

**MINUTES
of the
FIRST MEETING
of the
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

**June 9, 2006
State Capitol, Room 309
Santa Fe**

The first meeting of the Information Technology Oversight Committee (ITOC) for the 2006 interim was called to order by Senator John Arthur Smith, chair, on Friday, June 9, 2006, at 10:10 a.m. in Room 309 of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

Present

Sen. John Arthur Smith, Chair
Rep. Janice E. Arnold-Jones
Sen. Linda M. Lopez
Sen. Richard C. Martinez
Sen. William H. Payne
Rep. Thomas C. Taylor
Rep. Luciano "Lucky" Varela

Absent

Rep. Debbie A. Rodella, Vice Chair
Sen. Vernon D. Asbill
Rep. Richard D. Vigil

Advisory Members

Sen. Rod Adair
Rep. Hector H. Balderas
Sen. Carlos R. Cisneros
Rep. Justine Fox-Young
Rep. Ted Hobbs
Rep. Jeannette O. Wallace

Sen. Mark Boitano
Sen. Pete Campos
Rep. Richard P. Cheney
Sen. Phil A. Griego
Sen. Gerald Ortiz y Pino

Staff

Raúl E. Burciaga
Ralph Vincent
Cristina Martinez

Guests

The guest list is in the meeting file.

Copies of all handouts and written testimony are in the meeting file.

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Introductions

Senator John Arthur Smith asked that presentations to the ITOC carefully explain in a manner understandable to lay persons issues relating to information technology. Specifically, Senator Smith asked that presenters avoid using terminology and acronyms without explaining them or providing examples or illustrations.

Raúl Burciaga provided the committee with background information on the development of the ITOC based on the directive of the Information Technology Management Act.

Information Technology (IT) Commission — Status Briefing

Carroll Cagle, chair of the IT Commission, provided the committee with the history and development of the commission. Before the commission was created, state agencies created their own IT systems with no coordination among and between other agencies. The IT Commission now oversees major IT projects and incrementally releases funding as part of its oversight role.

On general questioning from the committee, Mr. Cagle stated that:

- the IT Commission coordinates and interacts with the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) in reviewing projects and approving methodology;
- projects greater than \$1 million require commission approval;
- projects between \$100,000 and \$1 million require approval by the OCIO;
- there are mechanisms in place to review system architecture and project certification;
- by statute, the directors of the Legislative Council Service and the Legislative Finance Committee appoint one staff member each as an advisory member to the commission;
- LambdaRail is a nationwide, ultra-high-speed connectivity mechanism for research institutions;
- the IT Commission will see if LambdaRail problems relating to a telecommunications provider and the leasing of fiber optic lines can be resolved;
- physical security issues are being addressed by telecommunications providers and alternate paths are being considered for redundancy and contingency;
- consolidation has been a priority of the IT Commission, e.g., the Statewide Human Resources, Accounting and Management Reporting (SHARE) Project;
- independent verification and validation (IV&V) is generally required for major projects with mid- to high-risk issues; and
- urban areas in the state have numerous internet access resources, but many rural areas still do not.

OCIO — Status Briefing

Neil Meoni, chief of staff of the OCIO, provided the committee with an overview of the OCIO organization. Mr. Meoni discussed the redesign of the State of New Mexico home page (<http://www.newmexico.gov/>). He presented information on the guidance that the OCIO has

given to executive agencies for their respective IT plans and funding requests. Additionally, Mr. Meoni reviewed issues relating to IT project certifications, a geographic information systems (GIS) summit in Albuquerque, IT preparations for pandemic planning, distance learning initiatives and agency network security.

On general questioning from the committee, Mr. Meoni stated that:

- the CIO Council is a "users group" comprised of all state agency CIOs and IT managers that functions as an advisory group and provides feedback to the OCIO and the IT Commission; and
- the General Appropriations Act for 2006 requires project certification and documentation of compliance with OCIO and IT Commission requirements for certain "data processing appropriations".

Committee Work Plan

Mr. Burciaga presented the proposed work plan and meeting schedule for the ITOC for the 2006 interim. The committee decided to not have a joint meeting with the Los Alamos National Laboratory Oversight Committee on September 21 and directed staff to request an ITOC-only meeting for September 20 so as to not conflict with the Energy Council meeting. Senator Smith asked that staff schedule a full day of testimony, beginning each meeting at 9:00 a.m. The committee also requested that the following issues be added to the work plan:

- the secretary of state's campaign and election IT initiatives; and
- private sector economic development in IT services in rural New Mexico.

The committee work plan and meeting schedule are in the meeting file.

Adjournment

Senator Smith adjourned the meeting at 12:00 noon.