

# Meeting 04

July 17, 2024

## Attendees

Members – Bold and *Italics* attended

Denise Reilly-Hughes	<b><i>John Toney</i></b>	<b><i>Erica Ferland</i></b>
<b><i>Joe Duncan</i></b>	<b><i>Nate Couture</i></b>	<b><i>Eric Hillmuth</i></b>
<b><i>Eric Forand</i></b>	<b><i>Shawn Loan</i></b>	<del>Gregory C. Knight</del>
<b><i>James Layman</i></b>	<b><i>Sue Fritz</i></b>	<b><i>Hazel Kreider on behalf of General Knight</i></b>

Invited Guests – Bold and *Italics* attended

<b><i>John Zanin</i></b>	<b><i>Michelle Anderson</i></b>	<b><i>Shawn Nailor, CIO designee</i></b>
<b><i>Jon Kelley</i></b>	<del>AJ Van Tassel</del>	<del>Jason Galipeau</del>
<b><i>Hunter Thompson</i></b>	<b><i>Christine Hallquist</i></b>	<b><i>David Kaiser</i></b>
<b><i>Ben Montross</i></b>	<b><i>Bill Jordan</i></b>	<b><i>Emmanuel Ajanma</i></b>

Public – None


## Agenda

- **Meeting started at 1:32pm on July 17, 2024.**
- Review last meeting recap – any corrections or clarifications
  - **No updates**



- Survey Overview
  - We will provide a link to a dashboard of the survey results prior to the meeting
  - ***Reviewed statistics. 114 responses to date from all 16 sectors. Survey will stay open through the month of July.***
- Executive Session
  - We will need a motion
  - We will review in detail the survey results
  - We will invite you to separate meeting for the Executive Session
  - We will need a motion to end Executive Session
  - ***We entered an Executive Session to review the details of the survey responses. The Executive Session lasted 1 hour and 10 minutes.***
- Resume open meeting
  - Based on the survey we are charged with building an improvement plan, we will document ideas for the plan to be further developed at our next meeting
  - ***We reconvened for only a couple of minutes. We will develop ideas for the Strategic Plan at the September meeting, To support that we will develop a dashboard that allows us to identify areas of improvement by sector, once the survey is closed.***
- Open discussion/guest questions
  - ***None***
- Adjourn
  - ***Meeting adjourned at 2:56pm on July 17, 2024.***

## Outcomes

### Motions

***Enter into Executive Session, with invited guests, to review details of the survey. Motion by Joe Duncan, second by Erica Ferland, all in favor.***

***Adjourn, motion by Sue Fritz, second by Erica Ferland, all in favor.***



### Summarize.tech Recap - edited for clarity

During the July 17, 2024, Cybersecurity Advisory Council Meeting, guests including Bill Jordan, Hunter Thompson, Emmanuel Ajanma, Ben Montross, and Christine Hallquist were welcomed. The council reviewed the agenda, which included discussing survey statistics and improving cyber readiness for critical infrastructure operators. They reviewed the results of a survey on improving cyber readiness for critical infrastructure operators in Vermont, which received 114 responses, and planned to draft a strategic plan in the next meeting. The council also discussed the increasing threat of ransomware attacks on critical infrastructure, with the FBI reporting a significant increase in attacks in various sectors, particularly energy and healthcare. They emphasized the importance of implementing multi-factor authentication, keeping software up-to-date, and conducting regular security assessments to prevent such attacks. The council encouraged collaboration between public and private sectors to share threat intelligence and best practices to strengthen cybersecurity defenses. Christine raised concerns about the Telecommunications sector and suggested focusing on sectors such as electricity, telecommunications, water, and possibly financial institutions in their strategic planning. The meeting concluded with a motion to adjourn and was scheduled to meet again in September.

