

Minutes Technology and Security Committee Meeting

May 11, 2022 | 10:00-11:00 a.m. Eastern
Virtual Meeting

Call to Order

Ms. Jane Allen, Chair, called to order a duly noticed open meeting of the Technology and Security Committee (the Committee) of the Board of Trustees (Board) of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) on May 11, 2022 at approximately 10:00 a.m. Eastern, and a quorum was declared present.

Present at the meeting were:

Committee Members

Jane Allen, Chair
Colleen Sidford
Larry Irving
Jim Piro
Robin E. Manning
Suzanne Keenan
Kenneth W. DeFontes, *ex officio*

Board Members

George S. Hawkins
James B. Robb, NERC President and Chief Executive Officer
Roy Thilly
Susan Kelly

NERC Staff

Janet Sena, Senior Vice President, External Affairs
Laura Brown, Director, E-ISAC Strategy, Policy, and Programs
Kelly Hanson, Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer
Kimberly Mielcarek, Vice President, Communications
Manny Cancel, Senior Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of the E-ISAC
Mark Lauby, Senior Vice President and Chief Engineer
Matthew Duncan, Director, Intelligence, E-ISAC
Shamai Elstein, Associate General Counsel
Sônia Mendonça, Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary
Stan Hoptroff, Vice President, Business Technology
Tina Buzzard, Assistant Corporate Secretary

NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines

Ms. Buzzard directed the participants' attention to the NERC Antitrust Compliance Guidelines included in the agenda, and indicated that all questions regarding antitrust compliance or related matters should be directed to Ms. Mendonça.

Introduction and Chair's Remarks

Ms. Allen welcomed everyone to her first meeting as chair of the Committee and thanked Ms. Keenan for her leadership as prior chair and continued support of the Committee. Ms. Allen reviewed the agenda. She commented on the relentless pace of the threat cyber threat landscape, the E-ISAC's value in supporting industry, the positive feedback and lessons learned from GridEx VI, and that NERC is entering the final phase of the Align project. She also provided a brief summary of the April 14 and May 9, 2022 closed meetings of the Committee.

Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the February 9, 2022 meeting minutes were approved as presented at the meeting.

E-ISAC Operations

Mr. Duncan presented on the threat landscape, discussing the geopolitical environment and its impact on the North American electricity sector. He also discussed the E-ISAC's efforts to support industry in their efforts to mitigate security risks to the sector, including the E-ISAC's activities related to operational technology threat visibility projects. The Committee discussed the progress of the E-ISAC and the status of operational technology threat visibility projects.

Ms. Brown presented on the GridEx VI findings and recommendation, noting that the E-ISAC will track progress against the recommendation.

ERO Enterprise Align Project

Mr. Hoptroff presented on the status of the Align project, including the functionality and status of Release 4 and Release 4.5, which will introduce new functionalities to the platform. He stated that Release 4 will enhance the functionalities related to audits and scheduling, and introduce new functionalities related to complaints and Release 4.5 will include Inherent Risk Assessments, and Compliance Oversight Plans. Mr. Hoptroff noted that Release 4 is currently in the development and testing phase and Release 4.5 is currently being developed. He also provided an update on Canadian adoption of Align. The Board commended Mr. Hoptroff and the cross-departmental team that has helped get the Align project to its final phase.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,



Sônia Mendonça
Corporate Secretary