

DRAFT MINUTES

JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE ON ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION  
TECHNOLOGY

Thursday, June, 29, 2017

10:00 A.M.

Room 171, State Capitol  
Little Rock, Arkansas

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**Committee Members Present:** Senators Ronald Caldwell, Jimmy Hickey, Jr., **Representatives** Stephen Meeks, Chair; Warwick Sabin, Vice Chair; Charles Blake, Karilyn Brown, **Alternates** Lanny Fite, Roger Lynch, Carlton Wing

**Other Legislators Present:** Senators Jonathan Dismang, Bryan King, Larry Teague; **Representatives** Bob Ballinger, David L. Branscum, Kenneth Ferguson, Vivian Flowers, David Hillman, Steve Hollowell, Frederick J. Love, Reginald Murdock, Marcus Richmond, Jeff Wardlaw, Danny Watson, David Whitaker, Richard Womack

**Call to Order**

Representative Meeks called the meeting to order and thanked everyone in attendance for coming.

**Minutes of October 4, 2016, Meeting**

Senator Hickey made a motion to approve the minutes and without objection the Minutes were adopted.  
[See Exhibit C]

**Consideration to Adopt a Motion to Approve Special Expenses**

Senator Hickey made a motion to approve the chairs authority to approve special expenses and without objection the motion was passed.  
[See Exhibit D]

**Consideration to Adopt Interim Study Proposal (ISP) 2017-005: Requesting That the Senate Committee on Public Transportation, Technology and Legislative Affairs Study the Effects of Broadband Service in this State and the Impact of Acts 2011, No. 1050 by Senator Bill Sample**

Representative Whitaker made a motion to adopt ISP 2017-005 and without objection the motion was passed.  
[See Exhibit E]

**Update on Broadband Connectivity for Schools**

Yessica Jones, Director, Department of Information Systems (DIS)

**Issues included in the discussion:**

- due to vendor issues there are still six schools needing to upgrade
- staff is calling every school that has been upgraded to see if there are any issues, a few issues were identified and they are being addressed

### **Discussion on Open Data Assessment across the State**

Doug Robinson, Director, National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NACIO)  
[See Handout 1 for the full presentation]

#### **Issues included in the discussion:**

- the organization represents the CIOs of all 50 states, the 54 territories and the District of Columbia
- cyber security is priority for state CIOs
- owner operator model is dissipating across the states to one that is more reliant on private sector partners
- consolidation and optimization are concerns for state CIOs
- resistance to change and cost are a challenge

### **Discussion of Information Network (INA) of Arkansas Quarterly Reports**

Bob Sander, General Manager, INA [See Exhibits G1-G4]

#### **Issues included in discussion:**

- 57 new online services have been launched in the last four quarters
- fee reductions have been given to Arkansans that use online services to make property tax payments as well as those that use credit or debit cards in state revenue offices
- one item not requiring a fee was the transfer of \$345,000 from the INA Board to the Office of Transformation; the funds will be used to boost the number of computer science teachers, scholarships for students and three small website projects

Without objection the report was reviewed.

### **Discussion of Department of Information Systems (DIS) Advice and Recommendation Report**

Donnie Matthews, Customer Relationship Management Division, DIS [See Exhibit H]

#### **Issues included in discussion:**

- working with Department of Arkansas Heritage on consolidation
- consolidating War Memorial Stadium Commission with the Department of Parks and Tourism
- working with the Department of Agriculture on its consolidation to include email services
- converting Parks and Tourism and other agencies to a modern phone system
- unifying all the field offices for the Department of Career Education
- developing applications for the Department of Human Services and the Real Estate Commission

Without objection the report was reviewed.

### **Other Business**

Representative Meeks stated his vision for committee discussions this fall which include: discussions on broadband, AWIN (Arkansas Wireless Information Network), emergency management and communications during a disaster situation and the geological survey in regards to geo-hazards and earthquakes.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:19 A.M.