

## Minutes

# Technology and Security Committee Meeting

May 12, 2021 | 12:30-1:45 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 12:30 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, Jr., *ex officio*

#### Board Members

Robert G. Clarke

George S. Hawkins

Jim Piro

Roy Thilly

Colleen Sidford

James B. Robb, NERC President and Chief Executive Officer

#### NERC Staff

Tina Buzzard, Assistant Corporate Secretary

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

Shamai Elstein, Assistant General Counsel

Howard Gugel, Vice President, Engineering and Standards

Kelly Hanson, Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer

Jeff Hicks, Director, IT Solutions Architecture

Stan Hoptroff, Vice President, Business Technology

Mark Lauby, Senior Vice President and Chief Engineer

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

Secretary Andy Rodriguez, Director, Business Process Improvement

Janet Sena, Senior Vice President, External Affairs

Andy Sharp, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Mechelle Thomas, Vice President, Compliance

### **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 and introduced the new members of the Committee. She stressed the relentlessness of cyber security environment and the need to stay focused and vigilant. She highlighted the E-ISAC's role in helping industry be prepared for and respond to cyber security incidents. She also encouraged stakeholders to participate in the E-ISAC's feedback survey to be issued later this year. Ms. Keenan noted that the Committee was briefed on NERC's and the Regional Entities' security posture, commending the coordination occurring under Mr. Robb's leadership.

### **Minutes**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the February 3, 2021 meeting minutes were approved as presented at the meeting.

### **E-ISAC Operations**

Mr. Cancel presented on the Director of National Intelligence Annual Threat Assessment, Microsoft Vulnerabilities Report, the Department of Energy's 100 Day Plan, the threat landscape, the E-ISAC's strategic partnerships and industry coordination, upgrades to the E-ISAC portal, upcoming E-ISAC events, including GridSeCcon and GridEx, and the E-ISAC's plans for a stakeholder feedback survey. The Committee discussed staffing needs to address the amount of patches being released.

### **ERO Enterprise Align Project**

Ms. Keenan emphasized the significance of the initial release of the Align tool and commended the coordination and effort to do so. Mr. Hoptroff presented on the benefits of the Align tool and the timeline for future releases. Mr. Rodriguez presented on the plans for and features of releases 2 and 3 of the Align tool.

### **ERO Enterprise Business Technology Projects**

Mr. Hoptroff and Mr. Hicks provided updates on various business technology projects and initiatives including: cyber protection initiatives, upgrading aging infrastructure, E-ISAC projects, including the portal upgrade and data platform project, hybrid meeting technologies, and the Security Advisory Group.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,



Sônia Mendonça  
Corporate Secretary