



**State of North Carolina
Office of Information Technology Services**

**Pat McCrory
Governor**

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Members of the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations
Members of Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee
Members of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology

Dear Members of the General Assembly and Staff:

This letter serves as a quarterly update on activities of the North Carolina Longitudinal Data System Board as directed by Session Law 2013-80.

The board held its Q3 FY 14-15 meeting on January 21, 2015, in the State Board of Education Board Room. After handling procedural matters, the agenda included presentations on: Role of Government Data Analytics Center (GDAC); IT Restructure; Longitudinal Data System Activities; and general discussion. Attached is a copy of the approved minutes.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as chair of the Longitudinal Data System Board. Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chris Estes".

Chris Estes

Attachment

North Carolina Longitudinal Data System Board
Minutes

NC Department of Public Instruction
301 N. Wilmington Street
Raleigh, NC

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

The meeting of the North Carolina Longitudinal Data System (LDS) Board was held in the 7th floor State Board of Education Conference Room at the NC Department of Public Instruction, on January 21, 2015, at 2:30 p.m.

Members Present

Chris Estes, Dr. Daniel Cohen-Vogel, Karen DeLeon, Dale Folwell, Jennifer Haigwood, Dan Kempton, Rob Kindsvatter, Dr. Jenna Robinson, Dr. Terry Stoops, Dr. Sandra Williams, and Dr. A. Hope Williams

Members Absent

Dell Arrendale, David Ulmer, Dr. Louis Fabrizio, Phillip Emer

Welcome from the Chair

Chris Estes, State CIO and Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Mr. Estes read the Ethics Statement into the minutes.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2014, meeting was made by Dr. Hope Williams and seconded by Dr. Sandra Williams. Motion carried unanimously.

Role of Government Data Analytics Center (GDAC)

(Attachment #1 PowerPoint Presentation GDAC Overview)

John Correllus, NC OITS, GDAC, Data Integrations Director, provided an overview of the GDAC, which was transferred to the Office of the State CIO in July 2014. Topics included the history and purpose of GDAC, desired outcomes of GDAC projects, and solutions under development.

IT Restructure

(Attachment #2 PowerPoint Presentation IT Restructuring)

Aaron Wienshienk, NC OITS, Deputy State CIO/Statewide Chief Technology Officer, gave a presentation on the proposal to restructure IT in State government. Topics included goals of IT restructuring, comparison with other states, IT management models, streamlined funding model, and next steps.

Longitudinal Data System Activities

(Attachment #3 PowerPoint Presentation Longitudinal Data System Activities)

Dr. Dan Cohen-Vogel, University of North Carolina, Senior Director of Institutional Research, provided an overview of the Longitudinal Data System activities, a summary of LDS Board responsibilities, and examples of how efforts underway are addressing statutory requirements.

General Discussion

The initial steps of the IT restructure will concentrate on cabinet level agencies. Council of State agencies will follow current approvals.

Assuming the Legislature approves creation of the Department of Information Technology, one of the next steps will be to perform a functional IT analysis at the individual agencies.

Regarding the Longitudinal Data System Activities presentation, Mr. Estes stated that the Board needs to consult with Richard Bradford as to the Board's authority to delegate specific responsibilities to other entities. A question about the usefulness of the LDS Board and the General Assembly has not provided any funding for Board activities or staff. The discussion suggested the Board consider asking the General Assembly to consider a revision of the Board's charter or elimination of the Board altogether.

A discussion ensued about the General Assembly's intent in creating the Board. The general consensus was that at the time the Board was created the federal grant for the P-20W project had not been approved and there was no governing committee in place to oversee the project. However, once the grant was approved, the P-20W Council was created as a requirement of the grant. The P-20W Council performs many of the same functions the LDS Board has been charged with.

LDS Board members Dr. Hope Williams, Dr. Sandra Williams, Dale Folwell and Chris Estes volunteered to meet with Representative Blackwell to provide him with an update on the progress of the P-20W project and to share the Board's discussion about the mission of the LDS Board.

It was also suggested that the Board invite Representative Blackwell to attend the next meeting in April.

Topics for Next Meeting

- Report on the meeting with Representative Blackwell.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.