mr. Hicks agreed that the executive and legislative branch budget process is more integrated now and has developed a better interface for those purposes.

Discussion for Future Meetings

Members decided to meet in February and March, on a Friday upon adjournment.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:22 AM.