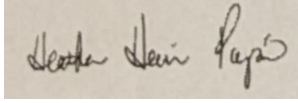


State, Local, Tribal, Public Sector Policy Advisory Committee (SLTPS-PAC) Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2024

The SLTPS-PAC held its 25th meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, virtually. Mr. William Fischer, Acting Director, Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO), served as Chair.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing minutes are accurate and complete.



Heather Harris Pagán, Designated Federal Officer (DFO)

Changes in membership

- Meghann Teubner, Local East member with the New York City Police Department, reached the end of her term
- Mary Michelle Schechter, Local East member with the Nassau County Department of Health in New York State, reached the end of her term.
- Keith Minard, Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA), is retiring.
- Jeremy Sroka, State Midwest member, was both designated as a member, and withdrew his participation.
- Chris Palmer, State Mountain Member with the State of Utah Courts, is a new member.
- Alternate Designated Federal Officer, Robert Tringali, is retiring.

Actions items from previous meetings

- There are 8 of 12 open positions for SLTPS entities on the PAC. DHS has for action.
- There appears to be a disconnect between what the SLTPS entities are experiencing with the clearance process and lack of a backlog at DHS. DHS has for action. They continue to make improvements to the timeline. This is considered closed.

Meeting/New action item

After a complete review by DHS, it was identified that DHS's Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) had an accrual of cases awaiting the personnel clearance in support of their mission, which is intelligence sharing capabilities with state and local partners. I&A, in partnership with other components/mission partners established a team to review what was causing the backlog and a way to mitigate the backlog. I&A created a clearance prioritization and categories list in an initial attempt to "rack and stack" priority request. They identified multiple offices to support this initiative across the department. They also validated need to know and that the justification met/advanced and was directly tied to the Homeland Security Mission. The original I&A SLTPS

backlog was 215. They are now down to 85. The team is working diligently as they continue to receive nominations forms from I&A each week. Additionally, the teams have developed a great working relationship and together taken the necessary steps to mitigate the current caseload as well as prevent any future issues.

Lee Watson from Forge Institute posed questions regarding ODNI's role in facilitating high-side discussions and collaboration in the field. Lisa Perez from ODNI engaged with Lee, promising to engage with the appropriate ODNI office for further investigation into the standardization of practices.

Attendance

Carolina Klink
Chris Palmer
Crystal Smith
Dana Rainey
Darryl Parsons
Don Juan
Durrell Hicks
Eric Bradford
Glenn Bensley
Heather Harris Pagán
Jaimie Dague
Juan Estrada
Julie Siemers
Kate Connors
Keith Szakal
Kevin Klein
Lee Watson
Lisa Perez
Lori Ellison
Marc Sachs
Margaret Rose
Margarita Alvarez
Megan Riordan
Meghann Teubner
Melissa Cippel
Mike Amato
Ronnie Adams
Scott Cronin
Scott Fehlner
Sidonie Dunham
Tiffany Lewis
Tina Shannon
Tracy Kindle
William Fischer