



**Transcript of the 28th Meeting of the State, Local, Tribal, and Private Sector Policy
Advisory Committee (SLTPS PAC) - July 9, 2025.**

Michael Thomas: Good morning, everyone. Thank you so much for being here with us today and welcome to the 28th meeting of the State, Local, Tribal and Private Sector Policy Advisory Committee. We're glad you're here.

I also want to say thank you to our team here at ISOO: Heather, Ben, and David, for helping to orchestrate the meeting, as well as the broader team here at NARA, for facilitating this virtual engagement. We do hope to see some of your faces in person in the future, [we are] always happy to host. I am Michael Thomas, the director of ISOO here at NARA and your host for today.

I won't belabor it. We'll dig right into the meeting. There are just 2 notes that I have off the top for everyone. The first is that our charter is due for renewal. So that is an activity that you can expect the team here at ISOO to pursue over the next couple of weeks to get that process moving.

The second is that we are short a few members. That's another area that you can expect ISOO to focus on over the next few months is bringing our roster back up to full, so that we can facilitate the sorts of conversation that this entity is supposed to provide. I appreciate your help and recommendations as we go through that process if you have folks that you think could fill some of those slots.

With that I'll pass it along to Heather. Thank you.

Heather Harris Pagán: Thank you, sir. Good morning everyone. I'm Heather Harris Pagán, the Designated Federal Officer for the SLTPS PAC. Before we move into the roll-call. I'm going to go over a few reminders for everyone's situational awareness

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This is a public meeting. As with previous SLTPS PAC public meetings, this meeting will be recorded. This recording along with the minutes will be available within 90 days on the SLTPS PAC reports on committee activities webpage.

Lastly, I want to remind the Government members of the committee of the requirement to file a financial disclosure report with the National Archives and Records Administration's Office of General Counsel. This must be completed prior to officially serving on the SLTPS PAC and then updated and submitted on an annual basis. The same form for financial disclosure that is used throughout the Federal government, OGE Form 450, satisfies the reporting requirement.

Now I will take attendance for the Federal Government agencies. After I say the name of your agency, please state your name so that we can properly account for everyone. Once I've gone through the Federal Government agencies, I'll then move over to the SLTPS PAC members and then on to our individual Speakers.

Department of Homeland Security?

Kevin Peters: Good morning, Kevin Peters from DHS

Rich Dejausserand: Rich Dejausserand. And Rich Moreta is here for DHS as well Heather.

Heather Harris Pagán: Thank you. Office of the Director of National Intelligence?

Lisa Perez: Lisa Perez, from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Heather Harris Pagán: Thank you, Lisa. Department of Energy?

Ted Banks: This is Ted Banks with the Department of Energy.

Heather Harris Pagán: Thank you, Ted. Nuclear Regulatory Commission?

Mark McDonald: This is Mark McDonald for the NRC.

Heather Harris Pagán: Thank you, Mark. The Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency?

[No Audible Response]

Heather Harris Pagán: Derrick [Broussard], it looks like your comms still haven't been fixed, but I know that you're on. Central Intelligence Agency?

Abby: Hi, Heather! It's Abby. I'm here.



Heather Harris Pagán: Thank you, Abby. Department of Transportation?

Margaret Rose: Hi. Good morning, Heather! This is Margaret Rose from the Department of Transportation Office of Security.

Heather Harris Pagán: Federal Bureau of Investigation?

[No response]

Heather Harris Pagán: State Department?

Kate Connor: Good morning, Kate Connor here.

Heather Harris Pagán: Good morning, Kate. Department of Justice?

Lori Ellison: Lori Ellison.

Heather Harris Pagán: All right. Thank you, CISA?

[No response]

Heather Harris Pagán: We'll now move on to the SLTPS PAC members. Chris Palmer?

[No response]

Heather Harris Pagán: Thomas Gilkeson, Jr.?

Tom Gilkeson: Yep, I'm here.

Heather Harris Pagán: Thank you, sir. If anyone else is on the call that we have not heard from, or we don't know about, please speak now.

For the handful of you that called in through the phone, please make sure you send us an email if we did not acknowledge when you spoke.

As a reminder, we request that everyone identify themselves by name and agency, if applicable, before speaking each time for the record.

We've had a few changes to the SLTPS PAC membership. Rich McComb, the Vice Chair with DHS, has retired. Rich Moreta has replaced him. Ricardo Duran had been designated as his alternate. However, Ricardo retired before a public meeting took place.



Both Natasha Sumter and Tracy Kindle with the Department of Energy have departed. Jamie Gordon is now the primary member with Monica Marks and Ted Banks as her alternates.

Shayna Heron and Devin Casey are representing the Department of Defense with Shayna as the primary and Devin as the alternate.

Mark McDonald has replaced Daryl Parsons as the alternate at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The CISA member, Nitin Natarajan, is no longer in the role with no replacement named.

Cameron Burks is no longer the Vice Chairman for the SLTPS PAC members. No replacement has been named. Jeffrey Imsdall and Kevin Klein's time on the SLTPS PAC has ended.

Tom Gilkeson Jr. Is a new SLTPS PAC member.

As Michael stated, we have several positions still open. We have 9 out of 11 potential SLTPS entities that can fill slots. For those departed members. Thank you for your contributions over the years. We look forward to continuing the work you have done with the new representatives.

The last SLTPS PAC public meeting was January 8th, 2025. The SLTPS PAC minutes from the last meeting were certified to be true and correct and were finalized by Michael Thomas on February 4th, 2025 and posted to the ISOO website on the same day.

There were no items of interest from the January 8th, 2025 SLTPS PAC public meeting to carry over. Does anyone have any questions?

[No response]

Heather Harris Pagán: All right. Thank you. Michael, back to you.

Michael Thomas: Thanks, Heather. So we're moving on to the next item on the agenda. At this time, we will now introduce DHS for their update. Mr. Rich Moreta, Executive Director, Enterprise Security Operations and Support Office of the Chief Security Officer, will provide it. Rich?

Richard Moreta: Good morning, everyone. Can you hear me?

Heather Harris Pagán: Yes, sir, we can.



Richard Moreta: Oh, great, awesome! There's always Gremlins in these tech devices here. I really appreciate the opportunity to speak with all of you. I apologize I wasn't able to be in person, but that is our goal for future meetings. I want to say really quickly, I am new to this body here, but I have been involved in SLTPS and the SLTPS Mission for some time in one way or another, so I bring some experience from different angles as well. So I hope that my experience is beneficial to this program.

The bottom line up front here is that, in the coming year or so, our objective is to increase communication and collaboration with all our partners, and that includes giving them the tools to report, giving them tools to train, as well as providing direct support wherever we can. The bottom line again is we want to make sure that we're talking to everyone that we need to talk to, that they're able to get a hold of us, and that we're able to provide support and clarity. We're going to do that in different ways.

But the first thing that we're going to do is we're going to review our current guidance to include Executive Order 13549. As you all know, threats evolve. Our own programs evolve. The way that we do business evolves. So we want to make sure that we're keeping up with the times. But more importantly, that we're keeping up with the threats. So we're going to look for areas for improvement and gaps in guidance as well as operational gaps. We're going to do that once we do that review which is already on the way.

One of the things that we will do here shortly is start including partners, especially those on this call here, so that their input is taken into consideration. The other thing that we want to realize as an organization is that we don't know everything, and that we especially don't know what our partners go through on a day-to-day basis. So we want to make sure that their needs are also represented in this process.

So we will develop, revise, and update our guidance documents and make recommendations for potential other national guidance. We'll see how that goes. But the bottom line is we're going to do it in conjunction with our partners.

We also want to create some subcommittees or sub-working groups. Not sure exactly what we're gonna call them yet. But the point is that we're going to identify specific areas so that we can have folks come together and talk about those kinds of different issues, and come up with some recommendations, solutions, etc. In particular, those will be operational topics.

With that, we're going to reach out to our partners to identify members for these subcommittees or working groups. Hopefully, we can identify folks that have the experience behind the topics that we'll be addressing. But nonetheless, I think bringing everyone together and having the opportunity to look at issues from all the different sides will be very beneficial.



And that's really all I have. I just wanted to introduce myself as well. I've been at DHS since 2006. I retired from the Air Force, where I was a special agent with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, and I've been at the office of Security at DHS ever since. I'm here if anybody needs me. And again, I appreciate the opportunity to speak. Thank you.

Michael Thomas: Thank you so much. Rich. I appreciate it. Does anyone have any questions for DHS?

[No response]

Heather Harris Pagán: Alright, if there are no questions we'll move on to the next speaker.

Next is David Means, from ISOO, who will provide an update on the Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) program. David?

David Means: Good morning. Thank you. Heather. David Means, I'm here with ISOO. I am the program lead for CUI. Today, Heather asked me to join this meeting to kind of provide a high-level overview of CUI. We haven't talked about things in a while, so I'm going to give a high-level overview, and then I'll leave time at the end if there are any questions or some further discussion.

So in a nutshell, the CUI program was established in 2010. And the goal of that program is to facilitate the sharing of sensitive information across multiple levels of government. Here are the policies that kind of guide this: E.O. 13556 and 32 CFR. And then on the technical side, there's the NIST 800-171 and 171-a.

We're not talking about classified information. It is information that either the Government possesses, or an [SLTPS entity] possesses on behalf of or creates on behalf of the government, and it requires some type of safeguarding or dissemination that is based on a law regulation or a government wide policy.

If you are working with the Federal Government, and you are dealing with CUI, this is the information that the Federal Government will be providing to you. Training on how that CUI is to be handled. That's kind of job #1 is to make sure that you understand what you are looking at, so training will be part of it. Also, they will identify. If they're sending across information, it's on the Federal Government to identify which information specifically is CUI. So, if you get a bundle of information, it's on the Federal Government to provide that to you and say, this is what is CUI. This is what's not.

They'll provide handling requirements, and then also a process for challenges. So if you receive information and you're not sure of its status, that Federal agency will provide you clarity on what's the process, or who do you talk to to get clarity on that? And [also] if, for some reason,



there's a misuse or an unauthorized disclosure of CUI, how you would report that. And again, these are things that that Federal agency that you're working with, they will provide that information to you if you have questions. That is your resource.

And last, but by no means least, this is a visual to reinforce that program structure here at ISOO. I'm definitely here and available to help. The one thing I want to hit on is just to encourage that if you're an entity in the SLTPS, your 1st stop when it comes to CUI should be that CUI program manager for that Federal agency. That's going to be the individual that will have the specific answers you're looking for. If you are not sure of who your CUI program manager is, you can either visit our website and we have a section on there for contact and agency. Or, if not, you can contact me at CUI@nara.gov. You can reach out to me, and if you're unsure of who your program manager is, I'll be more than happy to put you in touch.

And with that being said again, I really wanted to kind of leave this open for more questions. Because I am here to help. Whether we discuss it here, or if there needs to be, as mentioned earlier, a sub-working group, I'm game for that. But with that, that concludes my presentation. Are there any questions for me?

Margaret Rose: Hi, good morning. This is Margaret Rose from the Department of Transportation. The only question that I have, and maybe it's been put on the back burner. But about a year or so ago, maybe it's almost been about a year and a half. There was some workings on updating the Executive Order for CUI. I know at one point I believe that recommendations had been sent to the White House in regards to how it could be updated and I just wanted to get kind of like a status on that.

Michael Thomas: Hey, thanks, Margaret, I appreciate you asking the question, and it's a common one. And I actually just want to take a second to commend David for the work that he does, managing the queries that come in through the CUI inbox here at ISOO. We get questions every week all the time, and David is truly expert at running them down, working with our legal team here, working with the agencies and helping to sort out various problems.

One of the problems; well, I wouldn't even call it a problem. One of the opportunities that we're not really in a position to sort out is what the next step in the policy space is for CUI. You're exactly right that in the last administration there was an interagency policy process to put forth recommendations for revisions to the policy. We are now in a new administration, and we sort of await direction on when and where they want to engage with what potential reforms for CUI look like.

ISOO doesn't have a particular steer on when to expect that. But certainly I don't think the administration is unaware of the fact that agencies have, in large part, paused their progress on these programs in anticipation of new action.

At the same time the current policy has been out there for a while, and as we get ready to put forth the ISOO annual report, we see a lot of agencies over a long period of time have not made progress. So I don't think there's a reason to stand entirely still, even though we don't have a policy direction, because we could wait forever. And in the meantime, that's information that needs to be secured appropriately, according to the current policy.

I apologize for not having a better update. But that's where we stand right now. Is that no particular indication that we're moving fast or slow in that direction?

Margaret Rose: Okay, thank you. I was just curious. I appreciate that. Thank you for your transparency.

Michael Thomas: Of course, absolutely. Any other questions for David?

[No response]

Michael Thomas: Alright, search your hearts on CUI. Well, with that. Thank you, David very much for being with us today. Please don't hesitate to reach out. If you do have a question, or someone in your organization needs a hand, David is the one who'll be here to help and Heather back to you.

Heather Harris Pagán: We are now at the point of the meeting where we ask SLTPS PAC members to present any new business they have. Anyone?

[No response]

Heather Harris Pagán: As a reminder. All SLTPS PAC meeting announcements are posted in the *Federal Register* approximately 30 days before the meeting along with being posted to the ISOO overview blog.

At this time. I'd like to hand things over to Michael for closing remarks.

Michael Thomas: Alright, thank you everyone. You know, as I said at the beginning, we have had some significant turnover and some long standing gaps in our membership and we hope to resolve those so that this forum can provide a fruitful dialogue. So you can certainly look for some attention from ISOO on that front.

I also wanted to acknowledge, before we adjourn today, that we've had some turnover here at ISOO ourselves. Jennifer May, who many of you know, retired at the end of May. Heather has been stepping into that role for us, and Ben Rogers as well, who you can't see on camera. He's hidden off to the side here, but he's the man manning the chat so expertly. So we continue to



have a great team here engaged with your questions and concerns and to shepherd this group on into the future and I'm very grateful for that.

We expect the next SLTPS PAC public meeting to be here on January 7th, 2026 and details for that will follow.

If there's nothing further, I'd like to thank you all, and this meeting will be adjourned.