

Heather Harris Pagán: Thank you. Good morning. We'll get started in about one minute, right at the top of the hour. Welcome, and thank you for joining today's State, Local, Tribal and Private Sector Policy Advisory Committee, also known as the SLTPS-PAC meeting.

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Mark Bradley: Yes, ma'am.

Heather Harris Pagán: SLTPS-PAC Vice Chairman, Richard McComb.

Richard McComb: Good morning.

Heather Harris Pagán: Good morning, sir. Department of Energy member, Mark Hojnacke.

Mark Hojnacke: Good morning.

Heather Harris Pagán: Good morning, sir. DOE's alternate, Tracy Kindle. DOE's other alternate, Natasha Sumter. Nuclear Regulatory Commission member, Sabrina Attack. NRC's alternate, Darryl Parsons.

Darryl Parsons: Darryl Parsons is on the line. Thank you.

Heather Harris Pagán: Thank you, sir. Department of Transportation member, Sidonie Durham.
Department of Defense member, Michael Russo. Office of the Director of
National Intelligence member, Valerie Kerben.

Valerie Kerben: Good morning, Heather. I'm here.

Heather Harris Pagán: Good morning, Valerie. Thank you. Department of State member, Kate
Connor.

Kate Connor: Good morning. I'm present.

Heather Harris Pagán: Thank you. Department of Justice member, Glenn Bensley.

Glenn Bensley: Yes. Hi. Here, (Stephanie). Thank you.

Heather Harris Pagán: Thank you. Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency member,
Keith Minard.

Keith Minard: Present.

Heather Harris Pagán: Thank you. DCSA's alternate, Derrick Broussard. Cybersecurity and
Infrastructure Security Agency member, Nitin Natarajan. Local east member,
Meghann Teubner.

Meghann Teubner: Present.

Heather Harris Pagán: Thank you. Local east member, Shelly Schechter. Private sector member,
Jeffrey Imsdahl.

Jeffrey Imsdahl: I'm here.

Heather Harris Pagán: Thank you. State Mountain Region member, Kevin Klein.

Kevin Klein: Present. Thank you.

Heather Harris Pagán: Thank you, sir. I am the designated federal officer for the SLTPS-PAC, Heather Harris Pagán. Alternate DFO, Robert Tringali.

Robert Tringali: Here.

Heather Harris Pagán: Thank you. We request that everyone identify themselves by name and agency if applicable before speaking each time for the record. Is anyone else speaking during the SLTPS-PAC that we've not heard from, or I do not know about? If so, please speak now.

(Don): This is (Don) from CIA.

Heather Harris Pagán: Thank you, (Don).

Tom Carr: Heather, this is Tom Carr.

Heather Harris Pagán: Thank you, Tom.

Marcus Sachs: Good morning. Marc Sachs is here.

Heather Harris Pagán: Thank you, Marc. Good to hear from you.

Marcus Sachs: Thank you.

Heather Harris Pagán: Any other individuals on the phone that are members of the public?
Anybody else?

(Abby): Hi, Heather. It's (Abby) from CIA as well.

Heather Harris Pagán: Great. Thank you, (Abby). Anyone else?

Lee Watson: Heather, it's Lee Watson with Forge Institute.

Heather Harris Pagán: All right, fantastic. Thank you. I want to remind government membership of the requirement to annually file a financial disclosure report with the National Archives and Records Administration's Office of General Counsel, the same form of financial disclosure that is used throughout the federal government, OGE form 450 private side reporting requirements. If you have any questions, let us know.

Let me now turn things over to Mr. Mark Bradley, the Director of ISOO, as well as the Chairman of the SLTPS-PAC.

Mark Bradley: Thank you, Heather. I appreciate that. Good morning, everybody. Happy new year. Welcome to the 24th meeting of the SLTPS-PAC. We have a few changes to the PAC membership since the last meeting. Our vice chair, Marc Sachs, finished his term in July of 2022. He represented the private sector for information technology on the east coast.

That being said, we have a few other slots open for membership as of now. Thomas Woolworth represented tribal on the west coast. Thomas Carr represented the local government on the east coast. Eric Tysarczyk represented the State government and Homeland Security for the

east coast, and Sergeant Debra Ann Winsor represented the State government on the west coast for The Fusion Center.

We also have three positions that'll be opening up in October of 2023 that will need to be filled at that time. A representative from the Homeland - Department of Homeland Security, will be speaking to the nomination process to fill these positions. Let me just reiterate now, it is critical that we fully staff our PAC to be able to get what we need to do, done. So, anything that we can do as a staff or as a board, please let us know.

Additionally, most of you know Greg Pannoni, the former designated federal officer for the SLTPS-PAC. Greg retired this past summer. Heather has graciously stepped up to fill Greg's slot in the meantime. We have - also have a new agency representative from CISA, an agency that falls under DHS, Mr. Nitin Natarajan.

Additionally, the CIA representative, Brian O'Neil, is no longer the representative. We are currently working on getting new representation. For those departed members, thank you all for your contributions over the years. We look forward to continuing the work you've done with the new representatives.

At this time, I'll now turn it back over to Heather Harris Pagán, who will now address the status of action items from the June 15th, 2022 meeting. Heather?

Heather Harris Pagán: Thank you, sir. I also wanted to thank you, sir. This will be Mark Bradley's last SLTPS-PAC, as he is expecting to retire in June. Thank you for your lifetime of federal service, especially the last six years as the Director of ISOO. It has been an honor to work for you. We wish you well and look forward to continuing the work you have done.

I will now address the items of interest from the June 15th, 2022, SLTPS-PAC public meeting. The SLTPS-PAC minutes from the last meeting were finalized and posted to the ISOO website on August 17th, 2022. The FBI is still working on providing an SLTPS security clearance status to DCSA to include, if possible, the effort to identify non-taskforce officers in their systems for inclusion in the data transfers.

The SLTPS-PAC has been focusing on this issue for a couple of years, and the FBI has made a lot of progress in that time. The FBI reported that they have been engaged in end-to-end testing of the dataset transfer process with DCSA. At this time, the clearance data held by the FBI pertaining to private sector personnel, has been passed from the FBI Phoenix's platform to the Central Verification System, also known as CVS.

For the second outstanding action item, ISOO will be hosting a meeting in its (SCIF) with ODNI and other entities as appropriate to examine why the intelligence community is unable to determine the current number of SLTPS personnel that is cleared, and to seek a means to obtain this information. We hope to have this schedule shortly. However, we expect to need to wait to work with the appropriate government entities.

For the third action item, once we have all the spots on the SLTPS-PAC filled, we'll continue discussions on the formal comments on the 15 recommendations of the Cyber Threat Information Sharing Working Group. The chair will then determine potential ways forward and communicate them to the SLTPS-PAC membership. Does anyone have any questions?

Mark Bradley: Heather, this is the chair. I'd like to have that ODNI meeting scheduled by no later than this April.

Heather Harris Pagán: Yes, sir. That shouldn't be a problem. Discussions for scheduling have already started. It's just a matter of getting the right people in the room, sir. That shouldn't be a problem at all.

Mark Bradley: Okay. Let's get this done.

Heather Harris Pagán: Yes, sir. Any other comments or questions? All right. Thank you. Mr. Bradley, the floor is yours.

Mark Bradley: All right. Thank you, Heather. At this time, we'd now like to hear from the executive agent for the program, DHS, Mr. Rich McComb. Rich, the floor is yours.

Richard McComb: Good morning, Mark. Good morning, everyone. I do want to say before I turn over the floor to Mr. Jason Campbell to run through our update, I too would like to thank you, Mark, on behalf of DHS, for all of the great partnership, not only here on the PAC, but other areas in which we've had a chance to collaborate with you and your team over the last six, seven years. So, thank you very much for your service, and best of luck as you get ready to transition to the next chapter. So, thank you.

Mark Bradley: I appreciate that, Richard. It's been a pleasure on my side as well, so thank you.

Richard McComb: All right. Jason, if you would, please run us through the updates for DHS.

Jason Campbell: Thank you very much, sir. This is Jason Campbell. I'm representing Mr. Ricardo Duron at the headquarters DHS SLTPS group, and we wanted to go

over some of the numbers that - from last fiscal year, and some of the things that we're - initiatives we're looking to move forward in our next.

Last year, DHS had approximately 9,000 SLTPS personnel with DHS-sponsored clearances. The grand majority of those were at the Secret level, but there were some at the Top-Secret level. Since our last PAC meeting, DHS has performed one new room certification and assessed six different facilities that already have our DHS-secured spaces within them.

Moving forward to the next fiscal year, we're looking to schedule and assess 18 of our DHS-secured spaces with the SLTPS group. We plan on performing those onsite, but as the pandemic constantly is changing, we may have to change depending on safety protocols, but our goal would be to do most of those assessments on-site to be able to see those.

And as we were speaking to earlier, one of the big initiatives moving forward is our recruitment initiative for the PAC. Within the next 30 days, in collaboration with ISOO, DHS will be reaching out to our committee members, both our government representatives and members representing the various sections within our SLTPS community, to assist us with our recruitment efforts to fill those vacancies that we currently have within the PAC.

The committee currently has six vacancies, and we will be requesting PAC members to assist us finding qualified candidates. DHS will be providing a flyer that will be distributed to all of our - with all the necessary information. This will include the basic qualifications, the duties and responsibilities, and importantly, the points of contact for making those nominations.

This nomination process is going to strengthen the collaborative effort for our

PAC members to forward nominations to build a cadre of qualified candidates that can speak and represent on the various SLTPS communities. So, all members will receive an email from DHS within the next few weeks explaining the whole nomination form, the nomination process, and the expectations for filling those vacant roles.

I believe currently our candidate pool right now is - we do have one of the tribal members that's vacant, along with five other general openings. Those general openings are considered any non-federal partner representing one of the 16 critical infrastructure sectors from Presidential Policy Directive 21, to include a first responders and public safety emergency management personnel.

For those in the private sector, representing the information sharing and analysis organizations or information sharing analysis centers, or ISACs. So, with that, I'd like to turn it back over to our CSO, Mr. McComb.

Richard McComb: Thank you, Jason. Just one clarification for the members on the line today. Those 18 certified room inspections that Mr. Campbell mentioned, will be done this fiscal year, fiscal year '23. So, that is on our agenda for this fiscal year. Just wanted to make that clarification. That is all from DHS. Back over to you, Mr. Bradley,

Mark Bradley: Rich, just one question. I know - oh gosh, I'm trying to remember now. A year or so ago, we had talked about maybe getting a member of the NSC on the PAC here. Any news on that or any movement?

Richard McComb: My thoughts are that Mr. Natarajan will be, I think, very instrumental in helping us connect those dots.

Mark Bradley: I see.

Richard McComb: So, he, unfortunately, had a secure call with the Secretary here earlier this morning. So, he may pop on here in a little bit, I hope, and we can get a few words from him. But we'll work with the deputy director of CISA to try to figure out how do we best leverage that relationship in order to get kind of that information from that level for this body here.

Mark Bradley: All right. That's good to hear, Rich. Well, listen, I mean, we had budgeted two hours for this. I see we're now into 15 minutes, and we're now at the point in the meeting where we ask for SLTPS-PAC members to present any new business they may have. So, we have plenty of time if anybody wants to raise anything that we have not discussed. So, I will open the floor.

Heather Harris Pagán: Sir, this is Heather Harris Pagán. I just wanted to let everyone know that with all of the potential new members coming on board, we're going to be scrubbing our SLTPS-PAC designation letters to make sure they're in accordance with the bylaws. So, please stay tuned and provide updated letters if required.

Additionally, if you have any issues that haven't been brought up or run to ground appropriately, please bring them to my attention, and we can start working on them once we get the new members on board. And, you know, hopefully, we will quickly get to a time where the SLTPS-PAC is no longer needed. Thank you, sir.

Mark Bradley: Sure.

(Don): Hi, this is (Don) from CIA. Just have a question. I noticed that the charter says it's valid through December of last year, so a couple of weeks ago. Just

wondering if that's going to be redone or what. And the other part about it is the executive order and whether that's expiring, whether it's going to be continued for this.

Heather Harris Pagán: Yes, that's a great question.

Mark Bradley: Heather, please go ahead now.

Heather Harris Pagán: So, we are good until 2023 for both. The executive order is an annual occurrence. The bylaws are every two years. We just have to get - we got the SLTPS- PAC in line with the NISPPAC, which is another policy advisory committee that the director chairs. So, once that - after the expiration date for 2023, it will then be every two years. Thanks for that question and comment, (Don).

(Don): No problem. By the way, I wasn't referring to the bylaw specifically, but on your website, as far as your charter, it says expires December 15 of '22. So, you may want to update that.

Heather Harris Pagán: Yes, I will get that updated. Thank you, sir.

Mark Bradley: Yes. Okay. Anyone else have anything to say? Any committee members have any questions or remarks before we close out today's meeting?

(Don): This is (Don) again with CIA. Just have a question with regards to the numbers that you were looking for earlier with, you know, the FBI, obviously working on providing their numbers of people that are cleared, et cetera. Are you also looking at numbers for the TS - collateral TS clearances, are you also looking for numbers for the SCI clearances as well? I'm just trying to figure out from our end whether we need to do anything.

Mark Bradley: Rich, You want to - yes, Heather, go ahead. I'm sorry. Yes.

Heather Harris Pagán: Yes, thank you. I'll take that. So, that is what the meeting in SCIF is for.

All we know at this time, pre-COVID, there was going to be a meeting in the SCIFs to discuss those issues. Valerie, I don't know if you want to expand a little bit, but with the pandemic happening, that meeting has, unfortunately, been shelved.

But as the director mentioned, we're going to get that scheduled, but it's just a matter of getting the right people in the room with ODNI, CIA, and other entities as appropriate. So, that's something that we can work on offline, but Valerie, I don't know if you can expand a little bit more on that as far as what the issue is, the historical background?

Valerie Kerben: Yes. I could fill you in some more, (Don). But just the history is that we want to ensure that the IC community is also reflecting those State, Local, Tribal, and Private sector entities or people that are cleared, because we are not sharing into the CVS database.

So, even though the individuals are cleared and probably reflected in scattered castles, there is not currently a mechanism for distinguishing if they are a State employee, a local law enforcement employee, a tribal employee, or whatnot. So, I'll let you know what prior efforts have been made to work on this, and then we can figure out who might be best to bring to the room when we schedule the meeting.

(Don): That's great. Thank you. Appreciate it.

Mark Bradley: Okay. Thanks for that, Valerie.

Valerie Kerben: Sure.

Mark Bradley: Okay. Before we close, again, I'll say one more time. Does anybody else have anything, any questions or comments before we close out today's meeting?

Heather Harris Pagán: Yes, sir. Sorry, this is Heather again. If anyone didn't roger up for the muster, please send an email to me so that we can get you documented on the roster for the roll call. Thank you.

Sidonie Durham: Yes, this is Sidonie Durham. I was not on the roster.

Heather Harris Pagán: Great. Thank you.

Mark Bradley: Okay. Our next SLTPS-PAC PAC meeting is scheduled for August 23rd, 2023. Barring any issues, I've said this now for two and a half years, the next LTPS-PAC will be in-person, but we'll also plan for an option to call in if needed.

We had actually planned today to do a hybrid meeting, but we found out yesterday that the archives is at a medium level for transmission. So, we thought it prudent once again to do this remotely.

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 block. And with that, I would like to thank you all for letting me be your chair for the last six years, and I wish you nothing but the best.

This is a critically important group. We have made progress, but we obviously

need to make more, but I'm confident with the people we have and the people we're going to get, we can continue to do that. So, with that, anyway, I wish you all the best and good luck. All right, meeting adjourned. Thank you.