



Minutes
Maryland Cybersecurity Council Meeting
October 14, 2020
Virtual Meeting Format

Council Members Present or Represented (40/57)

Attorney General Brian Frosh (Chair), John Abeles, Dr. David Anyiwo, Stephen Auvil (for Troy Stovall), Delegate Ned Carey, Dr. Michel Cukier, Robert Day, Dr. Anton Dahbura, Vince Difrancisci, Cyril Draffin, Judi Emmel, Patrick Feek Fe2id Any8.8 (e)4.21 G (r6 -4.8 (e)4.1nb (e)4.1 g)-6.8 (e)4.2

The Attorney General observed that the topic of disinformation campaigns is part of cybersecurity writ large. Such campaigns leverage the cyber domain to ÷j cenø'American public discourse and its social and political order. He thanked Dr. Anton Dahbura for reaching out to Dr. Rid for the Council and gave the ÷floorø'to Professor Rid.

Professor Ridø'r t gupvøkp'r tqxkf gf "c"j kxqt { "qh'T wuøkp" f kùphøto økøp, placed Russian campaigns in the current cultural context, and then used the just-breaking Hunter Biden story in the New York Post to apply the tools of disinformation analysis. His analysis suggested that ungr økøø "cdqw"vj g"øqt { ø"foundation was warranted.

In response to questions from the Council, Professor Rid made several other comments:
AI plays an important role in spotting potential disinformation campaigns
The most respected media make very responsible efforts to identify disinformation before reporting it. This is more difficult for smaller outlets with smaller staffs.
The Chinese disinformation toolbox is nimbler and more sophisticated than the Russian
There is no equivalence between America, Russia, and China. The CIA was very skilled at foreign f kùphøto økøp"ø"vj g"3; 72ø. However, since that time the American government has deliberately backed away from that capability. This retreat correlates with good intelligence oversight and the emergence of civil rights. A developed disinformation operations capability is at odds with democracy.

Council Business Meeting

Approval of minutes. The Attorney General called for the minutes of the 10 June 2020 meeting, asking if there were any changes. On motions duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved without objection.

Updates. The Attorney General welcomed Vince Diffrancisci to the Council. He announced that Mr. Diffrancisci fills the Maryland Department of Commerce seat that had been held by Dr. Ken McCreedy, the former director of aerospace and cybersecurity at the Department. He thanked Heather Gramm y j q"j cf "dggp"tgr t gupvøkpi "vj g"ø gr ctø gpvø y j kø"vj g"ugctej "hqt"ø t00 øE tggf { ø"

Maryland were partnering on a cybersecurity workforce survey that would help target new efforts on the biggest needs.

She noted that in the next session she would reintroduce three bills from the last session in addition to SB 1036: SB 724 (Maryland State IT Hiring Act), SB 895 (Maryland Technology Internship Program ó Units of State Government), and SB 1049 (Cybersecurity Talent Pipeline Management Program).

Subcommittee on Economic Development. Bel-Leong welcomed Vince Difrancisci to the Council and the subcommittee. She noted that at its last meeting the subcommittee had formed a working group to look at what new products and services relating to contact tracing might be a business opportunity in the State. She also expressed an interest in collaborating on the workforce development survey.

Subcommittee on Public Affairs and Outreach. Sue Rogan noted that the subcommittee, Maryland CASH, and the Cwqtpg{ "I gpgtca"qheg were partnering on a webinar concerning the cybersecurity of small business. As was the case with a similar partnership in April, the webinar will feature the Attorney General and Joseph Carrigan from Johns Hopkins.

Other Business

The Attorney General thanked the subcommittees for their work. J g"cppqwpegf "yj g"Eqwpekru" meeting dates for 2021:

- o January 25, 2021 (10:00 am ó 12:00 pm)
- o June 9, 2021 (10:00 am ó 12:00 pm)
- o October 13, 2021 (10:00 am ó 12:00 pm)

He stated that the January meeting will be virtual. Decisions about the format of the other meetings would be decided later.

There being no further business, the Council was adjourned at 11:30 pm.

[Note: These minutes were approved by the Maryland Cybersecurity Council at its January 25, 2021 meeting]