



Information Technology Executive Council  
Regular Meeting of the ITEC Board

MINUTES

September 23, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the ITEC Board was held on September 23, 2025, virtually using Microsoft Teams. This meeting was properly noticed and posted in the Kansas Public Square prior to the meeting. <https://publicsquare.ks.gov/>

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**Board Members:**

Present unless otherwise noted

Jeff Maxon, Executive Branch CITO (Chair)

Doug Polston, Regents Representative #1

Ken Harmon, Regents Representative #2

Adam Proffitt, Cabinet Agency Head #1

Amber Shultz, Cabinet Agency Head #2 [Absent]

Adrian Guerrero, Non-Cabinet Agency Head #1

Vacant, Non-Cabinet Agency Head #2

Keith Scott, KCJIS

Greg Gann, County Representative

Mike Mayta, City Representative

Murray McGee, Information Network of Kansas

Steve Funk, Board of Regents

John Berghuis, Private Sector Representative

**Non-Voting Members:**

Present unless otherwise noted

Senator Rick Kloos, Senate Representative

Vacant, Senate Representative

Representative Emil Bergquist, House Representative  
[Absent]

Representative Pam Curtis, House Representative

Tom Day, Interim Legislative Branch CITO

Alex Wong, Judicial Branch CITO

Andrew Eichinger, Chief Information Technology  
Architect

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THIS MEETING IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH  
KSA 75-7202 AND AMENDMENTS THERETO.

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**Public attendees**

Adams, Jesse [Guest]

Brockhoff, Mark [KCC]

Burns, Hope [OITS]

Burton, Megan [KSHS]

Cahill, John [KPERS]

Conologue, Brian [Gartner]

Godfrey, John [OITS]

Goforth, Kevin [KDOL]

Gordman, Andrew [KCC]

Heffel, Tanya [OITS]

Johnson, Kelly

Ramirez, Celena [OITS]

Robison, Cole [OITS]

Sharma, Vimal [Gartner]

Snell, Loren [OAH]

Spinks, Sara [OITS]

Wilson, Angela [OITS]

**WELCOME / CHAIRMAN COMMENTS**

Jeff Maxon, E-CITO, called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

**APPROVAL OF Agenda**

Jeff Maxon introduced a motion to approve the agenda. Secretary Adam Proffitt moved to approve the agenda. Doug Polston seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Jeff Maxon introduced September 23, 2025, meeting minutes for discussion. Steve Funk moved to approve the minutes. Adrian Guerrero seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**ACTION ITEM STATUS**

Andrew Eichinger reported the draft of the ITEC charter to be presented

**IT Integration Plan Project Update**

Brian Conologue provided an in-depth update on the current state assessment of the executive branch IT in Kansas, highlighting key findings and future steps. The focus on creating a target state plan and actionable road map for IT consolidation and integration, aligning with SB 291 requirements. The presentation covered finance, organization, architecture, services and cybersecurity.

- Kansas IT spending is below peer average, with staff numbers slightly above average, and over 85% of IT spending concentrated in six agencies.
- The state exhibits significant duplication of IT functions across agencies, with around 270 distinct IT roles, many held by only one or two people, indicating complexity and inefficiency.
- There is a lack of standardized job frameworks and a need for improved governance, coordination, and communication.
- The technology architecture is fragmented with many different tools and platforms in use, often unique to individual agencies, indicating opportunities for tool rationalization and operational efficiency.
- Service delivery, particularly the service desk, faces challenges due to overlapping roles between OITS and agencies, lack of clarity on service responsibilities, staffing shortages, and communication issues.
- Gartner recommended clarifying the IT service catalog, strengthening business relationship management functions, improving the service desk, standardizing job roles, fostering IT leadership development, and establishing governance subcommittees.
- The team is currently working on developing target state models (financial, operating, governance, architecture) and a road map, incorporating feedback from agencies and best practices from other states.
- The goal is to build a more efficient, coordinated, and transparent IT environment supporting statewide needs, regardless of legislative decisions on consolidation.

Overall, Gartner stressed collaboration with state agencies to tailor solutions fitting Kansas's unique environment and emphasized continuous engagement and transparent communication throughout the process.

**Executive Branch CISO Updates**

John Godfrey provided updates:

- Continued progress on cyber workstream within IT integration project.
- Acknowledgment to Regents partners involved in cybersecurity efforts.
- Upcoming events:

- Digital Government Summit is scheduled for Tuesday next week in Lawrence.
- Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity Exchange on December 5th in Wichita – focusing on incident response plans and practical takeaways.
- Annual Cybersecurity Conference planned for early spring.
- Two Governor Cybersecurity Summits planned in Topeka for cabinet and non-cabinet agencies, featuring hands-on exercises and state cybersecurity updates.
- Plain Cyber Guardian Exercise completed: 2-week red team/blue team exercise with nearly 100 participants from all government levels, conducted in Wichita and Topeka. Plans to continue and expand this next year with possible new locations.
- Continuous education and frequent training events are available on the KISO website.

#### **COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Adrian Guerrero asked about agency communication regarding updated policies, specifically the open-source policy distributed in July, but apparently has not been disseminated. Andrew Eichinger confirmed and ensured that all non-cabinet agencies receive timely policy updates and communications.

#### **CLOSING REMARKS**

New Action Item Review – Andrew Eichinger reported there was one to improve distribution process of IT and policy updates to agency staff.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ken Harmon introduced a motion to adjourn the meeting. Adrian Guerrero seconded the motion.

Adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

## **ITEC BOARD MEMBERS**



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Adam Proffitt  
Dept of Administration



Amber Shultz  
Kansas Department of Labor



Adrian Guerrero  
Kansas Board of Nursing



Keith Scott  
KS Criminal Justice



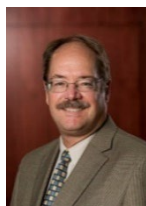
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