



Cyber Maryland Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 17, 2026
Time: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Location: Virtual

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CYBER MARYLAND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING DETAILS

The Cyber Maryland Board of Directors convened for a special meeting at 12 p.m. on March 17th, 2026, virtually via Zoom. A quorum was present with fourteen of the eighteen members of the Board in attendance for the meeting.

Cyber MD Board Members Not Present: Anne Kaiser, Kenneth Allman, Craig Hunter; Sec. Rai (Karen) and Senator Hester had others in attendance for them

Call to Order

Seeyew Mo called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Natalie Breitkopf called roll.

12:03 PM: Roll call commenced by Seeyew Mo

12:06 PM: Meeting formally called to order by Chair Roger Austin

Agenda reviewed by the Chair

12:07 PM: Seeyew Mo provided program status updates:

The team will continue working toward releasing the solicitation in FY26, with awards anticipated in FY27.

An updated grant design will be presented at a future Cyber Maryland Board meeting.

CYBER MARYLAND PROGRAM UPDATES (SB867 IMPLEMENTATION)

K-12 AI Preparedness Grant:

Seeyew Mo proposes a recommendation to delay the grant to FY27.

Amy Pearlman (MSDE) expressed concurrence with the delay and reaffirmed commitment to the initiative, noting enthusiasm for continued partnership with the Department of Labor.

Board Discussion:

The Chair opened the floor for questions.

Sec. Portia Wu clarified that:

Funds will not revert.

Funds will be repurposed and require separate approval.

Vote:

12:13 PM: The Chair called for a vote.

The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Lighthouse Internship Program Update:

12:13 PM: Seeyew Mo introduced the second agenda item:

Overview of the Lighthouse Internship Program:

\$1.5M total investment

\$750K from TIF

\$750K from Cyber Maryland

Focus: Supporting interns in gaining AI, cyber, and technology skills in lighthouse sectors

Program Milestones:

Approved by the Board: January 13

Announced by the Governor: February 18

Current Status (as of March 16): \$750K (Cyber Maryland allocation) fully expended

FY26 Funding Reallocation Vote

12:17 PM: Proposal to repurpose FY26 funding toward the AI and Cyber Internship Program:

Rationale:

Enable additional paid internship placements in the current fiscal year

Meet strong employer demand

Deliver immediate workforce outcomes

Preserve long-term vision for the K–12 program

Vote Outcome:

No objections; motion passed unanimously.

12:18 PM: Motion formally approved.

12:18 PM: Open floor for additional topics.

Sec. Portia Wu raised the upcoming RSA Conference and invited board members to share connections or indicate attendance.

Next Meeting & Adjournment

Next Meeting: Regularly scheduled Board meeting in May.

12:20 PM: Motion to adjourn passed; meeting concluded.