**December 8, 2020 Meeting - Seattle Community Technology Advisory Board**

Topics covered included: Yearly leadership election; Accomplishments: the year in review

**This meeting was held:** December 8, 2020; 6:00-8:00 p.m., via Webex

**Attending:  (All via Webex)**

**Board Members:** Torgie Madison, John Krull, Rene Peters, Camille Malonzo, Ty Grandison, Steven Maheshwary, David Kirinchenko, Brandon Lindsey

**Public:** William Ruddick, Chris Torgeson, Luke Lucas, Nicole Espy, Shay Page, Leah Shin, Joydeep Hazra, Mark Pace, Coleman Entringer, John Kim, Dorene Cornwell, Sabrina Roach, Kai, Amin A., Call-in User 3, M. Gianola, Tyler Woebkenberg

**Staff:** David Keyes, Jonathan Porat, Vicky Yuki, Vinh Tang, Cass Magnuski

**30 In Attendance**

**Torgie Madison:**   It's 6:05 p.m., and so we are about ready to get started. Let's me bring up the notes that I have taken here for the meeting. The audio is being recorded solely for the purpose of taking written minutes. The audio recording won't be openly available, but that's something you should be aware of. Welcome to the December and final CTAB meeting of 2020. What a year. This meeting is going to be a little bit shorter and little different from our usual ones. What we're doing this month is holding our board elections for 2021 leadership. What this will look like is the usual board business of approving the meeting minutes and agenda. Then we will go into introductions, and then we will hop right into the elections. I've reminded all of the board members of what that process will look like. I sent an email out just about a month ago, but I will recap that, just so we are all refreshed and on the same page. Thank you, everyone, for taking the time on this December 8 meeting to join us. We have 26 people here, which is actually more than I expected for our elections, but I'm happy to have you all here. So, let us start with the approval of the November meeting minutes. Can I get a motion from one of the board members to approve the minutes.

**Steven Maheshwary:**  I move to approve the minutes.

**Torgie Madison:**   All right, Steven has moved to accept the minutes. Do I have a second?

**Rene Peters:**  I'll second.

**Torgie Madison:**   Rene seconds. So, as usual, all those in favor, please say, 'Aye.' Are there any 'Nays' or abstentions? All right, with that, the motion passes. And following that, we have the approval of the December agenda. Hopefully, you've had a chance to think about that, as well. Do I have a motion to approve the December agenda?

**Steven Maheshwary:**  I move to approve the agenda.

**Torgie Madison:**   Steven has the motion. Do I hear a second?

**Ty Grandison:**  I'll second that.

**Torgie Madison:**   Ty seconds. Once again, all those in favor, please say, "Aye.' If there are any 'Nays' or abstentions, please say so now. Great. The motion passes. And it looks like we can hold our elections. I took a quick look down the participant list, and we do have a quorum of board members. I should have mentioned that earlier. Let's move along right into introductions. I will go down the participant list, which is alphabetized. I don't believe we have any dial-in callers. So, we should be able to get through this pretty quickly with names.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

**Torgie Madison:**   Let us proceed to the next agenda item, which is a refresher on how the election process will look. The most important thing to state here is that in order to vote anonymously, you need to open the chat panel, which, if you're on a PC, it's at the bottom right of the Webex window. I don't know how it looks on mobile, or if you're using the web app, if it's in the same location, but it is imperative that you open up the chat window and figure that out. At the bottom of the chat window, there is a "To" field, and that "To" field by default says, "Everyone." In order to vote anonymously, what you will need to do is change that to Jonathan Porat, because the Seattle IT liaison is traditionally the person who collects the votes, and then reads them back to avoid tampering or conflicts of interest, which would be very unusual if anything like that happened. But just to be on the up and up, all of your votes have to go to Jonathan privately. It's not the end of the world if you mess it up, but it would be ideal. I don't know if you want to give that a shot now. I won't be able to see  it, and it's also not captured in any of the meeting recording. Just throwing that out there. That's the most important thing. The order to operations is required to be voting on two leadership positions for the Community Technology Advisory Board. Number one is chair, and number two is vice chair. In the past we have sometimes had a co-vice-chair, so one chair and two vice chairs underneath that. But this year, it seems like in 2020, one chair and one vice-chair appear adequate. So, we are going to stick with that . It is changeable in the future, if we feel that we need more support. It's not locked in stone. So, we will do the chair first. The nomination process will go thusly: I will make a call for people to nominate anyone else. This should have been coordinated ahead of time, because surprise nominations can put someone in a very awkward position if they weren't intending on running, or don't feel comfortable with that, or weren't prepared with a speech or anything. Nominations for others will be first. Then, we will have a call for self-nominations. And that is open to any board member. Any board member can self-nominate to either of the positions. That will include giving a short speech. That will be strictly two minutes, about what you think you bring to CTAB in a leadership position; ideas for 2021; qualifications; things like that. And I will be calling on those speeches in order of nomination. So, anyone who will nominate someone else will be going before self-nominations. Oh! I meant to say limited to three minutes. Once the speeches have been made, I will call for a vote, and that's when you message Jonathan privately to cast your vote. It is majority wins. So, Jonathan will read those back, and we will know how that goes very quickly. There will probably be no contested election or recounts.

**Steven Maheshwary:**   Do you want to clarify that only board members will be voting?

**Torgie Madison:**   Yes. This is all board business. Board members are the only ones eligible for board leadership positions, and board members are the only ones who are able to vote. The rest are observers to make sure we have clean elections. Thank you for that note. And the last caveat, which I don't think I put in the email but you should note: If someone is nominated or self-nominates for the chair position and doesn't get it, they can self-nominate or being nominated for the vice-chair position afterwards. It doesn't exclude you from going for vice-chair. With that said, are there any questions from board members or clarifications that I need to make about this process?

**Steven Maheshwary:**   Torgie, you mentioned that some people might have organized some nominations beforehand, so will you be reading who is already nominated for the chair and vice-chair?

**Torgie Madison:**   Yes, I will be making a call for nominations for other people first, and once those have been announced with like a short one-minute reason given for the nomination given. Afterwards, I will call for self-nominations. Is there anything else from board members? Questions? Going once, going twice? So, this is very exciting. I would like to officially open up nominations for other people for the position of chair of CTAB for 2021.

**Steven Maheshwary:**   I will nominate Rene Peters.

**Torgie Madison:**   Okay. Fantastic! Thank you so much. I also would endorse Rene Peters. Would you like to say a few words about your reasoning for nominating Rene?

**Steven Maheshwary:**   I just think he has the background, experience, connections , and also the experience in a leadership role supporting yourself to be the next chair. Historically, the vice-chair has typically become the chair. I don't see any reason why Rene would be the exception. I think he displays great characteristics to be the chair. But I will wait to hear his vision on that, as well.

**Torgie Madison:**   Great. Thank you. My reason for endorsing Rene Peters is that over the course of 2020, there have been a lot of new challenges that the board faced, and he has been an excellent partner and collaborator over the entire year. There have been some times when I have had to make some judgment calls, and I have leveraged his thoughts and opinions, and he has always been extremely valuable. He possesses more than enough emotional intelligence to guide and steer the board forward. And besides just being reactive to my ideas, he has also taken a leadership role just on his own, with planning each month's agenda. The most recent example of this is, of course, the partnership with the San Francisco Tech Council. That was completely his idea, from concept to sharing the SFTC meeting, where he presented CTAB's mission, and they presented their mission. And, on a more personal level, it has been a privilege to work with Rene this entire year, and I hope he gets your vote. Are there any more nominations for other people for the position of chair? No? So, we can follow that with are there any self-nominations for the position of chair? Going once, going twice. All right, Rene. Make your case.

**Rene Peters:**  Thanks, guys. It's just so awesome just to hear from you and Steven, just because I think you represent, from the first people that I saw when I started showing up as a citizen to  board meetings since 2016. That really means a lot. Steven, thank you so much for the leadership that you showed as chair, and just the advice that you gave to me along the way, even when you were out of the position. And Torgie, I'm definitely not done with you. I will say more about you towards the end of the meeting, but thank you for being a great collaborator and made this run a lot smoother in 2020, despite all of the turbulence. Thank you so much for the nominations, and just the votes of confidence.

I just wanted to talk a little bit about my vision. I will only be a couple of minutes. Like Torgie said, 2020 has been a really kind of chaotic year. But I was really proud of the way that the board was able to pivot gracefully and bring relevant material to the board and the public. So, that's definitely one of the three pillars that I want to focus on in 2021. From the voting technology privacy session that we had to bringing in Seattle Public School and Seattle Public Library to talk about what's going on on  the ground with plugging the holes that have been robbed by Covid, to bringing in Councilmember Pedersen for the Internet for All talks . There are a lot of great conversations that were sort of front of mind, and I want to keep that momentum going next year with relevant material, as well. The second pillar that I want to focus on is just to continue to bond relationships within the City of Seattle, and then also beyond. So, Torgie mentioned a little bit about that beyond sector. What are outside of Seattle perspectives with like groups for other work streams that really could edify ourselves, where we could bring those insights into Seattle. I think SFCT is an excellent example of that. We have had success in tightening the relationships with our key stakeholders within Seattle, like CTO Saad Bashir, and getting Councilmember Pedersen, who was amazing. just to talk about his Internet for All. Maybe next year we can get Mayor Durkan, or someone else who can give us very relevant insights into what is going on within the City.  And then finally, I want to focus on relationships within the board itself, and within our membership, because I really feel like there's a lot of opportunity in unlocking the power of the relationship between us as board members and the public. Torgie and I had a lot of sort of grand mechanisms that we were looking forward to in 2020, before it got blown up to really bring more of a sort of social understanding, and a personal relationship edge to the work that we do to humanize it a little bit. And I think that when we understand a lot more about our own individual learning goals and motivations, that's what sort of brings the power out of some of those members at large that might not have a defined position, such as Get Engaged, and really aligning that energy towards where might individual board members be most successful and most passionate to push forward. Overall, I just really look forward to maintaining an air of creativity, and looking inward and outward with the board. And I think that we can continue on the great momentum that we were able to make against all odds in 2020. Thanks for your time.

**Torgie Madison:**   Thank you so much. With that, Rene is running uncontested right now, but he still needs a quorum of votes in order to be elected. So, once again, please select Jonathan in the "To" field in the chat panel, and go ahead and cast your vote now. I'll give this a minute and call an end to voting at 6:35. All right. Have any of the board members had trouble voting, or have not yet voted. Okay, that sounds like everyone. Jonathan, can you tell us how did that go?

**Jonathan Porat:**   It went great, and of course, Rene won unanimously. So, congratulations, Rene.

**Torgie Madison:**   Congratulations, Rene! It's really awkward to clap through a microphone. You can clap in chat. David, Brandon! How are you doing that? (Celebratory emojis appear on the screen.)

**David Keyes:**   There's the little circle with the emoji symbol for reactions. There a special 'cheer for Rene' emoji there.

**Torgie Madison:**   Yes. Down at the bottom, in the middle there's a smiley face with a plus sign that's called 'reactions.'  Now that's my favorite. We're doing the entire year over. (laughs) This changes everything. Congratulations, Rene. I feel like the board is in very capable hands. But we are now going to move along. There are a couple of people who came in. We can capture those introductions after our elections. So, we are going to move on to the vice-chair position. As before, I'm going to make a call at this point to open the floor to any board members who would like to nominate someone else for the position of vice-chair.

**Rene Peters:**  This is Rene. I'd like to nominate Camille Malonzo for the position of vice-chair.

**Torgie Madison:**   Great! Thank you. Are there any other  nominations for other people for the position of vice-chair? All right. And are there any self-nominations? Great. Fantastic. I realize that we read the nomination pitches a bit early last time, but now that we've had a full call for nominations, and Camille was nominated by Rene, Rene please state the reason.

**Rene Peters:**   Absolutely. I think one of the things that really jumps out to me about Camille is just this real solid sense of responsibility that I saw, particularly in her work, the Privacy and Cyber Security Committee, really taking the initiative to get together a lot of great work, including some of the panels that we had this year. She is very thoughtful, and was only good at curating those experiences, but I also got the chance to reach out about her interests, for future leadership of the board. I found her to be just extremely thoughtful about the same sort of things that I mentioned in my vision for the board, especially, and unlocking the power of individual members, and creating a sense of personal connection, along with the great work that we do for the board. I think that she would be an amazing addition to board leadership in a higher capacity than she already has. So, that's my reason.

**Torgie Madison:**  Great. Thank you so much. Camille, the floor is yours to give a short speech about your vision and ideas for 2021.

**Camille Malonzo:**   Thank you so much. First of all, thanks, Rene, for that nomination. And I appreciate you nominating me for this role. I think I started coming to CTAB meetings four years ago, and from that first meeting, I was always so inspired by all of the board members and all of the work that we do here. And I'm really excited to have joined the board as a member, and to have gotten the opportunity to be a leader as well on this board. I think that, as vice-chair, my vision is to be as effective as I can in helping Rene and the board against those three goals of being relevant and timely on the topics that we bring forth in these meetings so that we serve and bring to bear all of the information-relevant topics to the City. We have a lot of exciting topics in Privacy, and I know we have all of these other topics, as well, in the other committees. And I would love to support all of the committees and the work of the board members in continuing that great work. I think my second passion, too, is really building these relationships on the board. I don't think I would have continued coming to these board meetings if not for the really inspiring people who come to these meetings. So, tapping into these relationships, building our efficacy, as well as continuing to build relationships within Seattle IT, within City government, as well as other communities throughout Seattle. I think that's something that I would also like to bring to bear is tapping into our local community based organizations to bring in a diversity of people, because we all know that technology impacts so many of us. I want to pilot all of those experiences. So, I think as vice-chair, I hope to be able to serve in that capacity.

**Torgie Madison:**  Great. Thank you. Once again, we have an uncontested election, but a quorum of votes is required to win the election. So, I am now going to call for votes. It is 6:42, so I'll open it until 6:43. Once again, please select Jonathan to send your vote in a private message to him. You may do so now. All right, once again, if any member has had trouble voting, or has not yet voted but intends to, please speak up now. All right. And with that, once again, Jonathan, can you do us the honors?

**Jonathan Porat:**   Yes. I am happy to say that it was also a unanimous vote for Camille. So, congratulations!

**Torgie Madison:**    Yay! Congratulations, Camille! I really wish I knew about those reactions earlier. Congratulations to you, Rene, and Camille. I think that this board is going to be in exceptionally good hands in 2021. So, that concludes the election process. I'd like to take a moment to open the floor to board members for any feedback that you have about this election process. if there's something you want to say, comments, just celebrate each other, the floor is now open. All right. I take that as a sign that things went smoothly.

**John Krull:**  I was actually going to say something. I appreciate Rene and Camille coming forward. Yes, it was uncontested, but it's probably uncontested because everyone was so busy during this pandemic. All of us have a lot of stress going on. And I appreciate them coming forward to continue this board work, and thanks! Just because it was uncontested doesn't mean it's a big deal. You guys went ahead and committed to doing this. So, thank you.

**Torgie Madison:**   I can second that. It is about responsibility. The workload sort of comes in waves, comes in spikes. You might not have something at present for a month, and then you might be spending all day responding to emails and coordinating something. You don't have control over when those spikes come. So it is a lot of responsibility. And I do truly appreciate Rene and Camille for stepping up. I second that comment from John. I think it was a very good one. It could also be uncontested because no one wanted to go against you two, a very intimidating duo.

Let me go ahead and come back to a couple of interruptions. We have a Call-in\_3. If someone has dialed in who hasn't introduced themselves, you can do so now. Do they know they're Call-in\_3 because they called in? How about M. Gianola? Oh, it came through chat. William, it looks like he typed in chat. I wasn't able to capture an introduction from William. So, maybe if you put that in chat, we could see who you are. M. Gianola is a product manager at Amazon. Welcome to Seattle and welcome to CTAB. Usually we have a presentation from someone in Seattle IT or one of the departments in Seattle, or City Council, or a community-driven organization or nonprofit. Presentations that let us know what's going on technology-wise across the City. This meeting is a little bit unusual in that regard, since we're holding our elections. But, welcome! And lastly, we have Tyler Woebkenberg.

**Tyler Woebkenberg:**   Good evening, everybody. This is Tyler Woebkenberg, chair of the Smart Cities Committee, or at least attempting to be in this crazy year.

**Torgie Madison:**   Thank you. I believe that captures everyone. I don't see any new people, except Call-in User3, but perhaps they wish to remain anonymous. Moving along in the agenda, at this point we take a moment to look back on 2020, and what the subcommittees were able to accomplish, any projects or issues that they were able to take up, that they're proud of and want to share with the board. These will be compiled into a larger document that is generally made public by CTAB that summarizes the board's accomplishments as a whole, and I believe this is sent out to the Mayor to keep them apprised of what we are doing and accomplishing. So, I would like to start with the Smart Cities Committee. You just heard from the chair of that committee, Tyler Woebkenberg. If you have a recap of 2020 available for us, we would love to hear it.

**SMART CITIES COMMITTEE**

**Tyler Woebkenberg:**   I can do my best, but I'll probably be brief, because our accomplishment did not nearly match the ambitions that we had. Full transparency and honesty: 2020 just made me personally to be able to respond. I think, at a minimum, there were some requests that came through on which we worked earlier in the year. Maybe the biggest accomplishment that we had, one thing to maybe hang out hat on for the year is getting logistics set up for how to coordinate across the committee overall, and trying to get a little bit more into the process of how to communicate among folks. That's what I would say for 2020. But, besides that, I think the general theme is to look forward to further engagement in future. That's my very, very brief report.

**Torgie Madison:**   I appreciate the honesty. I know that the Covid-19 pandemic affected all of us to varying degrees, and it had a large impact on everything at all levels. So, that is understandable. We can move on to the Privacy and Cyber Security Committee. We can hear from Camille, the new vice-chair of the board, and Nicole Espy.

**PRIVACY AND CYBER SECURITY COMMITTEE**

**Camille Malonzo:**   Thanks, Torgie. We started this year off with our normal meetings in person that definitely, as everyone else was impacted by the pandemic, we swiftly went online. I think, as certainly and chaos was unraveling around us, and definitely impacting our committee members as well as me, personally, I think one shining light is definitely the onboarding of our new co-chair, Nicole Espy, who took on the leadership position earlier this year. with her help and so much amazing effort by our committee, we accomplished as much as I think we could during this pandemic. So, I'm going to hand it over to Nicole to talk to our accomplishments.

**Nicole Espy:**  Thank you so much. I had a great time this year, oddly, and it was mostly due to all of the things we were able to do together, Camille, and being part of this board. Some of the highlights included our panel on contact tracing and surveillance, which included members from the Seattle Department of Public Health as well as faculty from UW and Fred Hutch, and we also were able to get Ginger Armbruster to join in our most recent call to discuss the Surveillance Ordinance and other work within the Privacy Office. And we're really looking forward to expanding those conversation in 2021, especially pertaining to the Surveillance Ordinance. And hopefully improving the public engagement process of this, not only on this committee but also with members from Seattle to learn more about the technology being used by the City. Congratulations, Camille. I'm excited to continue to work with you. Please check out our board. We've had a great year, and we look forward to another great one. Thank you.

**Torgie Madison:**   Thank you for that. Last, but not least, we have the Digital Equity Committee that is chaired by John Krull, and usually accompanied by Harte, but I do not see Harte in the chat right now. John, if you could take the floor.

**DIGITAL EQUITY COMMITTEE**

**John Krull:**   Yes. Harte has been the chair this year, and also our minute taker, and a very important member. Our committee, as you all recall, took on a big initiative of taking on Tele-Health. If you recall, we actually kicked that off before the pandemic. And then as the pandemic came forward, it became an initiative that everybody recognized was an important area to address for digital equity. We continued that, and like some of the others, we had our challenges due to the pandemic. We really wanted to help those who were most in need of Tele-Health, and they were the people in Seattle  Housing Authority weren't able to work with us. Then we worked on getting a grant, and that didn't pan out. So, right now we're working on finding and supporting nonprofits that want to apply for the Technology Matching Fund, and pursue supporting tele-medicine. We're doing that. We're also supporting Vicky Yuki on the Internet for All that the City is putting together. We're doing some research on what other cities are doing. We've also supported the Digital Equity Learning Network, done by Vicky. She has been a really great sponsor of our committee, so we really appreciate her. All in all, it's been a good year. Like, for others, it has been a challenge. Digital equity, obviously, is a huge issue. We definitely need more committee members to help continue the work. We've recently welcomed a new member, Coleman Entringer.  Dorene Cornwell has been a long-time member. We really appreciate her. Michael Weinstein has been a member, and we have had David Keyes and Alice Lawson, and a few people from Seattle IT, that have helped. It's a great committee. I think looking to join the committee or wanting to step into the leadership of the committee, we welcome you.

**Torgie Madison:**   Thank you for that great update.  You mentioned starting this Tele-Health initiative before the pandemic. That's was quite prescient of you and the committee, and I think that that was a very timely pivot to work on the Tele-Health initiative in the context of the Corona virus. So, I really appreciate the work on Tele-Health. I know that that grant didn't come through, which was a bummer. But I think there was a lot of opportunity to do very good work in the future.

**John Krull:**  Thank you.

**Torgie Madison:**   Yes, and I see a lot of overlap in the Smart Cities and Privacy committees, because pretty much any Smart Cities initiative is going to have a privacy implication in some shape or form. I look forward to some collaboration between those committees, as well. Thank you once again to anyone who took on a leadership role or participated in the committees. Once again, those are open to the public, including the leadership positions. So, you don't have to be a board member to be on a committee. Anyone can join and be a direct and active participant. And some of the work that we do here on the board. I'm going to pivot now to the overall CTAB accomplishments for 2020.

**OVERALL CTAB ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2020**

**Torgie Madison:**   I'm going to share a document right there. Let me know if you all can see that.

**Steven Maheshwary:**   I can see it.

**Torgie Madison:**   Right. So this is the overall larger document that Rene and I put together. And at the bottom, you'll see a brief paragraph for each of the subcommittees. I would expect in the next month that the subcommittees would update that paragraph just for recapping what 2020 was all about so that we can add that refreshed paragraph to the document and then make it public. It starts with all of the thank yous. And once again, a huge thank you to Seattle IT staff who really do a lot of the elbow grease and leg work to put these meetings together. Oftentimes, we'll have an idea that bubbles up from one of the board members or from Rene and myself, and we had no idea who to call or how to make that happen. That's when the Seattle IT liaisons step in. So, once again a huge thank you to Jonathan Porat. I will go through this very quickly. There are a lot of words on here, and I'm not just going to read this document top to bottom. But first off, we began the year with five board members, which meant that if any two of us spoke together, it would constitute a quorum and necessitate a public meeting, which meant that we couldn't coordinate. So, that was a pretty critical position to be in, starting out in 2020. And one of the major focuses early on in the year between Rene and I was to get that board membership up. So what we did is we replanted the board. We have nine out of ten seats occupied. The tenth is, once again, Mark DeLoura, but he will also be terming off in 2021. Also, welcome and thank you  to all of the new board members who decided to take on this crazy journey and help out and become civically engaged. So, that was really important for this board occupancy.

Next up is the Technology Matching Fund review. This is not strictly a CTAB-owned project, but it is heavily influenced by CTAB members as part of the review panel. In 2020, despite the corona virus throwing a wrench into everything, we managed to review in a timely manner $320,000 of City funds into 14 community organizations. And we have some statistics here about the overall impact the members of the community who will benefit from those projects. Please do volunteer to be a reviewer. It's a great experience.

We had some very high profile speakers from both Seattle IT and City Council. In April, we hosted a meeting right at the beginning of the corona virus when we realized how serious this was going to be. And we brought in Seattle Public Schools and Seattle Public Library and had them both present at the same meeting. And that was our highest attendance, I believe, on record for CTAB with 70 people attending, including the press and invested stakeholders in both of those departments. Those presenters are reflected up here. Also, we wanted to throw another shout out to John and Harte for their senior health care Tele-Health initiative. We also had a panel discussion from Megan Haas. It seems like five or ten years ago at this point, but that was organized and that was a very high level discussion on Artificial Intelligence (AI), and it was also very highly attended. We had not only a City Councilmember speak directly to the board, but we had the CTO speak twice, and the CPO speak. And I think that this is a testament to the relationships that we've been mentioning all throughout this call, that building these inroads, forming relationships, and having open lines of communication is key for CTAB's success. So this is really an accomplishment, to get these high profile, high level people speaking to us, acknowledging the board, asking questions, and making requests. I hope to see more of that continue.

In November, we were able to bump up even to the County level, and we had Julie Weiss, the King County director of elections present on the process and security of voting in King County. That was a very useful conversation. I noted that she was having daily or more than daily presentations. So getting a slice of her time was really valuable for us. And, of course, as spearheaded by Rene, we forged a relationship with the San Francisco Tech Council and had a knowledge sharing session. We had multiple meetings for knowledge sharing where Rene presented at their monthly meeting. And we had representatives who then joined our meeting and presented at CTAB. And again, in 2021, I am excited to see how that relationship unfolds.

This is the section where the subcommittees can enter a few short sentences, one paragraph, describing how 2020 went for them. And once that document is finalized, promptly in January's meeting, this will be signed by these board members. And so I believe that will be voted on in January's meeting and made public. Rene, would you like to add to that or share anything?

**Rene Peters:**   Yes! I think that the end of the year summary is a perfect way to segue and just thank you for all of the work that you've done. I mean everything that was on that page was a product of just a passion and attention that you put into the board. This is a double black diamond year for being the chair of CTAB. Everything that we have gone through, from not being able to show up at the Municipal Tower, to how should we craft the meetings month to month. I learned so much form you, and you were very cool and calm under pressure. So you were always just a reassuring presence to have. So, just for your thoughtfulness and just attentiveness really put a shine on this year, when it could have been far otherwise. So, you will definitely be missed. You have been here long before I walked into the room, but your presence will echo through the next two years of CTAB work. And as Vicky Yuki said, you're definitely not done. You will definitely continue to serve as a source of advisory and opinions. I'm sure that Camille and the other folks on the board could need it. I'm just very, very happy that I got to be your partner in this for the calendar year, and it's been a really good project. So, thank you. I'm sure everybody echoes those sentiments. This year is definitely yours, and I appreciate it.

**Torgie Madison:**   Aw. You weren't kidding when you said you weren't done with me. I really appreciate that. And I think you used a very choice word, there, 'partner.' And that's what it felt like throughout the year. We sort of joked earlier that you worked for me in the introduction, but it didn't go that way.  It has also been a treat. For anyone on the board or the leadership, my door is open. I'm sure there is something that I haven't told you that I should have. So, please reach out. You know how to reach me. And I would love to keep in touch.

**Steven Maheshwary:**  I just wanted to make a few comments, too. Just seeing as it's my last meeting, I would remiss if I just didn't share my appreciation for the board overall. Over the last three and a half years, it's been incredible just to see the discussions that have been organized and had, especially the ones that Torgie and Rene had coordinated and had here. But really, joining this board has been a turning point for me and my time in Seattle, in just how I think about certain issues, policies, how I've been more civically engaged and community-oriented. And I think that's also a testament to the ways that local government can be accessible in Seattle, compared to other cities. That's something I talk about a lot outside of our board meetings. And I just want to say thank you to Seattle IT liaison staff that's here on the call and also not on the call, former and current board members, especially Torgie, Rene, David Keyes, and everyone else. So, anyway, I just wanted to give my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has made this board a very wonderful time, and really an eye-opening experience. Super kudos to Torgie and Rene for handling what is one of the strangest years on the planet, and navigating some tough situations, and also yielding some of the most highly attended events, even though they were virtual, or highly attended meetings. It's just great to see that this group is growing, getting bigger and better and continuing to focus on the issues that make a difference.

**Torgie Madison:**   Very well said. And I wanted to thank Steven also for not only being an integral board member but for his leadership in prior years. Rene said that my influence will be felt for years to come, and I think yours has, as well. Some of these traditions and ways that things are done evolve over time, and it's inevitable that you will inherit some of the best practices of the prior leadership. So, thank you, Steven, for your time. I know it's bittersweet that people are terming off and leaving. And even if they wanted to, it would be illegal to stay. I want to celebrate Steven for his participation and leadership, and like he said, it can be life-changing. I know that there's going to be a public benefit void in my life after this. I'm going to have to find something meaningful and positive to do with my time. And I think Steven will probably do the same.

We can open it up to public comment. I didn't put that on the agenda, but I think it would be appropriate. If anyone has a comment, maybe in reflection on 2020, or looking forward to 2021, the floor is open to everyone. All right. So, I think that does it. Once again, I want to thank the board and members of the public who volunteer their time, and their energy, their intelligence, and lived experiences, for just informing us and making us not only better communicators but better members of the public.

Rene, you are now the chair of the board. Would you like to adjourn the meeting?

**Rene Peters:**  Wow. My first action. Thank you, everybody, for attending the meeting. I'm looking forward to seeing everybody in 2021 so we can get a fresh start in a fresh year. I will call this meeting adjourned.

**ADJOURNMENT**