

Minutes

Technology and Security Committee Meeting

August 11, 2021 | 12:45-1:45 p.m. Eastern

Conference Call

Call to Order

Ms. Suzanne Keenan, 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) on May 12, 2021 at approximately 12:45 p.m. Eastern, and a quorum was declared present.

Present at the meeting were:

Committee Members

Suzanne Keenan, Chair

Jane Allen

Robin E. Manning

Susan Kelly

Kenneth W. DeFontes, *ex officio*

Board Members

Robert G. Clarke

George S. Hawkins

Jim Piro

Roy Thilly

Colleen Sidford

NERC Staff

Manny Cancel, Senior Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of the E-ISAC

Stan Hoptroff, Vice President, Business Technology

Mark Lauby, Senior Vice President and Chief Engineer

Sônia Mendonça, Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary

Janet Sena, Senior Vice President, External Affairs

Howard Gugel, Vice President, Engineering and Standards

Andy Sharp, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Mechelle Thomas, Vice President, Compliance

Andy Rodriguez, Director, Business Process Improvement

Jeff Hicks, Director, IT Solutions Architecture

Tina Buzzard, Assistant Corporate Secretary

Bluma Sussman, Director of Membership, E-ISAC

LaCreacia Smith, Senior PMO Manager, Information Technology

Marvin Santerfeit, Director IT Solution Support, Information Technology

Matthew Duncan, Director, Intelligence, E-ISAC

NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines

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

Introduction and Chair's Remarks

Ms. Keenan welcomed everyone to the meeting. She emphasized the challenging cyber environment and commended the performance of the E-ISAC, the ERO, and industry against this backdrop. Ms. Keenan also highlighted significant milestones achieved since the last Committee meeting, including substantial voluntary participation in the Department of Energy's 100-day plan information sharing initiative, completion of the first comprehensive E-ISAC stakeholder feedback survey, and release 2 of Align. She also discussed CRISP, GridEx VI, and the recent E-ISAC Member Executive Committee meeting.

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, the May 12, 2021 meeting minutes were approved as presented at the meeting.

E-ISAC Operations

Mr. Duncan presented on E-ISAC operations and initiatives. He discussed the threat landscape, CRISP, initiatives related to the Department of Energy's 100 Day Plan, and the 24x7 Watch. The Committee discussed risks related to drones, the CRISP participant survey, and involving joint action agencies in CRISP as a way to involve smaller entities.

Ms. Sussman presented on the E-ISAC stakeholder surveys, highlighting the E-ISAC's progress and areas for growth. The Committee discussed results by sector and commended the E-ISAC for their continued progress in meeting the needs of their members.

ERO Enterprise Business Technology Projects

Mr. Hoptroff and Mr. Santerfeit provided an update on NERC IT infrastructure project, disaster recovery, and future priorities. The Committee discussed patching security and expressed appreciation for the efforts to enhance NERC's security posture and information technology capabilities.

ERO Enterprise Align Project

Mr. Hoptroff presented on the benefits of the Align tool. Ms. Smith presented on the status of the Align project, including the go live dates for Release 2 and the status and features of future releases. Ms. Keenan emphasized that Release 2 of Align is significant milestone and the timeline for future releases. The Committee discussed adoption of Align in Canada and the number of entities choosing to build their own evidence lockers. Mr. Hoptroff stated that at this time no entity is building their own locker.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,



Sônia Mendonça
Corporate Secretary