

MINUTES
of the
FOURTH MEETING
of the
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

September 18-19, 2008
Rio Rancho, New Mexico

The fourth meeting of the Information Technology and Telecommunications Oversight Committee (ITTOC) was called to order by Senator Richard Martinez, chair, on September 18, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. at Intel, Rio Rancho, New Mexico.

Present

Sen. Richard C. Martinez, Chair
Rep. Debbie A. Rodella, Vice Chair
Rep. Janice E. Arnold-Jones
Sen. Vernon D. Asbill
Sen. Linda M. Lopez
Rep. Luciano "Lucky" Varela

Absent

Sen. Rod Adair
Sen. Howie Morales
Sen. John Arthur Smith
Rep. Don L. Tripp
Rep. Richard D. Vigil
Rep. Peter Wirth

Advisory Members

Rep. Jeannette O. Wallace

Absent

Sen. Mark Boitano
Sen. Pete Campos
Sen. Carlos R. Cisneros
Sen. Kent L. Cravens
Rep. Kathy A. McCoy
Sen. Phil A. Griego
Sen. Gerald Ortiz y Pino
Sen. William H. Payne

Staff

Ralph Vincent, Legislative Council Service (LCS)

Doug Williams, LCS

Guest

Rep. Thomas A. Anderson

Rep. Jane Powdrell-Culbert

The guest list is in the meeting file.

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

Thursday, September 18

Mr. Jami Grindatto welcomed the committee on behalf of Intel Corporation. He noted that 20% of New Mexico's exports are due to Intel selling micro chips worldwide.

Status report from workgroup on DoIT Act

—Mark Duran, Chairman, Information Technology Commission

—Marlin Mackey, Acting Cabinet Secretary, DoIT

—Dr. Stephen Easley, Chief Information Officer, DPS

Mr. Duran, Mr. Mackey and Dr. Easley presented an overview of the progress that DoIT has made with implementation of the Information Technology Act.

Senator Lopez congratulated Mr. Mackey on his appointment as Secretary of DoIT.

Report from DoIT

—Marlin Mackey, Acting Cabinet Secretary, DoIT

Mr. Mackey, Ms. Conny Macki and Ms. Elisa Storie reported on the accomplishments of DoIT during the past year and the goals for 2008 and 2009 year.

Representative Varela asked about the performance of SHARE. Mr. Mackey responded that DoIT is in the process of installing equipment that will allow identification of the source of SHARE performance problems. Also, additional modules are being added the SHARE by PeopleSoft.

Representative Varela asked for a report on the number of interfaces with SHARE. The Taxation and Revenue Department and the Public Employees Retirement Association interface with SHARE.

Senator Asbill asked if DoIT has a plan for disposal of old equipment. Mr. Mackey responded the department has a contract with a firm that wipes hard drives clean of all information. The equipment is then disposed of in an environmentally appropriate fashion.

Representative Varela asked if DoIT has any authority over local government. Mr. Mackey stated that DoIT only deals with state government information technology plans.

Representative Rodella asked about virtual private network (VPN) access. Ms. Maki responded that any state agency may have VPN access if they contract with DoIT for the service.

SHARE enterprise accounting

—Anthony Armijo, Director Financial Control Division, DFA, State Controller

Mr. Armijo presented a status report on SHARE.

Representative Varela asked about implementation of the procurement module. Mr. Armijo responded that procurement is still being accomplished on a manual basis. The procurement module will first be implemented for the Department of Transportation.

Senator Asbil asked how many agencies utilize SHARE. Mr. Armijo responded that 114 agencies participate. Senator Asbil also asked how many agency chief financial officers are not qualified. Mr. Armijo estimated that 60% are not qualified and suggested that the accounting function for small agencies should be consolidated into a super agency.

Representative Varela noted that New Mexico has many small boards and commissions that would benefit from consolidation.

Telecommunications infrastructure

—WireNM - Elisa Storie, Deputy Cabinet Secretary, DoIT

—Leo Baca, Director Government Affairs, QWEST

—Dennis Pappas, Director Network Operations, QWEST

—Charles Ferrell, New Mexico Exchange Carrier Group

—Michael Ripperger, Telecommunications Bureau Chief, New Mexico Public

Regulation Commission

Ms. Storie provided an update on the status of Wire New Mexico.

Representative Arnold-Jones asked why Farmington is not on a digital network. Mr. Mackey responded that DoIT is negotiating with a local carrier in Farmington for use of their facilities.

Representative Anderson asked if there is any prohibition on the use of voice over internet protocol (VOIP) by state government. Mr. Mackey responded that there is no prohibition.

Mr. Baca presented an overview of competition as it is impacting Qwest.

Mr. Pappas provided an update on the second amended settlement agreement.

Mr. Ferrell presented an update on the improvements that have been made by New Mexico Exchange Carrier Group.

Mr. Ripperger provided an overview of the PRC role in regulating the telecommunications carriers.

Homeland Security; Interoperable Communication

—John Martinez, Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM)

—Mike Scales, Northrop Grumman

—Don Cooper, Northrop Grumman

Mr. Martinez made a presentation concerning public safety interoperable communications. The challenge of achieving interoperability is not technology, but rather, policy.

NMDHSEM will be seeking legislation requiring local jurisdictions to adhere to a statewide interoperability policy.

Representative Powdrell-Culbert asked about making the use of Motorola radios mandatory. Mr. Martinez stated that NMDHSEM does not endorse any one vendor. He also noted that Motorola is offering digital radios while most first responders are using analog equipment.

Representative Arnold-Jones stated that we need to achieve interoperability this year. We need to mandate counties and municipalities purchase the right equipment on a phased basis because we don't have enough money to do it all at once. Representative Arnold-Jones also stated that we need to pursue digital microwave technology.

Mr. Martinez observed that microwave is point to point while two-way radios function by saturating a local area. Also, the cost of constructing a microwave network is much greater than installing two-way radio repeaters.

Representative Arnold-Jones made a motion that the committee review draft legislation at the October meeting pertaining to a statewide interoperability plan. Also Representative Arnold-Jones moved that the committee hold public hearings in conjunction with NMDHSEM. Representative Rodella questioned if the committee has the authority to conduct public hearings. Representative Varela suggested that NMDHSEM hold public hearings and then present the committee with draft legislation. Mr. Vincent observed that the LCS can assign a staff attorney to work with NMDHSEM to develop legislation. Mr. Martinez stated that NMDHSEM needs to work with the governor's office when preparing legislation. Senator Martinez appointed Representative Rodella, Varela and Representative Arnold-Jones to work with NMDHSEM.

Friday, September 19

Supercomputing facility initiative

—Dr. Thomas Bowles, Science Advisor, Office of the Governor

Dr. Bowles provided an overview of the New Mexico Computing Applications Center. The center's super computer is the seventh fastest in the world and has enough random access memory to store the entire library of congress, in memory, three times over.

Representative Varela asked if there is a budget hearing scheduled with the LFC. Dr. Bowles responded that the project is prepared to meet with the LFC; however, nothing is scheduled at present. He also noted that Intel is providing \$1.3 million in support to the center.

Representative Varela urged the center to work with the Information Technology Commission.

Representative Arnold-Jones believes that the state needs to financially support the center with a dedicated revenue stream.

Representative Anderson asked how a legislator would get to use a location to video conference. Dr. Bowles responded that a legislator would travel to a site after submitting a request.

Electronic content management of state records

—Sandra Jaramillo, State Records Administrator, SRCA

—Angela Lucero, Director, Records Management Division, SRCA

Ms. Jaramillo discussed the challenges confronting the management of state records. The state does not have an electronic records management system. It is necessary to be able to store, search and retrieve documents and emails.

Representative Varela asked about conversion of paper records to microfilm. Ms. Jaramillo responded that the state records office does not microfilm paper documents. Most state agencies are digitizing records. Also, there is no statutory requirement for state agencies to digitize records.

HSD and CYFD service systems

—Terri Gomez, Chief Information Officer, Human Services Department

—Crawford Spooner, Chief Information Officer, Children, Youth and Families Department

Ms. Gomez and Mr. Crawford provided an overview of the state automated child welfare information system.

The committee adjourned at 4:00 p.m.