



**State of Wisconsin
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Open Session Meeting Minutes

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****Meeting in person and conducted via Microsoft Teams****

Tuesday, May 11, 2021
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Members present: Chair Major General Paul Knapp (DMA), Superintendent Anthony Burrell (WI State Patrol), Chief David Erwin (Capitol Police), Jared Hoy (DOC), Dr. Jonathan Meiman (DHS), Acting Chief Jeffrey Norman (Milwaukee Police Department), Commissioner Ellen Nowak (PSC), Brian O’Keefe (DCI), Administrator Darrell Williams (WEM), David Woodbury (DNR), and Trina Zanow (DOA).

Members absent or excused: Chief Kevin Bierce (Fire Services), Sheriff David Mahoney (Badger State Sheriff’s Association), Chief Patrick Mitchell (Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association), Kelly Smithback (DATCP), and APWA vacancy.

Alternates present: Lisa Broderick (DATCP), Colonel Tim Carnahan (WI State Patrol), Gene Essex (DOA), Jay Jurci (DCI), Brian Knepper (DNR), Sheriff Kurt Picknell (Badger State Sheriff’s Association), Bob Seitz (PSC), and Lieutenant Branko Stojisavljevic (Milwaukee Police Department), Capt. Malanie VonHaden (Capitol Police), Ryan Nilsestuen (Governor’s Representative).

Quorum present.

General Paul Knapp called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

1. Opening remarks: Introduction and meeting directions from General Knapp.



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2. Review and approval of the March 2, 2021 Open Session meeting minutes.

Motion made by Brian O’Keefe, second by Trina Zanow. Minutes approved as presented.

3. Carl Stenbol (WEM) – Homeland Security Grant Program Priorities

- Review of the FY21 grant applications
 - i. Grant Supervisor left in March, but that did not impede the progress.
 - ii. The \$4,602,500 announced by FEMA sufficiently met all state agency grant requests.
 - iii. Combating domestic violent extremism is a new FY21 national priority.
 - iv. Reviewed the 9 investment priorities for 10/1/21 – 9/30/2023 including the 5 national priorities.
 1. In recent years there has been an emphasis on preventative measures. Preventative measures will include regional cyber-attack preparation exercises
 2. There is remaining FY20 funding still available due to project delays caused by COVID-19
 - v. Reviewed nonprofit security grant program
 1. Awarded 15 FEMA NSGP grants totaling \$742,712 for FY20
 2. Allocated \$2,100,000 for FY21. Received 55 NSGP applications for those funds.
 3. FY21 NSGP grant awards will be announced on September 30, 2021
- All requests across the state were able to be met using money we had.
- Allocation went up to \$2.1million in 2021. There were several great outreach sessions to talk to applicants resulting in 55 applicants totalling \$6 million. It was a robust effort. Several religious institutions, performance art theaters applied, giving a good cross section of applicants.

4. Trina Zanow (DOA) – Presentation of new Cybersecurity Subcommittee

- Trina Zanow provided background on the idea of creating a subcommittee.
 - i. Started with the question of, “How do we amp up our cybersecurity efforts?” which developed into the idea of creating a subcommittee.
 - ii. Proposed subcommittee is a cross-section of possible members from state level, county level, tribal, and private sector



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- iii. Everyone is excited about the opportunity. Looking forward to how they can contribute to enhanced cybersecurity in the state.
 - iv. Wisconsin is a model for other states to follow.
 - Mark Michie: Awhile back, several agencies/Wisconsin entities participated in NGA policy academy. We look at what Wisconsin had, identified areas to work on. Now we can move forward with initiatives we started on.
 - Comm. Nowak: I participated on NGA policy academy as well and it is eye opening on who is doing what (or not). WEC is a good member to have. Someone from ATC (American Transmission Company) would be a really good participant as well. Maybe a telecom provider or water utilities would be important sectors as well. Financial sector folks should be included.
 - Dr. Williams: Racial diversity is an important factor to consider; want to ensure the subcommittee is racially diverse.
 - DNR: We should not forget about drinking water security and dam security.
 - O'Keefe: Agreed that physical security is very important as well.
 - Jared Hoy DOC: Offer support from DOC, infuse more resources if needed. We may have some manpower or intel to offer.
 - In summary, the subcommittee would be emphasizing awareness of cybersecurity threats. Our country, voting, utilities, state, are constantly under attack by both individuals and foreign state actors. These are invisible threats oftentimes, with very big impacts.
 - Vote on whether or not to forward the Cybersecurity Subcommittee proposal and list of names to the Governor.
 - i. Motion made by Sheriff Picknell, second by David Woodbury. Unanimous approval of the Council to send the Subcommittee to the Governor for approval.
5. Agency Update from each Council member:
- DOA: Continuing to use cyber teams to respond to threats and various security activities, funding from grant program.
 - DATCP: no update.
 - DCI: O'Keefe is retiring June 1. Director Ryan Shogren will be next in line. The Adjutant General thanks Mr. O'Keefe for his years of service to the Council and the



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- public.
- WEM: working with local municipalities and FEMA, civil unrest, excited about the non profit grants. Great responses, feel like it has been a good success so far.
 - Badger Sheriff: no update.
 - DNR: LaCrosse and WEM providing bottled water for French Island due to PFAS. Working on getting our agency back to the office and in the field post-pandemic as well as providing assistance to Mayo clinic in Eau Claire on stockpile and managing vaccine clinics. Ending our assistance soon with initial vaccine efforts concluding. Retiring in September, has been in state government since 1977.
 - State Patrol: no update.
 - Capitol Police: no update.
 - PSC: ransomware attack on pipeline, no impact on WI supply. No supply diversion. Not creating any supply chain issues here. Pipelines under jurisdiction of many agencies, a lot of people involved, somewhat unclear who should be doing what.
 - State Patrol: no update.
 - Capitol Police: no update.
 - DHS: continuing vaccine outreach, confident in safety of vaccine, case activity still considered high but continuing to monitor.
 - DOC: No update.
 - Governor's Office: Governor's Office; no update.
 - Milwaukee PD: no update.
6. Set date, time, and place of next meeting
 - July 13, 2021 at 9am.
 7. Other Business
 - There was no other business.
 8. Adjourn Open Session to go into Closed Session at 9:53AM
 - Motion by Comm. Nowak, second by Brian O'Keefe.
 - Adjourn Open Session at 9:56am and take a 10 minute break.
 9. Reconvene in Open Session at 10:46 AM



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- Announcement of approval of closed session minutes.
- Motion to adjourn made by Chief Mitchell, second by Brian O'Keefe.
- Open session adjourned at 10:46am.