



Information Technology Steering Committee (ITSC)

July 10, 2025, Meeting minutes

Remote Meeting via Interactive Conference Technology
1151 Punchbowl Street, Conference Rm. B-30, Honolulu, HI

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Members Present

Christine Sakuda, Chair, CIO, Office of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS)

Benson Choo, Finance Factors

Arnold Kishi, Center for Internet Security, MS-ISAC

Joel Kumabe, Ohana Pacific Health

Marcus Yano, CBTS Hawaiian Telcom

Michael Nishida, First Hawaiian Bank

Garret Yoshimi, University of Hawaii

Eugene Chang, IEEE Computer Society, Hawaii Chapter

Amy Peckinpugh, Hawaii State Department of Education

Mai Nguyen Van, Judiciary

Members Excused

Representative Kyle Yamashita, State Legislature

Senator Sharon Moriwaki, State Legislature

Bill Kumagai, Transform Hawaii Government (THG)

Staff

ETS: Joanna Lee, Juha Kauhanen, Lenora Fisher, Brian Frey, Kelli Wang, Joseph Lee,
Javzandulam Azuma, Tom Ku, Todd Omura, Rebecca Cai, Matthew Nagatori, Vincent
Hoang, Sheila Oliveira

Candace Park, Deputy Attorney General

Guests

Craig Hirai

P. Fritz

I. Call to Order; Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. Roll call was taken, and quorum was established. All attendees confirmed their presence and whether they were alone or accompanied.

II. Public Testimony

None.

III. Review and Approve the March 14, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Chair Sakuda proposed a motion. Member Yoshimi voiced “moved” and Member Kishi seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes from the March 14, 2025, meeting was reviewed and approved.

Chair Sakuda emphasized the importance of reviewing and approving the minutes to reflect the richness of discussions and the commitment of IT Steering Committee members.

IV. Post Legislative Session Updates

- a. Provide an update on the bills that affect the Office of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) office.
 - i. S.B. 742, C.D. 1 – Relating to Data Sharing
 - ii. H.B. 934, C.D. 1 – Relating to the Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity Office

Member Yoshimi provided an update on the federal funding cuts affecting the broadband office and the digital equity capacity grants.

- iii. S.C.R. 135, S.D. 1 and S.R.114, S.D. 1 – Urging all State Departments to Partner with the Office of Wellness and Resilience for Secure and Appropriate Data Sharing Agreements.

Member Choo raised concerns about the challenges of standardizing data across different platforms and the sufficiency of the timeline for data sharing initiatives. Rebecca Cai, Chief Data Officer clarified that S.B. 742, C.D. 1 focuses on research and planning for data sharing rather than conducting the data sharing itself.

V. IT Consolidation Plan Update

- a. Provide an update on the progress of the IT Consolidation Plan development and discuss ITSC participation.

Chair Sakuda and Juha Kauhanen, ETS Business Architect, provided an update on the IT Consolidation Plan, emphasizing the importance of developing a shared IT resource strategy and the involvement of executive leadership across departments. The plan aims to create a future shared service portfolio, focusing on infrastructure services, shared platforms, professional services, and end-user services. Juha Kauhanen highlighted the need for detailed business cases and budget requests for the proposed initiatives. Member Choo inquired about the alignment of budgeting and cost allocation strategies. Member Kumabe and Member Chang suggested that the IT Steering Committee could provide input on key decisions and strategic directions. The planning structure and collaborative process includes external research and input to include the ITSC.

The IT Consolidation Plan Working Group will meet on July 15, 2025, to vote on the IT Consolidation Plan approach.

VI. IT Steering Committee (ITSC) Priorities

- a. Discuss priorities the ITSC will focus on in 2025 and have an open discussion referring to the posted IT Strategic Plan and the Consolidation Report.
- b. Provide a status update on a state enterprise project at each ITSC meeting, such as:
 - i. Department of the Attorney General (ATG) CSEA Keiki Re-platform Off Mainframe Project;
 - ii. Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) Business Registration Modernization (BRM) Project;
 - iii. Department of Health (DOH) Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) Integrated Case management System Project;
 - iv. DOH BHA Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD) Inspire-Plus Case Management Solution Project;
 - v. Department of Human Services (DHS) Systems Modernization Project;
 - vi. DHS Med-Quest Health Analytics Program (HAP);
 - vii. DHS Child Welfare Services Branch HI-Thrive Modernization Project;
 - viii. Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) Hawaii Unemployment Insurance Modernization (HUI Huaka`i) Project; and
 - ix. Department of Transportation (DOT) - Highways Financial Management Systems Project.

These are the list of major IT modernization projects that are happening across the State government and the executive branch. It is important and beneficial that we are getting an update on these projects within the context of the State IT Strategic Plan and the IT Consolidation Plan. Member Nishida and Member Chang expressed their interest in seeing reports especially with projects iv & v. Member Peckinpaugh suggested prioritizing updates on projects earlier in their lifecycle.

VII. Good of the Order

- a. Announcements

No additional announcements or items were discussed.

- b. Next Meeting: August 28, 2025

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Sakuda called for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Member Choo and a second by Member Nishida at 1:14 p.m.