

JUNE 2021 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

In attendance: AM, TC, KD, RM, ZM, (quorum reached), EQ (beginning at "Litigation Working Group report")

Absent: SR (excused), BS (excused), SS (unexcused)

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of May Board Meeting Notes [below] [EQ]

Motion to approve by ZM, seconded by RM, unanimously approved

3. Treasurer's Report [TC]

--- Asset strategy incl. cryptocurrency holdings [circulated] [TC & EQ]

Investment policy motion to approve by ZM, seconded by RM, unanimously approved

Fidelity resolution, part of implementing investment policy, motion to approve by AM, seconded by TC, unanimously approved

----- Control of cryptocurrency wallets issue resolved?

TC is working on this and aims to resolve it by the end of July.

--- Stripe recurring payments issue resolved?

TC is working on this with RT4-MN.

--- Begin budget discussion for FY2021-22?

AM reports that, as we don't yet know about the DuckDuckGo donation, we should not draft a budget yet. He aims to have the budget approved by September.

4. Communications Chair's Report [SR] [Deferred to July board meeting]

In SR's absence, AM provided a short account of his planning call with SR.

5. Tech Chair's Report [BS] [Deferred to July board meeting]

6. Chair's Report [AM]

--- Staff Report

----- May fundraising report

AM: 15 new small donors between April 1 and June 10.

----- News imminent on DuckDuckGo donation

AM: Good call with DDG representative; Alex expects to hear on this by end of June.

----- Employment policies

Motion to approve employee policies as circulated by TC, seconded by ZM, unanimously approved

----- Parental and bereavement leave policy [circulated]

----- Complaint and whistleblower policy [circulated]

----- Health insurance policy [Deferred to July board meeting]

----- Opportunity to do 10-15 minute "flash talks" at Cato Surveillance Conference in the fall

----- Vacation absences for AM over summer: Jun 11 - July 1 in Greece, not very available; July 1 to July 12 in UK, somewhat available; July 28 - August 4, in France, not very available; Aug 12 - Sep 1, in Kenya, not available.

--- Litigation Working Group Report

----- Unanimous victory at Supreme Court in Caniglia

----- Supreme Court should decide shortly to hear/not hear Lombardo

----- Cert.-stage brief filed, denied in Nichols

----- Brief report on Van Buren decision, where we did not file a brief

--- Approvals of coalition letters

----- Letter supporting law enforcement whistleblowers - <https://whistleblower.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Police-Accountability-NGO-Sign-On-Letter-FINAL.pdf>

----- Letter supporting abolition of qualified immunity - discussed in <https://thehill.com/homenews/house/555172-police-reform-fight-hinges-on-qualified-immunity?rl=1>

----- Open letter on law enforcement use of facial recognition: <https://www.newamerica.org/oti/briefs/civil-rights-concerns-regarding-law-enforcement-use-of-face-recognition-technology/>

7. Legislative Working Group Report [ZM]

--- New Issues Page released on Cryptocurrencies and Surveillance; forthcoming on Stingrays, Facial Recognition Bans and Smart Cities

--- Stingray bill still searching for Republican House co-filer

--- Scorecard: Added positive rating for original cosponsorship

of <https://gaetz.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-matt-gaetz-leads-9-lawmakers-push-abolish-uspis-s-internet-covert>

--- Meeting with Sen. Lee's Judiciary staffer Elizabeth Oberan; discussion of potential joint efforts with EPIC and Fourth Amendment Caucus to highlight Privacy Shield's relevance to 702.

--- Further targeted outreach on 4A Is Not For Sale Act and 1033 reduction act; restarted CallPower to facilitate RT4 calls

--- Ongoing efforts with the Brennan Center and others to draft letter on social media surveillance

--- Endorsing "Clean Slate For Kids" bills

--- Surveillance oversight ordinances pass in Detroit, MI and Dayton, OH; facial recognition ban passes in King County (Seattle), WA

--- ZM highlights need to do more livestreaming events that educate public about surveillance; board agrees, AM suggests working with SR on this.

8. Chapter Liaison Report [SS] [Deferred to July board meeting]

--- Plans for common chapter calendar?

--- Development of refined "ladder" to escalate involvement from mailing list to chapter leader

--- Outreach to potential volunteers in Colorado and Albuquerque

--- RT4 list for Santa Clara County sent to Ethan

--- Chapter updates:

----- RT4-Minnesota: New FRT ban campaign in St. Paul; Line 3 activism; surveillance of George Floyd Square protests; ...

----- RT4-Boston: Civil asset forfeitures, fusion center investigations, opposing camera networking proposal, brief discussion of fusion center panel event

----- RT4-Susquehanna Valley: membership drive update, planning first RT4 post-pandemic in-person event

----- Other chapters?

9. Old Business

10. New Business

11. Scheduling next board meeting

--- Wednesday, July 21, 8:30pm Eastern

12. Adjournment