

City of Alexandria, Virginia
Commission on Information Technology

March 16, 2023 IT Commission Meeting Minutes
7:00 – 8:35 PM
City Hall Room 2000

In attendance: Ricardo Alfaro (RA), Sara Crifasi (SC), Catharine Rice (CR), Steve Davidson (SD), Timothy Casey (TC), Jay Chauhan (JC), Brandon Mosoriak (BM), Steven Morris (SM)

City Staff: Dr. Elizabeth Hoover (ACPS), Vanetta Pledger, Stacey Campbell, Steve Chozick, Yemisrach Demeke, Bryan Smith, Patrick Eze

1. Call to Order

- 2. Approval of February 16, 2023 Minutes:** Unanimous approval (motion by TC, seconded by CR).

3. Announcements, Meeting Schedule and Projects

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- Is now live in parts of Del Ray.
- ACP-eligible Gigabit symmetrical at no-cost will be available.

Meeting Calendar

- Meeting dates confirmed through May 2023

4. Digital Equity

- Presentation date has been tentatively scheduled for the April 20, 2023 meeting.

5. Presentation and Discussion

(a) Discussion about Alexandria City Public School (ACPS) data privacy

- Data exposure in January 2023, family contact information.
- The leak was from a web server from Blackboard Connect, a vendor which ACPS had stopped using in June 2022.
- The information was down about 40 minutes after contact with Blackboard Connect.
- An engineer had made a misconfiguration and exposed multiple school systems' data in December 2022.
- ACPS has created a new data privacy agreement for vendors as a result of this incident.

6. Open Data

- The Committee had a reading of the draft document and decided on various options for language, unanimously approved.
- Draft will be going to City Attorney's office.

7. City Deliverables

(a) Renewal of Cox Telecom License Agreement

- City Attorney's office: Cox has requested additional time. Motion to postpone this discussion unanimously approved.

8. Other Business

a) Public hearing of issues regarding the construction of the Verizon Fiber Optic Service (FIOS) in the City of Alexandria

- Working with representatives from City Attorney's office and T&ES for this meeting to discuss.
- Steve Chozick: Need clarification of why we are bringing Verizon in. What will be discussed?
- Sara Crifasi: The initial ask was to find out what Verizon is doing, per the franchise agreement. Not sure we need them to meet with them in a public forum.
- There is no intent to single out a single vendor.
- We would like Verizon report on what they are currently doing in the City, as we have done with prior vendors.

Adjourn by unanimous vote at 8:35 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2023.