



# SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes for the October 17, 2025 meeting.

## Meeting Details

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**Date:** October 17, 2025

**Time:** 10:00 AM

**Location:** Government Center South – E-208, Resilience Room

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## Member Attendance

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Name	Present		Means of Participation
	Yes	No	
Jonathan Whitham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Joshua Kiilu	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Joel Thacker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Andrea Baughn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Steve Cain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NA
Bernie Beier	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Eric Yazel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Brian Baird	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Jack Zeeks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Joshua Gisi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Warren Lenard (Proxy-Tad Stahl)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Kevin Hobson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NA

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# MEETING MINUTES

## Roll Call and Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Jonathan Whitham at 10:00am.

## Membership/Quorum

Quorum was met for the October 17, 2025, meeting. See above for attendance details. Eric Yazel began the meeting virtually and then joined in person during the project discussion. Brian Baird joined the meeting virtually during the project discussion.

## Approval of August 4, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Jonathan Whitham motioned to approve the minutes, Joshua Kiilu moved, and Joshua Gisi seconded. No other discussion or correction to the minutes were called for.

Name	Vote	
	Yes	No
Jonathan Whitham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joshua Kiilu	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joel Thacker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andrea Baughn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steve Cain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bernie Beier	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eric Yazel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brian Baird	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jack Zeeks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joshua Gisi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Warren Lenard (Proxy-Tad Stahl)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kevin Hobson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Review SHSP Priority and Enduring Needs Applications

Rachel Cosner presented information for the FFY 2025 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP). Information in the FFY 2025 SHSP PowerPoint was reviewed by the Committee in the meeting. It included the requirements which are: for Pass-through, 80% goes to local entities and 20% maximum goes to the state; Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA) receives 35%; funding availability is for 45 days; and there is a Senior Advisory Committee. Secondly, the required National Priorities are the same thus far which include Enhancing the Protection of Soft Targets/Crowded Places, Supporting Homeland Security Task Forces and Fusion Centers, Cybersecurity, Enhancing Election Security, and Supporting Border Crisis Response and Enforcement (30% of award must be allocated to the National Priorities). Thirdly, the Priority Funding Info Bulletin was reviewed. Specifically, Ms. Cosner noted the Information Bulletin was distributed, locals then filled out the application, the applications are capped at \$150,000, no more than one national priority application and one enduring need per organization is allowed, and applications were due to IDHS by September 24, 2025. IDHS staff reviewed the applications, Ms. Baughn reviewed the Communications projects and the Indiana Office of Technology reviewed the Cyber Security projects.

Rachel Cosner reviewed the FFY 2025 Target Allocation from the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) = \$4,362,750.00, the FFY 2025 SHSP Award Letter Allocation = \$6,000,629.00, and provided possible contingencies plan options. The possible three contingency plan options were that IDHS would be awarded the amount in the NOFO, IDHS would be awarded the amount in the Award Letter, or IDHS would be awarded the amount in the Award Letter and the Hamilton and Marion County projects would be moved to the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant program. She noted the Award Letter the Period of Performance changed to one year and ends August 30, 2026. She explained IDHS received 200 eligible applications where 107 were National Priority, 93 were Enduring Needs, the breakdown of the specific National Priorities, the 21 ineligible applications that are not included in the 200 total, and that the \$23,259,186.87 represents the eligible application amount.

## Approve projects for submission to FEMA for FFY 2025 SHSP.

The Committee previewed the three possible Contingency plan options spreadsheets. Rachel Cosner discussed pertinent information about the spreadsheets which consisted of the Counties, National Priorities, Enduring Needs, the County's projects, equipment, the amounts, and description in referencing the three contingency plan options.

The Committee discussed how to move forward with the three possible contingency plan options.

There was a motion to keep the NOFO version and the Award Letter version - where Hamilton and Marion County projects are moved to UASI and utilize the ranking system (point process) in award order regardless of if it is UASI or Non UASI. The Approval was motioned by Bernie Beier and seconded by Joel Thacker.

Name	Vote	
	Yes	No
Jonathan Whitham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joshua Kiilu	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joel Thacker- Abstain for City of Carmel project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andrea Baughn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steve Cain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bernie Beier- Abstain for City of Fort Wayne project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eric Yazel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brian Baird	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jack Zeeks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joshua Gisi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Warren Lenard- (Proxy – Tad Stahl- Abstain)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kevin Hobson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Next Meeting

The next meeting (TBD) will be contingent upon whether there is updated information for FFY 2025 or IDHS begins to receive information about FFY 2026. Rachel Cosner will send invites to the next meeting and would like to be notified if Committee members will be virtual or in person.

During this discussion, Committee Member Thacker asked whether a vote was needed to decline awarding projects that were not recommended for funding. It was noted that since IDHS does not know the final funding amount, it was premature to finalize the list of awards that were declined. Instead, Chairman Whitham proposed that a vote was taken to direct IDHS staff, once it is notified by FEMA of the final award amount, to create a list with final awardees, withdrawals based on time restraints and denials due to lack of funding. The motion gave IDHS staff the authority to finalize the list of awardees so the Committee doesn't need to reconvene just for this matter and to award the funding as soon as possible. Approval was motioned by Andrea Baughn and seconded by Joshua Gisi.

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Jonathan Whitham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Joel Thacker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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## Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was motioned by Jack Zeeks and seconded by Joel Thacker. There was no roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:15am.