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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
INFORMATION RESOURCES MANAGEMENT BOARD
Meeting Report
May 19, 2005

Member	Affiliation	Attended	
		Yes	No
Tracy Williams (Chair)	DoIT-RI Department of Administration	X	
Ellen Alexander	RI Department of Corrections	X	
Stephen Alves	RI Senate		X
Alice Barrows	Library Board of Rhode Island		
Ed Giroux	RI Department of Elementary and Secondary Education		X
Maggie Janik	Office of Higher Education	X	
Nicholas Leporacci	RI Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals		X
Janet Levesque	RI League of Cities and Towns	X	
Raymond McKay	City of Warwick	X	
Dexter Merry	Public Telecommunications Authority		X
James R. Monti, Jr.	West Warwick School District		X
Thomas Mullaney	Budget Office-RI Department of Administration	X	
Adelita Orefice	Department of Labor and Training		X
Charles Schifino	University of Rhode Island	X	
James Willis	Secretary of State's Office		X
Don Wolfe	Member-at-Large	X	
William Wray	Citizens Financial Group	X	
Other Attendees	Affiliation		
Carol Ciotola	DoIT-RI Department of Administration		
Joan Gammon	RI.gov		
Tom Viall	RI.gov		

Action Items:

- **The January 20, February 17, March 17 and April 21, 2005, Meeting Reports were approved.**
- **Members deemed it appropriate to repeal the legislation creating this Board and to substitute whatever measures the Executive Branch determines to be correct.**
- **The Board delegated its signatory authority to the CIO.**

Call to Order—The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

Approval of January 20, February 17, March 17 and April 21, 2005, Meeting Reports—Prior to reaching a quorum, an unofficial motion to approve all meeting reports was made. Once a quorum was reached, an official motion was presented as follows:

Mr. Wray moved to:

Approve the January 20, February 17, March 17 and April 21, 2005 Meeting Reports.

Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Discussion: IRMB's Role/IT Task Force's Role—Discussion elicited the following comments:

- It appears to be nearly impossible for the Board to perform its duties as set forth in the legislation.
- The issues addressed in the legislation are archaic and need to be reviewed.
- Best practice guidance from the private sector perspective could be achieved through other venues.

Ms. Williams plans to set up a CIO Council, which will include CIO's from other constitutional offices of the State, including: Judiciary, General Treasurer, Attorney General, and Secretary of State. Currently, public sector CIO's meet in an IT Task Force forum. Once both groups are active, she questioned whether the IRMB would then overlap the responsibilities of the Council and Task Force.

- From a private sector perspective, Ms. Barrows supported the Chair's streamlining efforts and would support an effort to disband the Board if the Council and the Task Force can accomplish the necessary work involved.
- Mr. Wolfe thought that the Board serves an important function, but not as outlined in the legislation creating it. It could constitute a users group to report quarterly on what's occurring and what needs to occur to support users. Ms. Williams felt that users groups could be used for specific applications. Mr. Wolfe continued by noting that holding this Board accountable for policy-making and developing procedures is not useful. The reason for the creation of the Board was to insure sufficient oversight for IT spending. Although it served a purpose when first created—the CIO's position was fairly new, and the Office did not have much authority, so it was thought that the Board would help policies take hold—that is no longer the case. Currently the CIO does have authority and support from the Governor.
- Mr. Wray asked about any impact to the RI.gov contract that is hosted by the Board. Mr. Treat replied that the Governor's Office and the Legislature are prepared to repeal the legislation creating this Board. The plan is to wait until fall to submit a motion to repeal this legislation, to take effect on June 30, 2006. This would be co-terminus with a new NEI contract that would need to be executed; this would be handled by the Executive Branch.
- Mr. McKay explained that there is a vehicle in place to discuss municipal IT issues—RINET-Muni—that could be used by the CIO as a resource for users. Mr. Treat said that the IRMB assists in the procurement area, in that it can leverage state contracts. In the absence of this Board, a new vehicle would be needed. It might be useful to address this issue through RINET-Muni.
- Ms. Alexander was confident that DOC was being heard on IT issues through the business partner process.

Mr. Wray moved to:

Deem it appropriate to repeal this legislation and to substitute whatever measures that the Executive Branch determines to be correct.

Wolf seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

After a discussion as to signature authority, Mr. Wray moved to:

Delegate this Board's signatory authority to the CIO.

Ms. Barrows seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Chair's Report—On May 9, Ms. Williams reported on the presentation she made to the Governor with respect to her Technology Vision for the State, together with a strategy to implement that vision. A key goal is to bring IT professional skills up to par with the private sector. Additionally, the following key components were highlighted:

- Standardization of the State's web site to have one look and feel.
- A centralized call center strategy for non-emergency calls.
- An organized approach to Homeland Security, Integrated Justice and Public Safety.
- Focused coordination on crisis management.
- Implementation of an integrated financial management system.

News and Announcements—(1) Ms. Gammon announced that RI.gov is scheduled to launch its new web site on June 1. She provided the URL for the new site: www.ri.gov/vs/, and encouraged feedback.
(2) Ms. Williams informed the Board that a secure web portal for victims of crime had been created through the efforts of DOC, the Judiciary, the Attorney General’s Office and Justice Assistance.

Next Meeting—September 15, 2005, in DOA’s Conference Room “C” (2d floor)

Adjournment—Mr. McKay moved to:

Adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:11 p.m.