State of Vermont Artificial Intelligence Task Force
Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2019
The Montpelier Room
1 National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT
1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

To: Artificial Intelligence Task Force members

From: Brian Breslend, Co-chair, Artificial Intelligence Task Force

RE: Artificial Intelligence Task Force – general meeting

Date: June 14th, 2019

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Dear Task Force members,

The following is a summary of the general meeting for the Artificial Intelligence Task Force, held in the Montpelier room at 1 National Life Drive in Montpelier, VT. The meeting began at 1:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss feedback from the first public meeting and an open discussion about the final report and conclusions. The following individual were present at the meeting:

- Brian Breslend
- Mark Combs
- John Dooley
- Jill Charbonneau
- Donna Rizzo
- Nick Grimley
- James Lyall
- John Cohn
- Brian Cina

The group began the meeting by discussing Kayla Dewey's availability going forward. Brian B. stated that he had been in contact with Kayla, and due to her new position, may be unavailable going forward. The group decided that assistance would be required. Nick emailed Michael Schirling and Kitty Sweet to see if another staff member could be available at the conclusion to the topic.

The group then discussed advantages and disadvantages associated with Artificial Intelligence (AI). Brian gave a condition update on Joe Segale and further stated that the advantages/disadvantages list has not

been completed be Joe, due to his heart attack. The group decided that the subcommittees assigned to the individual industries should develop the list as they are most familiar with the topic.

The group then decided that the recommendations should be developed after the individual recommendations are finalized. At this point, then advantages and disadvantages can be assigned to each recommendation.

The group then discussed the structure of the final report. Brian Cina gave an overview of the tasks assigned to the group. Those tasks were:

- Summary of the development and current use of AI
- Definition of AI
- If State regulaiton is required for AI
- Determine is a permanent commission is required to study the field

The group decided that these tasks should each have their own separate focus in the report. The group decided that a Google document should be created to facilitate development of the task recommendations. John Cohn created a Google Word document during the meeting, for members to review and contribute. Certain task force members were assigned specific topics to develop for the report, as a starting point for discussion purposes.

The group then discussed supporting documents to the final report. Brian Cina suggested appendixes or online support documents for the report. The group generally agreed this was a good idea.

The group then discussed the recommendation of a permanent commission. John Dooley gave a hindsight comparison to the internet, and that any recommendation should be cognizant of future consequences of our recommendations. Dooley concluded that he recommends a commission that is constantly looking at AI. No recommendation was made at this time.

The group then discussed the recommendation of a Chief Technology Officer (CTO). Mark, CTO of the Agency of Digital Services stated that he currently does not have the capacity to take on additional responsibilities. He suggested that the task force hire a person to specifically look at AI, from a marketplace and strategy perspective. No recommendation was made at this time.

The group then discussed an advisory council as a recommendation. Cina suggested a council as opposed to a commission due to the reporting hierarchy assigned to it. The council would report to the CTO and the CTO would report to the Legislature. Mark stated that other government operations act in a similar fashion. No recommendation was made at this time.

The group next discussed privacy in terms of government and revenue. Mark stated that other states sell consumer data to date brokers. Vermont currently does not allow this practice. Is allowed, this would be an additional source of income. Dooley concurred with this assessment from the Judiciary industry. One half of states are selling data and the other one half of states are not. Dooley pointed out that the worst offender to this practice is Chicago, Ill., who is generating $1 million in fees per year.

The group then conducted a "straw poll" to see where people stood on matters. Brian Cina asked three questions, which were:

- ✓ Should the Legislature monitor AI?
- ✓ Should a council/commission be assigned to monitor AI?
- ✓ Should a CTO type person be assigned to monitor AI?

The group unanimously said yes to all three questions.

Nick brought up funding to the group. If the council/commission does not get results, the Legislature may axe the program. To meet efficiently, Nick suggest meeting six times a year, with a report due to the Legislature yearly.

The group then discussed a code of ethics. Canada and the European Union already have a code. The discussion then transitioned into how it would be policed. Brian Breslend asked if people using AI should be license to allow for a code compliance. The group did not form a conclusion as to how a code could be followed.

Near the end of the meeting, the group decided on the next meeting dates. Those included July 19th for the next general meeting and July 25th for the next public meeting. The public meeting will be held in the St. Johnsbury/Lyndon area.

The Task Force adjourned at approximately 3:30 pm.

Action Items:

- ✓ Brian Breslend to confirm Kayla Dewey's availability going forward
- ✓ Brian Breslend to confirm a venue for NE Kingdom has been selected.
- ✓ Brian Breslend to coordinate with Kitty Sweet for IT support for upcoming meetings
- ✓ Nick Grimly to request additional staff to support task force
- ✓ John Cohn to develop Google document on final report starting point
- ✓ John Cohn to provide Canada and EU code of ethics to group
- ✓ Donna Rizzo and John Cohn to develop AI definition in Google document
- ✓ Donna Rizzo and Brian Cina to develop regulation recommendation in Google document
- ✓ Jill Charbonneau to send Stephanie Seguino PowerPoint slides to John Cohn
- ✓ Brian Breslend to contact Orca for July general meeting