**January 11, 2022 Meeting - Seattle Community Technology Advisory Board**

Topics covered included: CTAB overview; Reintroductions of board members; Committee selections; Committee updates; Public Comment

**This meeting was held:** January 11, 2022; 6:00-7:45 p.m., via Webex

**Attending:  (All via Webex)**

**Board Members:** Camille Malonzo, Rene Peters, Nicole Espy, Femi Adebayo, Lassana Magassa, Brandon Lindsey, Leah Shin

**Public:** Dorene Cornwell, Coleman Entringer, Kristen Hoffman, Jordan Wolff, Annie Shaw, Meira Jough, Patrick Walters, Eryk Waligora, Adrian MacDonald, Steven LeMay, Tyler Woebkenberg, Harte Daniels, Amin A.; Rabecca Rocha

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

**24 In Attendance**

**Camille Malonzo:**  Welcome, everyone, to the first meeting of 2022. Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a warm and safe 2021. I'd like to begin the meeting acknowledging that we are on the traditional land of the Frist People of Seattle, the Duwamish People, past and present, and honor with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish Tribe. In our role here at CTAB, we've always geared our time and expertise around the topic of technology, but are in service to the people we serve in the City of Seattle and the land upon which we are so grateful. This is my first meeting chairing. I'm still learning the ropes of verbiage. I thin our first order of business is to approve the minutes of our December meeting. During that meeting, we held elections and installed a new chair and vice chair. We also heard the accomplishments of 2021 by our awesome board and our wonderful committees, including a great round of TMS funding, submitting written public comment on various City legislation, including Internet for All as well as the Surveillance Ordinance, and bringing an excellent slate of subject matter experts who presented to us last year. Can we get a motion by one of the board members to approve the minutes?

**Nicole Espy:**   I so move.

**Brandon Lindsey:**  I second.

**Camille Malonzo:**  Thanks, Brandon. Can we have the 'ayes?' Are there any 'nays' or abstentions? Awesome. Thank you so much. The motion passes. You can see the minutes posted at ctab.seattle.gov. Thanks, all. We can now move on to approval of this month's agenda? We are doing a round of introductions, and then we are going to move on to a short presentation, a reintroduction of CTAB board members, and an opportunity at the end to learn more about our committees. So, we're trying to mix up the format of these meetings in view of more engagement. Can I please get a motion to approve today's agenda?

**Femi Adebayo:** I so move.

**Brandon Lindsey:**  Second.

**Camille Malonzo:**  Can I hear all of the 'ayes,' please? Are there any 'nays' or abstentions? Okay, the motion passes. The first item in our agenda is we're going to do some introductions among those in our meeting, something different from our traditional roll call. Let's imagine that we're back in our conference room 2750 in the Seattle Municipal Tower when we had the pleasure to go there above the Starbucks and got on the elevator and met at the conference room there. You won't miss the pizza and the sandwiches to your right. imagine that you're all sitting around the table and you want to strike up a conversation with the person to your left and your right. And so, in our new world, in our virtual world, we don't really get the opportunity to do that as much. So, thanks to Vinh Tang, we're going to break out into breakout groups, say hello to each other, introduce ourselves, and we also have some ice-breaker questions that I'm going to propose in the chat. And, hopefully, that will be great for the group. Say hello to the folks in your breakout group. One suggested icebreaker is the subject of technology or civic service that you've had in the past year that enwrapped you. And the second question is if you could bring up a topic to Council or to the Mayor on the topic of technology, or not, what would it be. You can take these questions, or not, or if you know how to fund, you could also take that opportunity just to catch up. Vinh, are we ready with the breakout group?

**Vinh Tang:**  Sure. It's going to be four groups of six. It will be six, six, five, four. We'll have five minutes, and I'll just randomly add folks to the breakout groups. There will be one CTAB board member in each of the four.

**Camille Malonzo:**  Thank you, Vinh. Do folks have any questions?

**INTRODUCTORY BREAKOUT GROUPS**

**Vinh Tang:**  This is going to be random selection of folks to the breakout sessions. We are doing an informal breakout group. This is an opportunity just to say hello. It's going to last for about five minutes. If you're okay with that, I can assign you to a breakout group. You can either say yes in the chat, or turn on your microphone to say yes. Whatever you prefer.

**Camille Malonzo:**  Welcome back, everyone. In our breakout sessions, we were just getting into AR/VR. Other topics percolated in other sessions.

**David Keyes:**   We were starting to talk about Telehealth and a project proposal that had been done by the Digital Equity Committee. Time went quickly.

**Camille Malonzo:**  Yes. I think we got feedback to extend it a bit next time. The conversation really gets going around that mark.

**Vinh Tang:**  Sorry about that. It was at eight minutes, so I just did a judgment call to end the session. But I think maybe ten minutes is probably appropriate for this next time.

**Camille Malonzo:**  Okay, next time more minutes. We will have another round of breakout sessions later with our committees. So, if you want to continue the conversations, there will be another opportunity during that. I just want to say thank you to Brandon Lindsey for suggesting this great idea earlier today, so we can keep going with these great opportunities. I think we're going to move along with our agenda. We're going to do some quick reintroductions of CTAB, and then afterwards, we're going to do a round of introductions from our board members. So, hopefully, I'll be quick, because people know about CTAB, and we're going to do this for some newbies. I'm going to share my screen. And I'll make sure to share these slides with Cass Magnuski, and Vinh Tang, and David Keyes, to share them with the rest of -- Can you all see my screen? I think everyone knows this, and I just want to make sure the material is up there.

**CTAB OVERVIEW**

**Camille Malonzo:**  CTAB exists to advise the Mayor and the City on technology-related matters that are of import to the constituents. So, in the past year, we had topics around contact tracing; we had topics around adversarial AI' and we had a bunch of great presentations from our partners and grantees from the Technology Matching Fund; and around Internet for All, as well, which was one of the IT pieces of legislation in front of the City last year. We also like to share in partnerships with like-minded organizations to bridge the gap between City residents and various stakeholders around these topics. We also try to do a lot of research and utilize the expertise, not only from the board, but from outer networks to collect public input around these topics. You will hear later on that our board members are experts in their own rights, and bring a lot of knowledge and insight to these topics.

Our board is organized with, I think, ten members, maybe more, appointed by the Mayor and the City Council. And there are three special positions specializing in public access to technology and information, the education system, and one "youth member" from the Get Engaged program. I think we're all youthful here, in our own ways, but it's a special program called Get Engaged that feeds memberships through various boards across the various and organizations. We have one chair and one vice chair, elected at the end of each year. We have two standing committees, which each have chairs and vice chairs from the members or from the public. They meet on the last Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. And we'll hear more from our committees later, but they do an awesome job concerning digital equity concerns and privacy and cybersecurity concerns. In the past year, they have done great work in support of writing letters of support to various organizations like Sound Generation, like the Digital Equity increase in funding for the City 2022 budget, and writing public comment for the (unintelligible), and hosting subject matter experts to our board. You will hear more from the chairs on their past work, and also some plans for the upcoming year. It's going to be pretty exciting for both of the committees.

We also do other projects. We review and provide recommendations for the Technology Matching Fund. Last year we granted over half a million dollars of funds to amazing community-based organizations supporting digital equity work across the City. We've also done presentations for great organizations such as UW, Fred Hutch, the ACLU of Washington, and the King County Council. And we also provided support and commentary on City legislation. And we also host community education presentations previously with the Seattle Public Library's Emergent Technology series. But then also, we had some primers for our board last year around topics like digital equity, broadband, and privacy, reaching out to subject matter experts across Seattle IT.

This year, we hope to continue outreach and engagement with like-minded organizations so that we can put more glue in between similar -- to get more information and just share knowledge across various organizations, not just here in Seattle, but outside, because there's a lot of great work in similar cities. And we also hope to continue providing opportunities for the public and for us to share feedback and input to City priorities, and hopefully hosting continued education around these topics. We are also open, if you are engaged around the topic of technology and the City. We are always open to encourage and support your initiatives. We would love to bring that energy onto CTAB this year. We will hope to do a lot of work this year to build community on this board, as you see already. And I'm excited to take your great work from last year into this year. So, thanks to Leah Shin, and Vinh Tang, and all of the folks shepherding our online conversations. We have great places that we could connect -- not just in these meetings. We have our web site, and Instagram feeds to follow for updates on our board. And if you have any questions, you can reach out to me by email.

Also, I think I want to take this opportunity to introduce. I give the floor to Vinh Tang and David Keyes for our great shepherds of CTAB, to introduce themselves and give us a few minutes on how they joined CTAB and connected with this venture, and what is getting them excited for this coming year. Vinh? David?

**Vinh Tang:**  Hi, Camille. You put me on the spot here. I wasn't really expecting to have to speak. I'll keep it short. My name in Vinh Tang. I am the Seattle IT governance adviser. I'm wearing two hats. I'm also supporting the new Mayor as the technology adviser for Bruce Harrell. In my role at Seattle IT, I support helping the CTAB chair, in this case, Camille. Previously, it was Rene Peters. I help them to process the CTAB agenda each month, posting it on the ctab.seattle.gov web site. I am helping any way I can. So, if the chair has a request for a presentation from a staff member of Seattle IT regarding cybersecurity, or a presentation from the Mayor's Office, it is my responsibility to help facilitate that. If there's a data request, information request, things like that. Within the City , there are many boards and commissions. Each department has an assigned board and commission liaison to help coordinate the agendas and information requests. That's really my role here in supporting CTAB. As to 2022, in terms of what is ahead, I think every year is always exciting. For the last slated work plan for Seattle IT, I think it's a lot of the same items that they did working on 2021, specifically, the Surveillance Ordinance and legislation. There are eleven Council bills remaining in queue for the surveillance impact reports. Also the continued work on Internet for All in Seattle. I don't know if Cara Vallier is on this call from Councilmember Pedersen's office, but there is a new chair for technology. It is newly elected Councilmember Sara Nelson who has the oversight for Seattle IT. I will most likely reach out to their staff. Camille, if you haven't done so, I would recommend that you do it, as well. i think we talked about that in our check-in meeting a couple of weeks ago. Hopefully, staff will be an active participant in our monthly CTAB meetings. i will stop talking there, and kick it over to David. Thank you.

**David Keyes:**  Yes, so it was good to hear Vinh talk about that. As I think about the interface with CTAB, Vinh used to work with Councilmember Harrell, and part of that work together, as I was in Seattle IT, was to facilitate the appointments. As Camille said, a little bit more than half of the CTAB members are appointed by the Mayor, with a couple of specific positions, and then about half are appointed by City Council. But they all need to get confirmed by City Council. So, Vinh has been on the other side of City Council staff, and is here helping to facilitate those appointments. On this end, then, is helping with CTAB. We're available as go-betweens. So, when people have questions about finding resources that the City may have around particular topics or background, or technology questions that may come up, or topics that you guys might want to participate in, we're here to help serve that role and facilitate some of that. Just a brief note for folks who don't know me, I originally came to CTAB as a community volunteer just sitting in on CTAB meetings. I got started by participating in a committee, and got selected for CTAB to serve on the board, and then eventually ended up in a City staff position working on digital equity. So, I'm familiar with both sides of board work. Our digital equity work coming up this year -- I know one of the things that we're doing is just starting a process on our research into levels of technology access and adoption, particularly what has been the impact since Covid. That involves what questions should we be asking the community to gauge that, to have metrics around that. What metrics do we have, and should we continue them, and what should our methodology be to involve diverse communities. That's something I'd like to have as a bigger topic at CTAB. We're looking for a few CTAB members to participate in that work group. We will have our Technology Matching Fund grants coming up. We're just working on the schedule and format for that. There are some things around federal funding. I think we're challenged long-term. What is the long-term solution? What levels of support should there and will there be for City digital equity work, particularly as the main source of cable revenue goes down? And also, what partnerships can we build with the private sector on digital equity work? We continue to track and advocate and participate around federal and state policy and funding. The Digital Equity Act, for instance. I'll send information out about that and we should have a moment to talk about that. There should potentially be federal funds as well, that could be available to us. So, tracking what that impact is is important in a place where CTAB should weigh in. Are there rules? Do we have comments on the rules? What can be used to decide who gets low-income internet subsidies, for instance. So, those a a few of the things. And then there's a broad range of other questions unassigned, that come to us.

**Camille Malonzo:**  Thank you so much, David. I'd like to definitely circle back on that opportunity. I think that's a great place where people can have a conversation around where we should engage. I was interested to know that you started off on CTAB. That's awesome! So, if folks are interested in one day climbing the ranks, you have a role model in our midst. That's awesome. Thank you.

Next, I think we're going to do a round of introductions to our board members. Just intros from our board members. We're going to go alphabetical. Introduce yourselves, why you joined and continue to be plugged into CTAB, and what technology and/or City topics interest you? I think our first board member is Brandon Lindsey.

**REINTRODUCTION OF CTAB MEMBERS**

**Brandon Lindsey:**  Hello, everybody. My name is Brandon Lindsey. I've been a CTAB board member, strangely, since March 2020. I joined right before everything got a little wild. For me, I think one really interesting thing, and we're a good example of it, is a lot of these changes that were sort of emergency pandemic changes in the way that we do things in work and stuff like Zoom -- I feel like we are still doing a lot of that the same way. It has even become standard business. When we think about digital equity and things like that, we made up rules and things really quick to adjust, and now they have become the way things are. I'm just looking at the way we are continuing to work, and how does that stay even beyond when things go back to normal? I think it would be interesting, when we think about digital equity and technology and the future of work, education, all of these kinds of pieces. That's interesting to me. And I think that, as a former employee of Goodwill, the community technology survey was a really interesting thing that we always like to look at as a benchmark to measure our numbers against. How do our students compare with the City at large and things like that. So, I think that that's a really useful document or study that the City puts out. So, I'm excited to see how that goes related to, as David would say, Covid and the future, and technology. But, anyway, that's all for me.

**Camille Malonzo:**  For sure. We were talking earlier about adaptability to these changes, but then, what will land and continue? And how to make that accessible, and how to make accessible VR/AR, the metaverse, or whatever that might be accessible to everyone, what that might look like. That's the right topic, and we should continue to ask questions. From the chat, "Can someone give a definition of digital equity?" Or at least what CTAB thinks of it. So, I think I might put this quickly to someone from the Digital Equity Committee. Not to put you on the spot, Coleman, but how does the committee conceive or define digital equity?

**Coleman Entringer:** Yes, I think that's a good question. I don't have an exact definition prepared by the committee just offhand, but I think, just broadly, we would think of it as the level of access, quality and function of technology available to various parts of the community, and making sure that any gaps that exist within those areas' metrics are bridged to enable all members of the community to have technology-enabled lives in relatively equal ways, and to enable them to actively participate by using those tools. But I also welcome anybody else from the Digital Equity Committee to add onto that, if they'd like.

**Harte Daniels:**  I just put into the chat (unintelligible):

**FROM CHAT:**

7:00 PM

BroadbandUSA Announcement

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Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022

Time: 2:30pm-4:00pm ET

Register Here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5614282712823150347>

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**Camille Malonzo:**  Thank you all. And I think we're going to move on to an intro from our next board member, Femi.

**Femi Adebayo:**  Hi. My name is Femi Adebayo. I'm currently the vice chair for CTAB. I work at Microsoft as a program manager on the (unintelligible) team. I joined last year and one of my interests in joining was it kind of caught my interest. Obviously, this was through a push from one of my mentors. We were having this chat about what one could do apart from working for a company, and they mentioned that one of the ways to contribute to your community, and this would be a good place to basically contribute to tech. That got me engaged, and I went through the process of becoming a board member. I've been here since last year. That kind of got me engaged. Personally, I think for me it was a necessity. I moved to Seattle from Chicago about five years ago, and I'm just trying to engage and get involved with my community. I felt that this was a place where I could contribute. The City has been gracious to me and has been loving to my family. So, it was something that came naturally to engage here. In terms of the technology that I am interested in, and would like to see go forth, I know we've been talking about Internet for All and having that access for all. It's a topic I'm really interested in, and with the Mayoral campaign, there was some issue around homelessness, and ways we think that that can be solved, and that's something that I'm very interested in this year. I will hopefully look for partners to engage with. I know there are policies around that and I'm looking to see how technology can help solve those things. That's an area I'm really interested in, and I want to, hopefully this year, push some engagement on that.

**Camille Malonzo:**  That was good. I know we've chatted about finding that cleavage between technology and issues around helping. I'm excited about that conversation. I think it's an important issue here in Seattle. I just put this in the chat, but if folks have questions, I don't want this to feel like an extended convo, but if people have questions or comments to our board members as they introduce themselves, please feel free to put them in the chat. It's a back and forth. Our next board member is Lassana.

**Lassana Magassa:**   Good evening, everyone. My name is Lassana Magassa. I was introduced to CTAB in 2016, 2017, when I was a student at the University of Washington. I was studying digital literacy and incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people. I attended several meetings, and met David Keyes, and I was really impressed and inspired by the work he has done and its trajectory, as he briefly summarized a little bit earlier. That is what really motivated me to join. I knew there was digital inclusion and equity work being done, but I didn't see as much work focused on some segments of the population, particularly again, the formerly incarcerated. I wanted to bring that angle to the table. One of the things that attracted me was industry discipline, infrastructure, and education. And this seemed like a good position to be in. I also started around Covid, and I have five young children, so I haven't been able to contribute as much as I would have liked to do, but I think that this is my year. So, I'm going to push for motivation and support for Camille and the rest of the board.

**Camille Malonzo:**  Thanks, Lassana, that sounds great. And, oh my gosh, five kids during a pandemic. You're our superhero. Thanks so much. If you have questions for Lassana, put them in the chat.  And then our next board member down the list is Leah. Hey, Leah!

**Leah Shin:**   Yes. I am Leah Shin. I'm currently a product research manager at Microsoft, focused on the greater economy. That's what I do at work. I joined this board about a year or so ago, so through the pandemic, as well. I kind of stumbled upon this board randomly. I'm not sure exactly how I found it. I was just Googling how can I get more involved in civic tech in Seattle. I think this was the first result that popped up, which is pretty cool. I'm super passionate about building products for people, and thinking about ways we can be inclusive and accessible outside of the corporate tech industry. So, I do a lot of social impact projects, thinking about pop-up experiences using technology to support small and medium sized businesses specifically among entrepreneurs, and exploring a whole bunch of new topics around meaningful connections, NFTs, and all that sort of stuff that we talked about. And I'm really looking forward to meeting similar-minded folks here to build with. And I'm interested in the accessibility piece. And I'm looking forward to connecting to everyone.

**Camille Malonzo:**  Thank you, Leah. What do you think of one of the big challenges in the space that you're exploring as we try to create meaningful connections?

**Leah Shin:**   That's a really good question. I'm actually also a part-time graduate student at UW right now to explore whole projects on what does meaningful connection mean for people. And we surveyed a lot of millennials, Gen Z, as that is our target market. We found that a lot of Gen Zs and millennials felt more lonely with technology in the pandemic. It was harder to foster any meaningful connections. We had the opportunity to think about how do we actually create these connections and make people joyful, and really focus on mental health, and focus on those little moments in life where it's beyond just looking at a computer screen every day. So, I think there's opportunity to explore how technology can bridge divides in that way. <https://www.linkedin.com/in/leahshin/>  <https://www.leahshin.com/hulahoop>

**Camille Malonzo:**  I wondered, too, about cross-generations. I think it's probably the same findings. I think that's a big topic for us, connection and new ways of work and connecting. Thank you, Leah. Last but not least, we have Rene Peters. Hi, Rene. Actually, no, wait. I skipped Nicole Espy.

**Nicole Espy:**   I'll be quick. Hi. It's Nicole, chair of the Privacy and Cybersecurity Committee. I work in health care, and vaccine development with Covid and all of that. And that has always been very stressful, but what actually brought me to CTAB was during the protests for Black lives, and hearing the helicopters circling overhead and having been stuck alone in my apartment. I really wanted to find a way to be engaged and involved in the world around me. And so I was searching for committees or some way to be more civically engaged and to bring new voice to Seattle City Council. So, I found this board, which was really great, because my side happy is being paranoid about privacy and cybersecurity. So, it was almost like a match made in heaven. So, I've enjoyed being part of the board, and what I really want to bring to the board are ways for individuals to not only get the best of what Seattle can bring, but then also to provide the security and protection to live the lives they desire. I will definitely want to connect more with Leah, because one of the things that we, at least in the Privacy and Cybersecurity Committee, is identifying ways to get that exact message out to Seattle residents that Seattle City Council or Seattle government can provide services but then also how do we do so that respects their autonomy and privacy. Looking forward to working with all of you guys this year.

**Camille Malonzo:**  Thanks, Nicole. I put in chat that you taught me the words, 'Tin Hat.' And I love it. I've been using it every time we talk about cybersecurity. I'd love to bring you two together to drive engagement with CTAB. Now finally, last but not lest, we have Rene Peters.

**Rene Peters:**   Least and last. Nice to meet those who I haven't met before. My name is Rene Peters. I was officially appointed to the board in summer of 2019. But I've been involved with the board ever since I moved to Seattle in 2018. I think what drew me to the board is around 2018 when I moved to Seattle, I had a number of experiences. I had taken classes in grad school, and had conversations with mentors about just how powerful some of the state and local legislation is as far as impacting the day to day world that we walk out into, and just don't think about all of these almost invisible conversations and decisions that are being made that we can make immeasurable impacts on quality of life. And specifically, as an engineer and really having a high interest in science and technology, it was just really fascinating to hear all about all of the different ways that technology helps or hinders day to day life for a number of different people. So, in thinking about how I could improve and increase the scale of learning and the scale of possible impacts on others -- positively, hopefully -- I looked at how volunteer work at the City level was something that I was interested in. So, when I moved here, I hopped onto seattle.gov, looked at the board and commissions pages, and found CTAB as something that matched my interests. Just an interested member of the public asking questions, to being part of one of the committees, to being on the board. I've had a lot of really educational experiences with the board made some great relationships, and done some good work. I have really been pleased and look forward to continuing the good work this year as a board member. So, one of the areas that really interests me is how technologies impact the way we live and work. I'm very fascinated about how new technology areas are being thought about as far as possibly rolling out on a City level, possibly the state level, in a programmatic fashion. That's the area that I'm really fascinated by. How does the City of Seattle embark on the learning journey about new technologies and how we can increase things like digital equity and protect things like privacy and cybersecurity. That's me. I work at Nvidia in the area of augmented and virtual reality. That's what I do.

**Camille Malonzo:**  Thanks, Rene. We're definitely at the edge of emerging technology, so we will look to you for some of those insights. I think those are our official board members. We have some pending board members in the room, but because I didn't give them a heads up, I think I'll give them a heads up next time at our next meeting. Then we can officially intro when their slate.is approved by City Council and Mayor. So, thank you all for those introductions. I think we've all started to generate ideas of what we would like to focus on at CTAB this year. We will move on to our next items on the agenda. We're going to move to introductions from our two committees. First, I'm going to ask for some intros from our committee leadership of themselves, and then the work of their committees, both form Digital Equity and Privacy and Cybersecurity. And then we're going to go into our breakout rooms for those folks interested in either of the committees, you get to choose between two and then we'll spend some time asking questions, and planning for the next year. So, I don't know who would like to go first. Nicole? Coleman? Harte?

**COMMITTEE UPDATES AND DISCUSSION**

**PRIVACY AND CYBERSECURITY COMMITTEE**

**Nicole Espy:**   I guess I can just go, quickly. The ask is just to give a summary of what the committee is, or what the goals are?

**Camille Malonzo:**  Yes, Just for the new year.

**Nicole Espy:**   Okay, great. The Privacy and Cybersecurity Committee is constantly looking for ways in which Seattle as a government entity as well as the technologies available in the community are interacting with data privacy, individual privacy and as a committee to provide education support on those topics. Last year, what we discussed as a group were ways to continue to be involved in the Surveillance Ordinance, which is a measure through which Seattle departments are compelled to review the surveillance impact of the various technologies onboarded. Then, we also brought some speakers in to talk about hacking and cybersecurity of critical infrastructure, government accounts, and utilities, and then also, personal cyber-hygiene articles for 2022 to try to beef up our impact and to demonstrate more action, not only from the memos that we wrote, but more engagement with individuals in the community, as well as leaders in the various departments. That's our group.

**DIGITAL EQUITY COMMITTEE**

**Coleman Entringer:** I can introduce the Digital Equity Committee. To our point earlier, when we were talking about the definition of digital equity, I think there are a lot of wide-ranging definitions for it, but I think broadly speaking, enabling access and quality of access, and function of technology and technological services to all those in our community is kind of the mandate of the Digital Equity Committee. We've focused on various projects in the past. I think an example that we were bringing up earlier was supporting and advocating for Telehealth for seniors, which was sort of prescient, since that was chosen right before the pandemic had begun, and became more important as things progressed. That was something that we advocated for and did work with, writing letters and supporting grant proposals and things of that sort. I think, broadly speaking, our goals are to focus on growing and learning, engaging and promoting digital equity among the community, advocacy and action. I think the plans for the next year, broadly speaking, is going to be getting a really great slate of speakers going, to educate the board and the broader community, about digital equity issues. We want to get more community involvement and input from CBOs and other organizations to share how they are impacted by various things, and their impact on digital equity in their view, as well as their hopes for change in the future, and things of that sort, and just a broader focus on education advocacy. That is still being defined. If you are interested in digital equity, we would love for you to help us define it. That's out two-minute overview.

**Harte Daniels:**   I would just like to add that we've heard from board members and others, what they're interested in on technology, and even people who have not had their voices heard, how their voices could be heard as well, and enriched if they were given the same platform of equal access as well as equity. If you know people whose voices have not been heard, bring them forward, because you get to decide, not just us. If there is something that you want to pursue that is vital in this hectic and pressured time, please come. We are trying to include all voices.

**Camille Malonzo:**  Thank you, Nicole, Coleman, and Harte for the overview. The way I think we are going to do these sessions is if you could type in the chat which of the two breakout sessions you would like to go to, and then Vinh Tang could divvy up those folks into those groups.

**COMMITTEE BREAK-OUT GROUPS**

**Vinh Tang:**   We have 21 participants in the chat. There are two groups. Folks should decide which one they are going to join, right?

**Camille Malonzo:**  Yes.

**Vinh Tang:**  Someone else is monitoring the breakout sessions. Is that you, David?

**Camille Malonzo:**  Oh, that's me. I'm sorry. I'm out.

**Vinh Tang:**  No, Camille, feel free to create the breakout sessions in any way you want, and I can do whatever works.

**Camille Malonzo:**  I'm trying. There are existing breakout sessions and so I'm trying to see how I could delete them.  I think I have everyone here. Okay. I think I'm going to start the breakout sessions now. We'll give ten minutes, ten to fifteen for the breakout sessions.

Okay, I think I'll the breakout sessions. I wonder if David Keyes wanted to chat about or comment about engagement opportunities during public comment? I'll hand it over to him, I think. Ending the sessions. Okay, everyone, welcome back. I hope folks got some great insight on our committees. Thanks, Nicole, for adding the link to join the Privacy and Cybersecurity email list. . <https://lists.riseup.net/www/info/ctab-privacy-newsletter>  Coleman and Harte, if there is a way to post contact info for people to get involved with Digital Equity Committee, it would be great to post in the chat. <https://meet.google.com/dky-zijo-vcr>  And, with that, I'm so excited for the new year. I hope we are getting great energy into our committees and the work ahead. I think our last item of business is opening up the floor for public comment.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Harte Daniels:**   I already put in the chat the information from Broadband USA about some of their meetings. There are a lot of ongoing from Next Century Cities as well, as well as Worldwide Human Geography. See above.

**David Keyes:**  I see that the Privacy Committee is using Rise Up for their email. I think the Digital Equity Committee should consider using that, too.

**Nicole Espy:**   It's a pretty nice, free open source platform for email newsletters.

**Harte Daniels:**   I'm usually concerned about surveillance from industry, so you will have to tell me about that. We have been using our own documentation offline, and we have earlier  this year looked at ways of collaborating in terms of (unintelligible).

**Coleman Entringer:**  <https://meet.google.com/dky-zijo-vcr>

**Camille Malonzo:**  I think we started it because one of our Privacy and Cybersecurity members suggested it to us. We can take that offline. I wanted to hear from David on Act HB 1723. Was this the bill that you were talking about at the beginning of the meeting, David?

**David Keyes:**  Yes, it was. I can send you information to distribute to everybody. It just had its first hearing today. Just a brief synopsis: It's similar to the WiFi program, a subsidy for low-income internet for residents of lower income, creates an anchor institution program that would lower internet and infrastructure costs for anchor institutions, be they nonprofits or health centers, or libraries, schools, other things, that renames and modified a community grant program. It's been called a community technology opportunity program that we helped work on, which would become the digital equity opportunity program to give local grants, kind of leveraging similar to our Technology Matching Fund grants. Lastly, it extends a -- there would be some digital inclusion planning grants in some localities, and finally continues this digital equity forum, a State advisory board on digital equity.

**Dorene Cornwell:**  Do you have any idea why courts aren't already listed as an anchor institution? I was kind of surprised that -- I forget the title of the judge who testified -- but I was kind of surprised that courts aren't already listed as an anchor institution.

**David Keyes:**  Yes, it's really interesting. Lassana Magassa and I have been on this previously, this state access to justice. In some ways, folks forget about the courts. It's like the third leg of government. There are provisions that include local government and jurisdictions, which might be included, but it's not specifically spelled out. And I think there's just that need in the digital equity sphere that their folks have more consciousness and are more likely to mention health centers and less likely to mention justice centers, including the courts. That was raised at the hearing. But also, important points raised about, with Covid, the need for people to be able to participate remotely to hearings and other justice proceedings, and what a difference that makes in terms of people having fair rights when their audio breaks up or they can't connect. And just FYI, the City signed in in support of the digital equity bill.

**Dorene Cornwell:**  I figured it had. I was going to write one with one of my different hats on -- a support letter.

**Steve LeMay:**  This is Steve. I've got to run, but I put in the chat that I'm working on something that you might be interested in. You can check it out. It's socialchangeplatforms.com. I've been involved in the block chains since 2012, and data privacy laws, working on the GDPRCCPA, stuff like that. I'm a designing member of social change platforms that have been submitted to the Mayor's Office. We're going to have discussion on it with a lot of community members and whatnot, hopefully coming to a meeting/party in the summertime. So' I'm inviting you guys officially, CTAB folks, as well. If you want to come to the discussions, you are welcome.

**FROM CHAT:**

Gonna use digital identities, blockchain data governance and crypto asset mgmt to build Social Change Platforms, led by the BIPOC community; can earn generational wealth from the apps.. check it out at [www.socialchangeplatforms.com](http://www.socialchangeplatforms.com)  Later this summer I'll have a mtg/party at my place: invitees are SPD (detective Cookie), non-profit community members (African Town Trust, FAST, Rainier Beach Action Coalition) hopefully a few mayor office folks will come. I'm inviting CTAB to join in the discussion as well.

**Harte Daniels:**  Steve, we can connect later. This is a recurring theme. Open Seattle started one of these, themselves. But I've been involved with that, etc. My time is limited, so if we could connect offline, can you send me your email address?

**Steve LeMay:**  Sure.

**Camille Malonzo:**  Thank you so much, everyone, for a great first meeting of 2022. Meeting adjourned.

**ADJOURNMENT  7:38 P.M.**