



Cyber Maryland Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 13, 2026

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CYBER MARYLAND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 PM.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

The Board noted that prior meeting minutes could not be approved at this meeting and will be brought forward for approval at the next scheduled meeting.

Cyber Clinic Solicitation Funding and Scope

Members discussed the Cyber Clinic solicitation, including the breakdown of funds and grant structure. The Board Chair raised the possibility of increasing the number of Cyber Clinic awards from two (2) to three (3) and increasing total funding from \$1.0M to \$1.5M.

A Board member asked whether this adjustment would delay other projects.

The Secretary stated that the State will have greater clarity on overall Cyber Maryland funding levels in the near term.

Members discussed trade-offs related to funding, feasibility, and timing, noting that while the ideas are strong, implementation is constrained by fiscal timing.

Lighthouse Internship & AI Grants

The Chair presented an overview of the Lighthouse Internship Program.

Discussion highlights included:

A Board member asked whether interns must be Maryland residents or enrolled as in-person students.

The Board Chair asked about total available funding.

The Chair confirmed the program is scoped at \$750,000.

Members noted the program would be useful and valuable.

A representative from MSDE expressed concerns about requiring in-person participation as a policy, while affirming the value of prioritizing Maryland students and companies.

Board members requested additional employer feedback and documentation.

A Board member asked about the timeline for rollout; the Chair indicated implementation would occur within the coming month, prior to June 30.

The Secretary emphasized coordination with TEDCO and MEDCO.
A member of the public provided a comment.

Clearance Solicitation

The Chair presented the Clearance Solicitation proposal.

Discussion highlights included:

Members expressed enthusiasm for the concept.

The Chair discussed timing and budget considerations.

It was noted that the solicitation may be delayed until the next fiscal year, depending on funding availability.

K–12 Educator Professional Development Grant

The Chair presented the K–12 Educator Professional Development grant.

Multiple Board members expressed strong support.

Members were asked to submit feedback via email.

The Secretary emphasized the importance of educator and professional development, referencing recent Department of Education initiatives, including unfunded proposals from UMD and Baltimore County that contained relevant elements.

Members were encouraged to draw on these proposals when refining the grant.

The proposed funding level discussed was \$500,000.

Motions and Votes

Motion 1: Cyber Clinic Award Adjustment

The Board Chair asked if there were any further questions regarding the Cyber Clinic proposal, including whether institutions of higher education would be eligible to apply.

Motion:

To increase the number of Cyber Clinic awards from two (2) to three (3) and increase total funding by \$500,000, for a total of \$1.5M.

Moved by: Loyce

Seconded

Vote:

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Result: Motion passed at 12:47 PM.

Motion 2: Lighthouse Internship Program

Motion:

To approve the Lighthouse Internship Program as proposed.

Moved by: Laura

Seconded


Vote:

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Result: Motion passed at 12:49 PM.

Motion 3: K–12 Educator Professional Development Grant



Motion:

To approve the K–12 Educator Professional Development grant.

Moved by: Laura

Seconded by:

Vote:

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Result: Motion passed at 12:50 PM.

Next Steps

Seeyew / Natalie will circulate one-page summaries of approved proposals with corrections incorporated.

Board members are asked to review and provide feedback via individual email or BCC.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

