

INTERIM JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUE

Budget Review Subcommittee on General Government, Finance, Personnel, and Public Retirement

Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the 2019 Interim

June 4, 2019

Call to Order and Roll Call

The first meeting of the Budget Review Subcommittee on General Government, Finance, Personnel, and Public Retirement of the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue was held on Tuesday, June 4, 2019, at 8:00 AM, in Room 131 of the Capitol Annex. Senator Robby Mills, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Senator Robby Mills, Co-Chair, and Representative Jim Stewart III, Co-Chair; Senators Dennis Parrett, Reginald Thomas, and Phillip Wheeler; Representatives Kevin D. Bratcher, Joe Graviss, Mark Hart, Adam Koenig, Michael Meredith, Suzanne Miles, Patti Minter, Phillip Pratt, Steven Rudy, Wilson Stone, and Nancy Tate.

Guests: Dr. Chuck Grindle, Chief Information Officer, Commonwealth Office of Technology.

LRC Staff: Chuck Truesdell, Emma Mills, Liz Columbia, and Spring Emerson.

Commonwealth Office of Technology

Dr. Grindle provided an overview of the Commonwealth Office of Technology within the Finance and Administration Cabinet.

In response to a question from Chair Mills, Dr. Grindle said that updating about 85 percent of the infrastructure and bringing it into a 21st century environment has been a formidable task, but he is comfortable with what COT has accomplished.

In response to questions from Representative Bratcher, Dr. Grindle said COT has approximately 549 employees. The COT budget is \$120 million, of which 43 percent is for personnel costs. Other states spend between 15 and 31 percent of their technology budgets on security, with Kentucky at about nine percent. COT is audited annually by the Auditor of Public Accounts, and various other audits are also conducted regularly. COT provides

infrastructure for single sign-on within the Business One-Stop environment, which validates and authenticates the identity of the individual user.

In response to a question from Senator Thomas regarding the KyWired Network, Dr. Grindle said COT has approximately 700 connection points that provide gig Ethernet for constrained bandwidth locations. Chair Mills asked if there are hidden costs to state agencies for this service, and Dr. Grindle stated he did not know.

In response to questions from Representative Graviss regarding precinct data, Dr. Grindle said COT is working with the Property Valuation Administrators and Secretary of State but does not have the precinct data for alcohol sales.

In response to a question from Representative Minter regarding long-term plans to switch from Windows to a Google desktop environment, Dr. Grindle said it is a two- to three-year challenge that would begin with email and desktop applications and then move to the storage drive. Seven other states have already transitioned.

Representative Koenig commented on the need for precinct boundaries.

In response to questions from Representative Stone regarding the agency budget request, Dr. Grindle said the chargeback model is not yet final; however, there is no plan to increase rates because of the savings COT has achieved.

In response to a question from Chair Mills regarding the cost of services to agencies, Dr. Grindle said costs are set by computable elements and depend on contracts already let by agencies.

In response to a question from Senator Wheeler regarding the new driver licenses, Dr. Grindle said the contract is being operated and overseen by the Transportation Cabinet.

In response to a question from Representative Tate regarding the potential for compromised data, Dr. Grindle said COT does not review data for sharing purposes but assists with certain data elements and provides a common data sharing platform. COT has the ability to scrub temporary data but is required by statute to retain and maintain some data into perpetuity.

In response to a question from Representative Meredith regarding the agency budget, Dr. Grindle said COT does not receive a direct appropriation, rather the \$120 million received is paid by agencies as fees for services rendered.

In response to a question from Co-Chair Stewart regarding automated telephone systems in state agencies, Dr. Grindle said the voiceover IP telephone system is managed by the COT, and that people should contact COT if there are problems.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM.