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FIRST MEETING
of the
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

June 8, 2018
State Capitol, Room 322
Santa Fe

The first meeting of the Science, Technology and Telecommunications Committee (STTC) was called to order by Senator Michael Padilla, chair, on June 8, 2018 at 9:06 a.m. in Room 322 of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

Present
Sen. Michael Padilla, Chair
Rep. Candie G. Sweetser, Vice Chair
Rep. Daymon Ely
Rep. Kelly K. Fajardo
Rep. Jason C. Harper
Sen. Mark Moores
Rep. Debra M. Sariñana
Rep. Linda M. Trujillo

Absent
Sen. William F. Burt
Sen. Bill B. O'Neill
Sen. William P. Soules
Rep. Monica Youngblood

Advisory Members
Sen. Carlos R. Cisneros
Sen. Richard C. Martinez
Rep. Bill McCamley
Sen. Mary Kay Papen
Sen. Nancy Rodriguez
Rep. Nick L. Salazar
Sen. Bill Tallman
Sen. Peter Wirth

Sen. Craig W. Brandt
Sen. Jacob R. Candelaria
Rep. Stephanie Garcia Richard
Sen. Ron Griggs
Sen. William H. Payne
Rep. Debbie A. Rodella
Rep. Carl Trujillo

Staff
Mark Edwards, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Ralph Vincent, LCS
Sara Wiedmaier, LCS

Guests
The guest list is in the meeting file.

Handouts
Handouts and other written testimony are in the meeting file.

Friday, June 8

Welcome and Introductions
  Senator Padilla welcomed the committee to the first meeting of the STTC for the 2018 interim. Members of the committee and staff were invited to introduce themselves.

Department of Information Technology: Overview of Projects
  Darryl Ackley, secretary, Department of Information Technology (DoIT), delivered an overview and status update on the "top 10" current projects tracked by the DoIT. The handout is included in the meeting folder. He highlighted the following items:

- the DoIT is a service organization for information technology (IT) services and management of large IT projects within state government;

- the upgrade of the Statewide Human Resource, Accounting and Management Reporting system, known as SHARE, has been completed, and the system has been stabilized. The DoIT is adding training courses back into the system; and

- the DoIT has been able to reduce the state's telecommunications expenses by implementing voice over internet protocols, reducing duplicate lines and engaging in vendor negotiations. This has resulted in $1.6 million in annual savings to the state.

Secretary Ackley provided the following comments regarding specific projects:

- the Human Services Department's (HSD's) replacement for the Medicaid Management Information System, known as MMIS, is 90% funded by federal dollars, as long as the state provides a 10% match, and is a large, multi-year project;

- the DoIT "CIRCUITS" project has been closed out, and the infrastructure has been upgraded;

- the Taxation and Revenue Department's (TRD's) "Tapestry" project of its Motor Vehicle Division is in close-out phase and has utilized 90% of the allocated budget;

- the Children, Youth and Families Department's (CYFD's) Enterprise Provider Information Constituent Services project, commonly known as EPICS, has been a perennial management problem because of technology advances over its eight years of planning and development;

- the State-Wide Infrastructure Replacement and Enhancement, or "SWIRE", public safety communications projects will be built on top of the former CIRCUITS project and has received $10 million in severance tax bond funding to support 25 digital networks across the state;

- the Department of Health's (DOH's) Women, Infants and Children Program is progressing well and is leveraging software from Texas and other states;

- the replacement of the TRD's component of the ONGARD Service Center royalty tracking system has gone live. Some data issues are still being worked out, but the system appears to be functional; and

- the HSD's replacement project for the Child Support Enforcement System, known as CSES, is in the planning phase and will ultimately cost more than $100 million.

The questions from committee members included discussion of the goals for the larger CYFD, DOH and HSD systems and the federal requirements that are driving changes. Members also asked about the DoIT's transition plans for the new administration coming in 2019. Secretary Ackley assured the committee that the DoIT has started communication to ensure a smooth transition within the department and for project management.

Committee members also asked about a policy on cloud computing. Secretary Ackley said that this is still a work in progress. In the meantime, the DoIT is evaluating projects on a case-by-case basis in regard to cloud architecture. He also said the digital signatures project is still in limbo. He said that the key issues that need to be resolved are the difference between digital and electronic signatures and a concern with digital certificates and a trust chain. Responding to a question about the cost of independent verification and validation contracts (IV and V contracts), Secretary Ackley said that the DoIT's enterprise architecture team has been looking at managing IV and V as an in-house service, but more analysis is needed.

Fiscal Year 2018 Third Quarter Information Technology Status Report
Brenda Fresquez, program evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee (LFC), presented the LFC's quarterly report on the state's IT projects. The LFC report includes high-visibility or high-risk projects as well as the top 10 included by the DoIT. (The report is included in the committee folder.) Ms. Fresquez noted that the Public Employees Retirement Association project is behind schedule.

In the ensuing committee discussion, members expressed an interest in seeing the financial outlook for projects in general as well as a comparison of the budget versus actual costs. Ms. Fresquez noted that there is usually a budget for planning purposes, and then a complete budget is developed after planning is completed. Committee members suggested that a best guess estimate of the total project cost during the initial planning phase would be useful for policymakers.

2018 Interim Work Plan and Meeting Schedule Discussion
Mr. Edwards reviewed the proposed work plan and meeting schedule. Senator Padilla asked the committee for input on the proposed 2018 work plan and meeting schedule. (The proposed 2018 work plan is in the committee files.) Members suggested adding presentations regarding state management of "big data" and the state's Supercomputing Challenge for students.

The chair also requested that the DoIT provide updates on the status of IT projects at each committee meeting.

After committee discussion, a motion to adopt the work plan and meeting schedule with the requested changes was adopted without objection.

Adjournment
There being no further business before the committee, the STTC adjourned at 10:57 a.m.