**December 14, 2021 Meeting - Seattle Community Technology Advisory Board**

Topics covered included: Overview of 2022 board election process; 2022 CTAB Officers Election; CTAB Year-End Summary

**This meeting was held:** December 14, 2021; 6:00-7:15 p.m., via Webex

**Attending:  (All via Webex)**

**Board Members:** Rene Peters, Camille Malonzo, Nicole Espy, Femi Adebayo, John Krull, Ty Grandison, Lassana Magassa, Brandon Lindsey

**Public:** Dorene Cornwell, Coleman Entringer, Kristen Hoffman, Jordan Wolff, Call-in User 1, Annie Shaw, Bea

**Staff:** Cara Vallier, David Keyes, Vinh Tang, Cass Magnuski

**19 In Attendance**

**Rene Peters:**  Welcome, everybody, to the darkest meeting of the year, literally, not figuratively. Thanks for showing up in December. I want to start the meeting, as always, with a quick acknowledgement, just with the fact that we are in the City of Seattle on the traditional land of the Duwamish People, the first people of Seattle, and just give a nod of gratitude to them, past and present, and to the land, itself. I hope that everybody has been doing well this past month. This meeting should be relatively straight-forward. We have a really exciting occurrence in getting some new folks into leadership, and getting that transition underway. I want to jump straight into business with the approval of the minutes from the November meeting. In the November meeting, we had a cybersecurity-focused agenda. The first session was the Cybersecurity -- chief information security officer from the City of Seattle, just running down some of the internals of the focus and current front-of-mind issues of Seattle information security and cybersecurity. And then we also had a cybersecurity hygiene session from the University of Washington, and really talking about some common sense and easily available tools that exist online to help us do things like maintain password security, or to know if web site links that we get in emails are safe. So, I want to get a quick vote to approve the minutes for that. If we could get a motion by one of the board members to approve?

**Camille Malonzo:**   I so move.

**Ty Grandison:**   I second.

**Rene Peters:**  Okay!  Can I have all of the 'ayes,' please? Are there any 'nays' or abstentions? (Motion passes.) Okay, I want to move on to approving this month's agenda, which is the election procedure, and also a recap of 2021, followed by the committee updates, and year-end summary updates. So, can I get a motion to approve today's agenda?

**Femi Adebayo:** I move to approve.

**Rene Peters:**  Thank you, Femi. Can I have a second for Femi?

**Ty Grandison:**   Second.

**Rene Peters:**  Can I have the 'ayes,' please? Can I have any 'nays' or abstentions? Going once; going twice. Perfect. So, that will get us into our agenda. I wanted to take a moment to do some introductions. Just give your name and location that you're calling from.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

**Rene Peters:** Okay. So, we've gotten through the introductions. Next, I want to do a quick rundown of CTAB election procedures. Those of you who were here last year, it's literally the exact same thing. There are two total positions that are becoming available at the end of this calendar year, which are board chair and vice chair. Over the past couple of weeks, since our last meeting, Vinh Tang and I have been taking nominations for those positions. Those are self-nominations or nominations for other people. We have those nominations currently. If someone has nominated somebody else, they will get a chance to explain the reasoning behind why they put forth that nomination, about one minute long. And then, each nominee will get a chance to do a short speech, two or three minutes, to outline their interests, their qualification, and vision for CTAB in 2022, which will be really helpful for the other board members, as well as members of the public that are joining us tonight.

As far as the actual voting process, I'll start with the board chair position, and then I will move onto the vice chair position. How it will go is I will call for the nominations that have been made for other folks. And then the nominator will be given a chance to deliver remarks at that time. After that, I will give a chance for the self-nominations. Then, similarly, that self-nominee can give remarks at that time. When the call to vote is made, how we're going to do this, is we're going to send to vote to Vinh Tang within this Webex chat. And so, if you guys are able to look at the participant list -- a quick hack is if you double click Vinh Tang's name, it will automatically bring you down into the chat with a private message to Vinh.  Once you have your private message to Vinh open, all you have to do is type in the candidate's name. Only vote once. Send your votes to Vinh, and then he will tabulate them. That process will repeat for the vice chair position.

I will mention that committee leadership generally decides what each committee would like to do as far as whether and how they would like to change their leadership. I only mention that because we won't do a formal voting process here at this meeting; and the committee's themselves may not choose to do any formal voting process. But we would like to have any changes in the leadership of any committee announced at the January meeting. So just keep that in mind. Traditionally, it's pretty informal. Is everybody clear on the formal chair and vice chair voting process? If anybody has any questions, let Vinh and me know now. And Vinh, also let me know if I missed anything.

**2022 CTAB OFFICERS ELECTION**

**Rene Peters:** Let's go ahead and get started with the chair position. Based on the emails and I and Vinh have gotten, we have one candidate, who was nominated by me, and that is Camille Malonzo. The reason that I have nominated Camille is, in getting to know her over the last year, she has proven herself to be someone who is thoughtful and responsible. I have gotten the chance to brainstorm a lot with her out of the gate and all the way up to the present. She's a person who has a lot of good ideas for the board. I think she will lead with that compass of what she believes is right for the board. I think she has shown herself able to do that as the vice chair, and also as part of the leadership of the Privacy and Cybersecurity Committee. I'm just really excited for her getting an opportunity to have this role. I think it is something that she will thrive in, and I feel confident that the board will be in good hands with her. That's my little spiel. Camille, I'll give you the floor for just a short speech, three minutes, pretty informal, just your interests and your vision.

**Camille Malonzo:**  Thank you. I really appreciate the nomination. And also, working with you for the past year, I have learned so much. And it's been great to see the behind the scenes of how it works with the folks who really run the show. It's been great to work with everyone.

My name is Camille Malonzo. I live in lower Queen Anne, right near the Climate Pledge Arena. I'm looking forward to some Kraken games. I came to Seattle almost six years ago from New Jersey, where I grew up. My story is pretty common. I came here for work and since moving here, I've been a software engineer at Microsoft, on Sharepoint, and the Windows operating system. When I came to Seattle, I've always wanted to be part of an organization like this, and I think the first month that I was here, I bused downtown to the Seattle Municipal Tower for the first time, got my first ever pizza at a board meeting, and I don't think I have left ever since. I began as a CTAB groupie, since I had been going to meetings ever since. I just really love CTAB/. There aren't many places like this where there are so many engaged people who care as much about digital equity, about Smart Cities, about Privacy and Cybersecurity, and were all really willing to learn about the latest new issues. I really think critically and thoughtfully about technology and our communities. After a few years of being a groupie, I joined the Privacy and Cybersecurity Committee where I worked on drafting the Surveillance Ordinance, then took on leadership as the co-chair and then joined the board of CTAB.

I bring to CTAB experience as a board member on other nonprofit boards. I was a trustee for Mt. Holyoke College in Massachusetts, where I continue to lead the diversity, equity, and inclusion subcommittee, supporting the efforts of the DEI office for the college. And I'm also an innovation board member for the nonprofit called Advancement for Rural Kids (ARK), which supports sailing, cultural, educational solutions in rural Philippines, solving hunger and malnutrition there from a bottom up approach.

In my time here, I have learned so much from Rene Peters, and David Keyes, and Vinh Tang, and everyone who runs the show. So, I hope to continue this great momentum, and hopefully be able to fill the great shoes of (unintelligible).... We have laid great foundations last year. I'm excited to grow this momentum and continue to bring in subject matter experts across all of our interests and make sure that we have the latest and greatest information on pertinent topics. I then also support our committees and their great work. I'm really excited for all of the awesome speakers and work that all of our committees have been planning for next year. Finally, in the ever-evolving landscape of virtual meetings, hopefully, we will still be able to build a community across our board membership. And one day, hopefully, even have our much-anticipated party, or at least our groupie t-shirts.

So, those are my commitments for next year. So, thanks again for the consideration, and if you have any questions, let me know.

**Rene Peters:** Sure. I think we could. If anybody has a question or two for Camille, we have the time for it. If not, perfect. Thank you so much for expounding upon your experience and your passion for the role. At this time, I will open the floor to check and see if there are any nominations from the floor, any self-nominations for the chair position. Going once; going twice. Okay. So, at this I will ask the board members to initiate the voting procedure. By that I mean private message Vinh Tang at this time with your candidate of choice. And then we'll have Vinh tabulate the votes. So, if you can just take a second and do that?

**David Keyes:** I didn't queue up ahead of time the Jeopardy music.

**Rene Peters:** You actually read my mind. I was playing it in my head. Vinh, as the votes roll in, you can let us know when you get the full complement of board member votes. I think there are, by my count, seven of us here. So, you should be looking for four of seven votes.

**Vinh Tang:**  We're almost there, Rene.

**Rene Peters:** Perfect!

**Vinh Tang:**  There are seven.

**Rene Peters:** I was just AFK, or Away From Keyboard, if you don't know what that stands for. So, we will go ahead and announce a unanimous vote for Camille. So, congratulations, Camille, the new chair-elect. We are super excited for you. I think that you are going to be fantastic, and just thinking back to when I was considering becoming chair, and Torgie was asking me who I would love to consider as my vice chair, you were the first person I thought of. And, again, just responsible, thoughtful, full of ideas, and I'm excited to continue working with you at the helm next year. So, congrats!

**Camille Malonzo:**  Thank you. It's much appreciated.

**Rene Peters:** Okay, perfect. So, let's do the same exact thing, but for vice chair. Based on the emails that I have seen come to myself and Vinh, there is one self-nomination for the vice chair position, and that is Femi Adebayo. Femi, we would love you to take a couple of minutes just to talk about your excitement behind the role. Thank you.

**Femi Adebayo:**   Sure. Thanks, Rene. Thanks, everyone. My name is Femi Adebayo. I am currently a program manager at Microsoft, working on the Windows platform. I am responsible for apps for both consumer and enterprise customers. About five years ago, I moved to Seattle from Chicago. I moved my family, and when I got to Seattle, I was looking for a sense of community in terms of building new relationships with friends. Obviously, I joined Microsoft and meeting different people at Microsoft. Obviously, I just wanted to be with my family and meet people at the same time. I was looking for something different that I could do, being new to Seattle. One thing, a mentor of mine is commissioner of transportation for the California transportation systems. I was having a conversation with him when I moved to Seattle, and he mentioned to me -- at that point he was a transportation manager -- and he told me there are various things you can do in the public sector. Sometimes, I have ideas, and based on the feedback I gave him, he said that there are some contributions that I can make in this community. And he mentioned CTAB, and that I should look into our local community and see what you can do and give back. I looked up CTAB, and at that point I looked at who was there, what connection I could make. This would be a good way to contribute, with my background in tech, and also a way to meet folks in the City. I applied, and once I got through the process, I became a CTAB board member.

Just to get to the point, and obviously since Covid, I've been working on CTAB. And one thing I've seen, in terms of CTAB is the committee engagement, an important piece of what CTAB does. Not a lot of folks know what we do. But obviously, we do the Technology Matching Fund program, privacy; a lot of things we do help Seattle communities. And that changed my sense of purpose. When I joined, I looked at it as a place where I could contribute my skills, and it's also a place where I have also learned from speakers who have come to present. Looking to nominating myself for the vice chair is that I've seen, obviously from Camille, and Rene (unintelligible) ... on how to empower, how to make decisions, and also how to keep things together. That has really inspired me. I think it's a place where I can make myself useful. And obviously, the vice chair position became open, and I thought it was a place where I can develop leadership and ideas, and things I want the committees to go through. So those are things that make me want to work on the board and expand my horizons. There are four areas where I want to focus on. One is to strike a position. Obviously, we recognize the CTAB board, and I want to focus on committee engagement, and have a place where we have that committee feedback. I know in terms of committee feedback engagement, we get low numbers. So, I want to do more with committee engagement. Number two, the impact we make. That is something I would like to try to do in this vice chair position. Also, I would like to bridge the gap with the City boards and local municipalities that I would like to form relationships with and get ideas from them. Also, develop policies, investments, and make sure we're impacting the board. And the third thing I would obviously like to focus on in this vice chair position (unintelligible). Rene and Camille did an awesome job in promoting the board in and outside this committee. One thing I would like to do is promote the board itself, making sure they get from people feedback. I know Rene did something with speakers. At Microsoft, I spoke about the board, and that was well-received. Small things like that show that they know what the impact can bring. Lastly, obviously, we are (unintelligible).... Smart Cities Committee is one I am passionate about, so I would like to look into some areas where we can get more engagement, more impact out of that committee, and make sure that we are providing impact, and also delivering for the day to day lives of Seattleites. So those are my four points and my interest in joining the board.

**Rene Peters:** Thank you very much, Femi. Thank you for breaking down you very focused vision for the position. And so, at this time, we'll call for the votes. Same thing as last time. If you would just private message Vinh Tang with your candidate of choice, please do that at this time. I'm actually sorry. Can I rewind for like five seconds? I will do a call for any nominations and self-nominations from the floor. if there are any nominations or self-nominations for the vice chair positions? I didn't want to forget the chance to do that. Going once, going twice. All right. Thanks for letting me go back and do that. At this time, we will call for the vote. So, if you would private message Vinh Tang with your candidate of choice, that would be fantastic. And Vinh, if you would just alert when the final tally is in? Note for next year: We'll definitely queue up the Jeopardy music, Camille, so take note on that.

**David Keyes:**  Next year, if we're all in the same room, people could be snacking.

**Rene Peters:** It's okay. It's my fault. I didn't scroll all the way down in the chat. I was stuck in the middle of the chat. Okay. So, I can announce a similarly unanimous vote for Femi. Congratulations, Femi, and congratulations to the entire ticket of Camille and Femi. I think you guys are going to do a fantastic job. I've gotten to talk to Femi multiple times offline, and I think he brings a ton of experience and great perspective. And as you can see, a very well-structured vision to the position. So, I am confident that both of you two will work well. And similarly, I'm looking forward to supporting you both next year, as well. So, thank you guys so much, and thank you to all of the board members for making this voting process so smooth. I saw that Nicole Espy came in, as well. Is there any mechanism for her to get her votes in?

**Vinh Tang:**   Yes. With that vote it will be 8-0 in favor.

**CTAB YEAR-END SUMMARY**

**Rene Peters:** Okay. Excellent. Thank you for your votes, Nicole. So, that was our most important item on the agenda. So, for the remainder of the meeting, I wanted to focus on putting into perspective all of the things that we've done this year. As both Femi and Camille alluded to in their individual perspectives on what they'll bring next year, these are interesting times to run a board, and there are a number of things that we've been able to push forward on the shifting sands of what we all are going through. And I think that's really something to cheer about. So, what I'll do now is I'll basically run us through a draft that Camille and I have put together of our yearly accomplishments document. So, for those of us attending, members of the public, each year we compile this report that essentially summarizes what topic matters we have tackled as a board, what the committees have accomplished, and also some of the outreach and impacts that the board has had throughout this this City. At the beginning of each year, we will distribute this report to the necessary contacts within the Mayor's Office, and City Council, both of which are primary stakeholders for this board's advisory. I'll get started.

I wanted to thank all of the board members: Camille, Leah, David, Nicole, Femi, John, Brandon, Lassana, and Ty, just for inputting so much energy over the past twelve months on the board calls and throughout the committees. Thank you to the committee leaders and the volunteers on the committees, for all of the time they have invested, as well. And then also, to our CTAB brainstem spinal column, if you will: Vinh Tang, Cass Magnuski, and David Keyes, for facilitating our priorities throughout the year, and making sure that these meetings go very smoothly, in that I am not stressed one second. So, it has always been a feeling of being in very good hands. And that can't be understated. And finally, a thank you to all of the engaged community members who show up month after month, to learn, to offer their perspective, and to really make these board interactions a truly open forum, that they were always meant to be. And I, as chair, really appreciate that. So, what I'll go through next is just a summary of some of the accomplishments and events, and topics that we have tackled as a board. So, again, putting all of this together really gives the Mayor's Office and City Council a good understanding of the scope of everything that we've gone through.

One of the great accomplishments that the whole City shares is that the City was recognized as a Digital Inclusion Trailblazer by the National Digital Inclusion Alliance. And I think that that is a reflection of not just the work that CTAB does, but also the work that echoes through the City through the various offices with digital equity, and all of the really focused leadership behind the Municipal Digital Inclusion program. There are six specific qualifying criteria for that, and that is in the final report, but we were the only City in the country to be awarded all six of those qualifying criteria. So, I think just is a really great accomplishment that underlines and cuts through a lot of the work that the City of Seattle has done. Another board accomplishment is that we accomplished ten out of ten board seats by completing the last Mayoral appointment. That is definitely something that has added to the expertise that we've brought to the City, and the expertise that we brought to our attendees, and the work that we do through our committees. That's definitely something that we had been pestering both the Mayor and the City Council to push through. So, it feels like we're at a really good, steady state, and we're hoping for that continuity to continue next year as board seats shift.

We also reviewed and provided recommendations for our 2021 Technology Matching Fund, which is every year, really a lynchpin of impact that CTAB can point to. This year, we were -- and David Keyes, I'm going to be coming to you to fact check all of these numbers before we send it out officially -- but we were able to get out about $650,000 worth of City funds, which were supplemented by $25,000 from the Verizon Foundation, and matched with about $350,000 of community matching. So, I wanted to thank the review committee, which was comprised of a number of different members of the board, as well as volunteers from the public. And they spent hours and hours reviewing about 55 individual grant applications, which were very detailed and contained a lot of different data. And there were a lot of different variables to pay attention to, as far as scoring and ranking those applications, which requested about $1.3 million of funding in total. The initial funding round was awarded to 15 different community organizations throughout the City, which was about $320,000 of City funds. And of course, we had that match from the Verizon Foundation. And then, we also had a secondary round of funding that was made possible through the American Rescue Plan Act, a federal grant, for digital equity. That got submitted through the City and amounted to an extra $330,000, which we were able to disseminate through 15 more fantastic community organizations. And so, one of the things that the applications included are numbers on the different populations and the number and scope of the populations that the money would impact. By some quick math, these funds directly impact over 2,000 Seattle area residents. And that includes about 1,800 BIPOC community members, 513 individuals who are between employment, 621 youth, and 396 elderly, among other populations. Really, just fantastic work. That review panel included Torgie, myself, Katie, Tyler, Liz, Kristen, who is on the call tonight; Corina, Vicky, and David. A huge thanks to Vicky Yuki for quarterbacking that entire effort. I know she's not on the call, but we can't thank her enough for all of the great coordination that she really put into that entire effort.

One of the other goals, and something that I heard specifically in Camille's pitch for the future, is the continued push to bring relevant and timely speakers to our CTAB meetings to inform not just the board, but the public with the latest and greatest on different technology issues and technology matters. So, just a quick run-through of some of the sessions that we've had, and some of the individuals that we have invited.

At the start of the year, we had a couple of different sessions from our then-CTO Saad Bashir. One was just a Seattle IT update, and yearly direction setting meeting from him. But then a double-click into the specific Objective Key Results, or OKRs, and performance metrics by which the City is measuring how they advance the goals of the Office of the CTO. We also had Steve, who is the director of technology at Harborview Health, talk about vaccine distribution and Covid tech response, which was a really fascinating perspective on how technology intersects with public health. We also had our very own David Keyes, our equity manager, do a digital equity and inclusion 101 session, which was just a fantastic base on the hub of the digital inclusion and equity effort here in the City of Seattle, and some of the spokes that radiate out through the City. We also reviewed the Surveillance Ordinance technologies, which will be expounded upon in the Privacy and Cybersecurity Committee yearly review. But that was a constant engagement that we had with the City, where we were able to get out some really great opinions and memos to aid their decision-making.

As far as sessions that we had at CTAB, we also had Mark Cockerill, who is the director of the Key Peninsula Community Council. And that session focused on the economics of rural broadband in the Key Peninsula, and one of my focuses throughout the year was this idea of learning beyond just the City of Seattle, to have that regional understanding of a place that's so close to us, but has really unique technical and infrastructure challenges. It was really enlightening and it was great to have him. And David Kirichenko really did a great job in pulling that session together. We also had a number of different Technology Matching Fund groups come and speak to the board, so we could learn and double click on their missions. That included Emily Shallman, who is the program director for Path With Art. And Ricky Graboski, who is the executive director of the Vera Project as well as Dr. Julian Sinclair, who is the president of Renaissance 21, and Asaye Abuni, who is the director of the Multimedia Resource Training Institute. All of those were just really fantastic. Windows into some of the great work that those Technology Matching Fund dollars empower to spread impact throughout the community. We also had Alice Lawson do a great broadband 101 presentation for the board. She is the Cable Franchise Manager for the City of Seattle. We had Jim Loter, who became the interim CTO after Saad Bashir's departure, just to come and introduce himself and do a welcome address for the board to give us a chance to ask him questions and learn a little bit about his priorities. We had Professor Ryan Calo, who is the director of the Tech Policy Lab at the University of Washington, do a law and cybersecurity session. And then, we also had a couple of heavy hitters from both the City and the County come to our board to talk about really important legislation that was going through, and has already advanced. So, we had Councilmember Alex Pedersen, who is the District Four councilmember for the City of Seattle, give us an update on the Seattle Surveillance Ordinance progress, and also the Internet For All Resolution, which was started back in 2020, which feels like a long time ago. But it was great to get some of the most current priorities and next steps forward as that work develops. And then, we also had, on the County level, Councilwoman Jeanne Kohl-Welles, who represents King County's District Four, which includes the City of Seattle; as well as Jennifer Lee, who represents the ACLU of Washington as their technology and liberty manager. The both gave updates on King County's facial recognition ban, and were able to walk us through the impetus for it, a little bit about the definitions of the technology, and what is included in the law, and some of the interesting aspects of where County and City law overlap, and which systems are impacted and not impacted. So, that was a really fantastic session. And then, that brings us to November, last month, when we had two great cybersecurity focused sessions. One was from Greg Smith, who is the Chief Information Security Officer for the City. And he did a general cybersecurity in the City session; and Alex Salazar, who is the cybersecurity analyst for the Office of the Chief Information Security. He did a presentation on personal cybersecurity hygiene. There are some other things and engagements that we can put in here. Femi mentioned some of the one-off conversations about CTAB that we had with audiences like Microsoft. So, we will be sure to collate those.

But that is the board level summary. And again, really fantastic impacts in not just what we are able to get through for money and TMF out to a lot of fantastic community organizations, but the education that we have taken the time to do on our own time within the board to provide some really great information and connections through our speakers. Camille, did you have any other notes before we switch focus to the committee level?

**Camille Malonzo:**  No, but I just want to say thank you all for inviting all of these great speakers to the board. I thought it was a great set of presentations. So, thanks Rene, and our committee members, and David Keyes and Vinh Tang, and to all of the folks at Seattle IT for bringing everyone in.

**Rene Peters:** Perfect. The last section of the year-end summary at the board level is really just a compilation of the individual committees' yearly updates. After the last meeting, we put the call out for the committees to pull together summaries on their individual works, dreams, such that we could collate them into our report. As the committee update space for this meeting's agenda, we'll just do the committee updates as the run-through of any 2021 yearly summaries. I'll start with the Privacy and Cybersecurity Committee yearly update, which I know I did get an attachment for and had a chance to look at. So, Camille and/or Nicole Espy, either of you?

**COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**Privacy and Cybersecurity Committee**

**Nicole Espy:**   I can go ahead. This year, the CTAB Privacy and Cybersecurity Committee attempted to address the local ban on facial recognition technology, the security of the City's critical infrastructure after the national news on the cyber attack on the Colonial Pipeline in 2021, and the essential need for Seattle policies and procedures to protect residents' digital privacy. As Rene mentioned, some of the speakers we invited addressed some of these questions, including asking for information from Ryan Calo about the impact of what sorts of laws are in place to protect the City's individuals from hacking in and other manipulations of AI. We invited the CTO to discuss some information about critical infrastructure and the security around those systems, as well as UW's SISO, and to discuss personal cyber hygiene. And then, we also tried to make a lot more action through our process of these memos. We commented on the Group 4a Surveillance Ordinance technologies, some of which would use AI and other mechanisms to collect data. We had follow-up conversations with the Privacy Office to make sure this is type of communication was useful and impactful. We also wrote a few other memos and tried to follow-up on the Internet For All proposal, and the inclusion of cybersecurity education as part of that project.

What we want to do for the future, based on this, is to continue to bring experts to this group and expand our knowledge about where we have some ability to take action, and to protect individuals and the City from privacy and cybersecurity threats. Our focus for next year will mostly be in education and outreach, and to continue learning and education. That's it. Thank you.

**Rene Peters:** Thank you so much for that, Nicole, for your fantastic work and focus that you put into 2021. You definitely enriched the CTAB experience for all of us. next, we'll do the Digital Equity and Inclusion recap. I see that Coleman Entringer is on the call. Coleman, do you have a year-end summary update, or just a general committee update?

**Digital Equity and Inclusion Committee**

**Coleman Entringer:**  Yes, we have our summary update, and I can go ahead and send that to you, as well.

At the beginning of the year, the committee was wrapping up our work on Telehealth for Seniors, and exploring how to improve that in the community. Specifically, we had written a letter of support for Samjin (unintelligible) in February, promoting her application for federal grant funding for the Digital Equity portion of her prevention program. We also, to your point about the TMF, were assisting with that. TMF awarded 15 grants totaling $343,000 in April, and that additional $330,000 in pandemic-related funding that was delivered later in the year. We provided written commentary and an equity perspective on the IFA reports, and tried to provide a view of digital equity implications within the report, and suggestions around that. Then we wrote a letter of support for the digital equity funding portion of the 2022 budget season requests for the City of Seattle, supporting the Black Brilliance Projects proposal for an increase in digital equity funding, which we did in October. I did note our general discussions around the Digital Equity Learning Network, and noted that that is seeking to expand and bring in new members and geographical breadth. And then, lastly, our telecom forum, which is still in process. But we have confirmed our speakers for that for February, so that should be in the works. I guess that's kind of a current update, as well, but those speakers are confirmed, and it should be a good forum.

**Rene Peters:** Perfect. Thank you, Coleman. And again, thank you for your work. Dorene, thank you for your work, as well, and Harte Daniels. The Digital Equity and Inclusion Committee has also been very, very strong this year. So, thank you guys for also enriching our CTAB experience. It's awesome to see that we are already jumping on 2022 early. I like that we're keeping that momentum and trying to stay a month or two ahead of the game. It also limits stress. So, thank you for that. I know that the Smart Cities Committee has been a scratch this year, so we'll forgo the yearly update there. But we are excited to see what Camille and Femi plan to do to revitalize that next year.

That will round out the committee update portion. And yes, please, Coleman, send that in print to Camille, David, me, etc. And we'll be sure to get that into the year-end report. I'm guessing or assuming that we will have that completed in time to review and then disseminate by our January meeting. So, let's aim for that. So, with our committee updates completed, we will move to our final agenda item, which is public comment and announcements.

**PUBLIC COMMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Rene Peters:** I have a quick announcement, and really just a thank you to one of our outgoing board members, John Krull, who has done a ton over the years for CTAB. I really remember him being kind of someone I recognized and looked to when I moved to Seattle in 2018, and saw all of the great focus that he brought specifically to the focus on education, and coming at digital equity from that angle, as well. He brought a lot of experience that certainly predates me, so I'm not even sure that I can give him a proper thank you. His term ends at the end of this calendar year. I can say thank you for the collaboration that we have enjoyed over the past couple of years. I'm sure that folks like Camille and David, and a bunch of others would also be able to chime in with their words of thanks. But I just wanted to put that out there that the work is appreciated, and just recognize the end of a fantastic run. If anybody wanted to chime in here, or if, John, you have any words of inspiration for the team? But just thank you. Appreciate it.

**John Krull:**   Thank you, Rene. It has been a good run. I started as the Education Member with Seattle Public Schools. I really enjoyed helping to bridge that relationship between Seattle Public Schools and Seattle IT. I'm proud of that. I'm proud of how I helped Seattle Public Schools and Seattle IT with a digital equity survey that goes on every five years or so. That was a great experience.

Then I moved into a leadership role with the Digital Equity and Inclusion Committee. That predated the pandemic, of course. We had pretty fun meetings. Sometimes, we would meet in the International District in person, believe it or not. I really enjoyed getting to know the teams working today. I really enjoyed working with Dorene Cornwell. She calls herself a groupie, but she has really been a solid rock to CTAB over the years, and really brings a great perspective. I was involved with Coleman Entringer coming to CTAB. He joined the committee and I was so glad he took a leadership role as my priorities changed and I couldn't put as much time into the committee as I would have liked. I'm sorry that Harte Daniels is not on the call. Harte is another rock who brings a great perspective. I enjoyed working with him. It's really been great building new relationships, really trying to help to bridge that digital divide and working with folks across the City. I do hope to stay involved. Maybe I could earn that groupie t-shirt. So, thank you and onward.

**Rene Peters:** Thank you very much. Well done. Onward and upward! Are there any other announcements? I see that Cass Magnuski has put a message into chat. So, if all of the members could please send your email addresses to magnus@drizzle.com, in case she needs to ask questions related to the minutes.

**John Krull:**   If I could just interrupt, as you mentioned Cass Magnuski. I want to thank Cass for being a rock. I know she's not officially a member, but it's nice having that consistency. If you do miss a meeting, you can catch up with what happened. That's been great. So, hopefully, she will be staying on board. And I want to thank Vinh Tang, who some of you may know as one of my former students when I was a teacher. So, Vinh, thanks for being here. Vinh interviewed me years ago to join CTAB. So, I appreciate the opportunity, Vinh, that you helped to start, and for the role that you currently have.

**Rene Peters:** Thanks for thanking Cass and Vinh. Vinh also interviewed me, and I was super nervous sitting across the table from him for some reason. He keeps a good poker face. Any other announcement, comments, before we adjourn. We're actually on time.

**Dorene Cornwell:**   This is Dorene. I also want to say thank you to everybody. Part of why it is worthwhile for me to come to these meetings is that I get to find out about a bunch of stuff I wouldn't have time to read about otherwise. Good luck, John. Good luck to the new officers. Thank you so much, all, for your work.

**David Keyes:**   I just want to give a huge thanks to John for all the work. It was tremendous to have your expertise and support for our Tech Matching Fund, and other strategies. We'll definitely queue you up for that groupie t-shirt. We need one for the committees and Cass, too. I just really appreciate everybody's work this year.

Just a couple of other really short announcements:

Since the last meeting, City Council has passed the budget. Cara Vallier is still here. But that will continue that additional funding this coming year for the Tech Matching Fund. Thanks to your work and Councils, they approved additional money for that for this coming year, as well as some additional funding $250,000 to support Digital Navigator's work. So, that's great to see, and that will help us.

Also, coming up at the end of this month, in a week or so, (unintelligible) is going to be joining our staff to replace Vicky's position. You will see her working with CTAB this coming year. She is coming to us from Seattle Public Library, coming from that work into the digital inclusion field.

There are some things coming up that I'll send around, as the federal infrastructure bill has passed and there is a transition happening with the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program, which is transitioning to what is called the Federal Connectivity Program. We've just filed some comments to the FCC on that to help ease the transition. And there's an open period to reply with comments that anybody can do. So, some of the expertise that we've learned from the community and experience that Alice Lawson and I wrapped in to file with the FCC. There will be more this year.

I've also just signed today a contract with Pacific Market Research to help on the first phase, the next round of the Technology Access and Adoption survey. We've got some folks here who worked on it and worked on other kinds of metrics and data. That first piece -- we don't have funding for the actual data collection yet, but this first piece will be laying out the scope: What questions do we want to ask? What methodology should we use? How do we do that with BIPOC engagement? And it includes elements of getting that BIPOC engagement and expertise in this initial planning process. We're excited about that first round and how we start to frame it up. How do we do that in Covid time? So, look to CTAB members to help with figuring out that kind of work on what do we need to know to actively move us to the next step on Technology Access and Adoption.

**Rene Peters:**  Awesome. Thank you so much for those updates. Exciting stuff happening! So, if no one else has any other comments, I just wanted to take the opportunity to thank everybody for a really great year. I truly enjoyed being the chair, and I really look forward to these meetings every month. And I'm just super happy with all of the speakers and all of the work that we were able to do. Everybody made it super easy. Everybody who was very, very helpful to me when I needed perspective, or had questions. Again, David Keyes, Cass Magnuski, Vinh Tang, who are definitely the squad that I knew I could go to for any silly questions that I had along the way. I really appreciated getting to know you guys better through this lens, and I'm looking forward to continuing to work with everybody on the board in 2022. So, that's my last word. Femi, your hand is up.

**Femi Adebayo:**  Yes, I just wanted to thank the board and also thank John Krull for his contributions to the board. Also, Rene, I just wanted to also thank you for your leadership. I know the year has gone by very fast. Thanks for your initiative and thanks for holding the board together, and also making sure that (unintelligible), and making sure that it's a place of fun. There are always topics to discuss, and you are always making sure that it's fun, so thank you for your leadership. I'm looking forward to working together.

**Camille Malonzo:** Yes, thank you so much, Rene, for your great leadership. Like I told you before, you have a great talent for bringing people along. I'm so excited to continue to work with you in my new capacity, and I also hope you have a good break. Because I know how hard you've worked over the past year. Thank you to John. I said this in the chat, but yours was one of the first friendly faces I encountered on CTAB. Hopefully, sometime soon, we can go to the Taproom and send out the year with a nice glass of wine or something. Thank you for all of your work for CTAB, and thank you to the squad that really runs these meetings. I hope that everyone has a great holiday.

**Rene Peters:**  Yes. Thanks, everybody. Camille, Femi, super excited to hand the baton off to both of you. Maybe my last wish as chair: We've got to do this. We'll meet somewhere informally in January or something like that. I think it will be great to see a couple of faces. We can work on that offline. But that will be really fantastic. We're definitely missing the in-person touch. With that, I hope everybody has a really safe, warm, bright rest of your 2021. Take perspective on everything that you personally accomplished, and be ready to take the next step into a new year, if you're into that kind of thing. As we talked about in this meeting, went through the summaries, as we optimistically look forward to our new leadership, we have a lot to look forward to. So, take some time to recharge and we'll see you guys back here in January. Thanks, everybody.

**ADJOURNMENT**