

Minutes Technology and Security Committee Open Meeting

May 8, 2024 | 9:45-10:45 a.m. Eastern
Hybrid Meeting

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1401 H Street NW, Suite 410
Washington, D.C. 20005

Call to Order

Ms. Jane Allen, Committee Chair, called to order a duly noticed open meeting of the Technology and Security Committee (the Committee) of the Board of Trustees (Board) of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC or the Company) on May 8, 2024, at approximately 9:45 a.m. Eastern, and a quorum was declared present.

Present at the meeting were:

Committee Members

Jane Allen, Chair
Larry Irving
Suzanne Keenan
Susan Kelly
Robin E. Manning
Jim Piro
Kenneth W. DeFontes. Jr., *ex officio*

Board Members

Robert G. Clarke
Colleen Sidford
Kristine Schmidt
James B. Robb, President and Chief Executive Officer

NERC Staff

Tina Buzzard, Assistant Corporate Secretary
Manny Cancel, Senior Vice President and CEO of the E-ISAC
Mathew Duncan, Director Intelligence
Kelly Hanson, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
Stan Hoptroff, Vice President, Business Technology
Mark Lauby, Senior Vice President and Chief Engineer
Justin Lofquist, Director, Enterprise Application Architecture
Sonia Rocha, Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary
Camilo Serna, Senior Vice President, Strategy and External Engagement
Bluma Sussman, Director, Membership

NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines

Ms. Allen directed the participants' attention to the NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines included in the advance agenda package and indicated that all questions regarding antitrust compliance or related matters should be directed to Ms. Rocha.

Chair's Remarks

Ms. Allen welcomed participants to the meeting and reviewed the agenda. Ms. Allen also recognized Mr. Cancel and Mr. Hoptroff on their announcement that they plan to retire in early 2025. She thanked them for their efforts for the Committee, NERC, the ERO Enterprise and stakeholders.

Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee approved the minutes of the February 14, 2024, open meeting as presented at the meeting.

E-ISAC Operations

Mr. Cancel and Mr. Duncan provided a summary of the cyber and physical security threat landscape facing NERC and the electricity industry. They discussed U.S. government policy matters related to incident disclosures, including SEC disclosure requirements and CISA's proposed critical incident reporting requirements. In addition, they summarized the findings of the recently issued 2023 Summary of Physical Security Incidents, shared insights from a recently completed pilot of aerial drone usage, and provided an update on 2024 election security preparations. Ms. Sussman updated the Committee on the progress of the E-ISAC Stakeholder Customer Experience (CX) and User Experience (UX) Project. She reported on the discovery phase of the project and next steps.

Following the presentations, the Committee discussed evidence of the use of drones against electricity infrastructure and capability to defend against such use; the relationship between CISA's new reporting requirements and NERC's reporting requirements; and the E-ISAC's insight into reporting by other sectors.

Business Technology Strategy

Mr. Hoptroff discussed NERC's Business Technology strategy. He discussed the objectives of the strategy and highlighted the critical investments under the strategy. Mr. Lofquist then also provided the roadmap for Align enhancements in 2024, noting that the focus areas are enhancing capabilities around audit and spot checks, periodic data submittals, self-certifications, attestations, compliance oversight plans, inherent risks assessments, and system confidence.

Following the presentations, the Committee expressed the desire to hear from users of Align on its impact on their interactions with NERC in relation to CMEP. The Committee also discussed the security of Align and the Security Evidence Locker, particularly as it relates to supply chain vulnerabilities.

Adjournment

There being no further business and upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,



Sônia Rocha
Corporate Secretary