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MEETING MINUTES

Name of Organization: Technological Crime Advisory Board

Date and Time of Meeting: December 10, 2015 – 9:00 am

Place of Meeting: Video Conferenced Between:

Attorney General’s Office
 Executive Conference Room
 100 N. Carson Street
 Carson City Nevada

Sawyer Building, Room 3315
 555 E. Washington Avenue
 Las Vegas, Nevada

Attendees:

Las Vegas:	Carson City:
<p><u>Members:</u> Adam Laxalt, Attorney General Patricia Cafferata, Executive Director Hal Berghel Dennis Cobb Edgar Flores Jim Owens Brian Spellacy</p> <p><u>Guests:</u> Rod Swanson Daniel Westmeyer</p>	<p><u>Members:</u> “Tray” Abney Shannon Rahming</p> <p><u>Guests:</u> Elizabeth “Liz” Greb Ira Victor</p>

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:**
 Meeting called to order at approximately 9:00am.
2. **Public Comment. Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item, until scheduled on the agenda of a future meeting for possible action:**
 No public comment.
3. **Attorney General Adam Laxalt’s Welcome. Self-introduction of members:**
 Attorney General Adam Laxalt introduced himself. Attendees introduced themselves and explained how they are beneficial to this committee.
4. **Discussion for possible action on approval of June 5, 2014 meeting minutes:**
 AG Laxalt asked for approval of meeting minutes from June 5, 2014. Owens made the motion. Berghel seconded the motion and the meeting minutes were approved as written.

5. Executive Director Patricia Cafferata's Report:

Executive Director Patricia Cafferata reported on her activities as the new Executive Director of the Board.

6. Discussion for possible action to elect a chair and vice chair for a six month term, ending on June 30, 2016. New elections will take place before the end of June, 2016. A full one year term begins on July 1, 2016. NRS 205A.040.4. Traditionally, the Attorney General has been elected chair, and one of the legislative members has been elected as vice chair:

AG Laxalt asked for a motion to elect a chair and vice chair for the committee. AG Laxalt was proposed as the chair and Assemblyman Flores as the vice chair. Berghel made a motion and Owens seconded that motion and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion for possible action on applying for grants to fund the Board's activities. NRS 205A.100. Presentation by Liz Greb, Grants Management Analyst, Office of the Attorney General:

Currently, the committee is funded from the Attorney General's general fund budget. Grants Management Analyst Liz Greb explained that the committee could apply for grants to help with funding the committee's programs, per NRS 205A.100. She suggested looking for grants to fund areas of crime that use electronic devices, such as, internet soliciting or activities using computers, cell phones or other electronic devices. Greb estimated there may be between \$100,000 and \$300,000 available for grants where technology was used in crimes against children and human trafficking. Grants could be used for training or to purchase equipment, and are available for both legal and law enforcement purposes. Both Berghel and Spellacy mentioned that training resources may also be available for free from different agencies.

8. Discussion for possible action on the Board's plans on how to fulfill its required duties set forth in NRS 205A.60:

AG Laxalt read the following five bullet points of the committee's legislative duties, per NRS 205A.60.

- a. Facilitate cooperation with state, local and federal officers in detecting and prosecuting technological crimes.
- b. Establish, support and assist in the coordination of activities between two multiagency task forces on technological crime, one based in Reno and one based in Las Vegas. (Washoe County Sheriff's Office Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force and Las Vegas Metro Police Department ICAC Task Force.)
- c. Coordinate and provide training and education of members of the general public, private industry and governmental agencies concerning the statistics and methods of technological crimes and how to prevent, detect and investigate technological crimes.
- d. Assist the Division of Enterprise Information Technology Services (EITS) in securing governmental information systems against illegal intrusion and other criminal activities.

- e. Evaluate and recommend changes to the existing civil and criminal laws relating to technological crimes in response to current and projected changes in technology and law enforcement techniques.

Discussion with regard to bullet point c, Victor mentioned that there may be possible ethical issues with attorneys not understanding the difference between paper and digital information for criminal and civil issues.

Spellacy stated his agency, US Secret Service, meets with the casinos to see what technological crimes have been occurring. He also mentioned he could send information about the trends in scams/activities.

Owens suggested education programs for the general public to learn how to prevent crimes of this nature.

Cobb suggested the committee consider monthly press releases to inform the public about ongoing cyber threats.

Assemblyman Edgar Flores mentioned that the non-English speaking community is often lacking information, and outreach to this community would be important.

Cafferata suggested the use of social media, such as Twitter, Facebook, and the Attorney General's website could be used to release information about scams and frequently occurring crimes.

Victor brought attention to the fact that businesses, not just consumers, are also victims of cybercrime.

In regards to bullet point d, the members discussed that there may be grant opportunities to help with securing government information systems against crime.

In regards to bullet point e, AG Laxalt suggested that he could use his bills to help push changes to existing civil and criminal law relating to technological crimes through the legislature. He also asked Flores if he could use one of his bills to make changes to the law.

9. Discussion for possible action on the continuance of or changes to the Technological Crimes Advisory Board Subcommittee on Privacy:

AG Laxalt brought up a discussion on whether the Subcommittee on Privacy was needed. He suggested that goals be accomplished through the main committee and that the subcommittee was not needed. Berghel stated he is the head of the subcommittee and that the members have extensive backgrounds and are experts on the subject of privacy. He believes the committee is beneficial and would like to keep it. Cobb is also on the subcommittee. AG Laxalt suggested the subcommittee make a presentation at the next meeting on the importance of keeping the subcommittee. Presentation shall be included as part of the agenda for the next meeting.

- 10. Discussion for possible action on setting the 2016 quarterly meeting schedule:**
AG Laxalt suggests setting the quarterly meeting schedule per NRS 205.050.1. Meetings shall be quarterly: March, June, September and December. The date for the upcoming March meeting will be decided soon. The upcoming agenda will focus on the five duties of the committee (as addressed in the five bullet points on the agenda item number 8 above) and include the discussion on the subcommittee on privacy and other topics the members want to discuss. AG Laxalt directed members to send any agenda items to be discussed at the next meeting to Cafferata.
- 11. Public Comment. Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item, until scheduled on the agenda of a future meeting for possible action:**
Letter from James R. Elste, dated December 7, 2015 submitted for public comment. (See Attachment One (1).) No further public comment.
- 12. Discussion for possible action on adjournment:**
Meeting adjourned around 10:15am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lacey Austin and Janice Riherd, Office of the Nevada Attorney General.

In accordance with NRS 241.020, this agenda was posted on or before December 7, 2015 online at [http://ag.nv.gov/About/Administration/Tech Crime Meetings/](http://ag.nv.gov/About/Administration/Tech_Crime_Meetings/) and at the following locations:

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