

**VISITING COMMITTEE ON ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY (VCAT)
MINUTES OF THE JULY 14, 2014, MEETING
GAITHERSBURG, MD**

ATTENDANCE:

**Visiting Committee
Members**

Chand, Sujeet
Chowdhry, Uma
Haymet, Tony
Holt, William
Padovani, Roberto
Solomon, Darlene
Tracy, John

VCAT Exec. Dir.
Ehrlich, Gail

NIST Leadership Board

Boehm, Jason
Kimball, Kevin
May, Willie
Romine, Chuck

NIST Staff

Arrisueno, Gladys
Dodson, Donna
Evans, Heather
Huergo, Jennifer
Miner, Laurel
Regenscheid, Andrew
Scholl, Matt
Schufreider, James
Tabassi, Elham

**Committee of Visitors
Members:**

Felten, Edward
Director, Center for
Information Technology
Policy, Robert E. Kahn
Professor of Computer
Science and Public Affairs,
Princeton University

Lipner, Steve
Partner Director of Software
Security, Microsoft
Corporation

Preneel, Bart
Professor, Katholieke
Universiteit Leuven,
Belgium

Others

Perera, Dave
Cybersecurity Reporter,
PoliticoPro

Mazmanian, Adam
Staff Writer, Federal
Computer Week

Call to Order – Dr. Tony Haymet, VCAT Chair

Dr. Haymet called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and asked attendees to introduce themselves.

VCAT Subcommittee on Cybersecurity Report to the VCAT – Roberto Padovani, Chair, VCAT Subcommittee on Cybersecurity

Presentation Summary: Dr. Padovani summarized the purpose, process, and work of the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity. At the February 2014 VCAT meeting, then-NIST Director Pat Gallagher charged the VCAT to assess NIST’s cryptographic standards development process. The VCAT asked a blue-ribbon Committee of Visitors, comprising of Vint Cerf from Google, Ed Felton from Princeton University, Steve Lipner from Microsoft Corporation, Bob Preneel from Universiteit Leuven in Belgium, Ellen Richey of Visa, Ron Rivest from MIT, and Fran Schrotter from American National Standards Institute, ANSI, to assist them in that endeavor.

The Committee of Visitors met with the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and NIST staff in two teleconferences and one face-to-face meeting between April 30th and May 29th, and the Committee of Visitors delivered their individual reports to the Dr. Padovani, as the Chair of the Subcommittee, by June 20th. The Subcommittee prepared a report based on those recommendations, and distributed it to the full VCAT for review on July 7th.

The VCAT has asked NIST to review not only the Subcommittee’s report, but also the reports of each member of the Committee of Visitors, and to report back to the VCAT their plan to address the union of the sets of recommendations.

For more information, see Dr. Padovani’s [presentation](#).

Discussion: The group discussed the following points:

- How the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity chose the members of the Committee of Visitors.
- What the future of the Committee of Visitors interaction with NIST would be.
- Whether NIST has the depth in cryptographic expertise to do assessments such as these in the future.

Vote: Darlene Solomon moved to have the VCAT adopt the Subcommittee report in its entirety, and Uma Chowdhry seconded. The other members of the VCAT in attendance each voted to adopt the report, and Tony Haymet read the aye votes from Rodney Brooks, Al Romig, and Karen Kerr, who were voting in absentia. To read the report, go [here](#).

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m. on July 14, 2014.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the forgoing minutes are accurate and complete.

Karen Lellock, Executive Director, NIST Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology
Dr. Tony Haymet, Chair, NIST Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology