

WATECH EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

March 28, 2016

Washington Technology Solutions

1500 Jefferson St SE, Room 1213 / Olympia, WA

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Michael Cockrill

Tracy Guerin

Kelly Wicker

Dana Phelps

Lisa Marsh

Wolfgang Opitz

Grant Rodeheaver

Joel Sacks

Veronica Diseth

Brian Ferris

Judy Fitzgerald

Mike Rohrbach

Members Absent:

Pat Kohler

Revised Charter: Members reviewed and approved the Revised Charter which reflected a name change and removed the Vice Chair language.

Internet Use and Streaming Video: Michael Cockrill discussed the recent increase in both public and private internet network for video streaming which is affecting WaTech cyber security operations and slowing down the internet service. There is a concern is that employees are using their personal devices to stream video, etc., which is increasing the volume. WaTech can increase the bandwidth, but that will have financial implications. Members stated this issue should be looked at not only from a current day issue, but also for future implications in the next two to five years as well. WaTech staff will provide a detailed summary of current usage, cost estimate to increase bandwidth, etc., at the next meeting.

WaTech Financial Summary/Overview: Judy Fitzgerald gave an overview of the WaTech Financials. WaTech is working on growing the Service Catalog and getting more customers. Having negative cash balance impacts the ability to invest in new services and new capital investments require asking for money from legislature. WaTech is working on a financial strategy to work with OFM on a blend of fee-for-service and allocations, to try and get the agency back on track. She stated the agency is in the process of reviewing all of the services and looking at ways to save costs both for WaTech, and the customers.

Members asked if there was a document that provided information on fee for services, including new services. Judy will provide a more rigorous review of WaTech's services for the next meeting and include that information.

Office 365 Migration: Dan Mercer gave an overview of the work done to date on moving the state towards using Microsoft Office 365. Microsoft is strategically investing in cloud products versus on-premises version and is encouraging its customers to move to this direction as well. A customer workshop was conducted in November of 2015 and earlier this year a financial analysis for tenant options was completed.

A single Office 365 tenant is proposed with exceptions granted for agencies with unique business requirements. WaTech will initiate an enterprise project to design, test and implement the necessary tenant, network and security infrastructure to migrate agencies to the new cloud services. WaTech will also work with OFM to define the financial strategy.

Members conceptually approved/support the go forward proposal with a single tenant approach, but want to see waiver/exception language and the additional security functionality before committing to using the service.

Next Meeting:

June 13, 2016

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

1500 Jefferson St SE, Room 1213