

Artificial Intelligence Task Force Meeting Minutes
April 10th, 2026
10am-12pm

Task Force Attendees:

1. Yuki Ishizuka
2. Katy Ruckle
3. Vicky Tamaru
4. Crystal Leatherman
5. Paula Sardinas
6. Senator Marko Liias
7. Scott Frank
8. Sean DeWitz
9. Tee Sannon
10. Representative Clyde Shavers
11. Cherika Carter

Call To Order 10:09

- Task Force member Yuki Ishizuka delivers opening remarks. An overview was given of the Task Force's work so far and the path forward.

Public Comment Period Begins

- The public comment period began with comments from members of the public in the meeting room. Comments ranged from support of all recommendations and feedback on frameworks in recommendations. The importance of Washington state specific solutions was underlined by multiple members of the public. Participants shared their perspectives representing their constituent body and members.

Public Comment Period Ends

- The Task Force reached quorum, Crystal Leatherman motioned to approve the minutes, and Yuki Ishizuka seconded. Minutes were approved.
- Crystal Leatherman introduces the first policy recommendation regarding Companion Chatbots and describes the background of the recommendation. The dangers of vulnerable youth interactions with the technology are mentioned and distinguished from a customer user interface. It is noted that the legislature has passed the companion chatbot bill.
- The discussion moves to discuss the second recommendation on Guidelines of Use of GenAI from WA State. Task Force member, Katy Ruckle, introduces the background of the recommendations and shares insight the current work the recommendations reflect currently. Such as upholding the state's privacy

principles and aligned language with the NIST RMF. A clarifying question is asked about the window provided for notice; it is shared the six-month notice is current practice by Office of Financial Management.

- Rep. Shavers asks the overlap between the six month notice window and the fourth policy recommendation. The group determined that the state practice wouldn't supersede possible future legislation. A suggestion is made to change the recommendation of allowing flexibility as updates to policy are made.
- The question is deliberated of the possible labor ramifications that would delay state work as they negotiate with labor representatives.
- Paula Sardinas introduces the third recommendation on Responsible Data Center Development. The Task Force member describes the background work of the recommendation and highlights the balance present in the recommendation regarding sensible safeguards and benefits to Washington state.
- Task Force member Vicky Tamaru points to the dilemma on policy making that requires looking at past data to support policy making while new data continues to emerge. Task Force member, Yuki Ishizuka, mentions the importance of Data Center Workgroup that supported the fact-finding and presented to the subcommittee.
- A brief discussion ensued on the importance of Department of Ecology in the recommendation language. A suggestion is made to include marginalized perspective in the recommendation language and striking some of the language in bullet point four. Task Force member, Yuki Ishizuka, points out the importance of Task Force members including themselves in the editing process during the two-week period between meetings.
- The Task Force looks at the fourth recommendation regarding Public Sector Employee Bargaining Rights. Task Force member, Cherika Carter, introduces the recommendation and the background of the recommendation. As well as, including the real-world ramifications of this recommendation.
- Scott Frank suggests that the Government/Public Sector recommendation notice window and should be mapped onto recommendation four.
- Katy Ruckle shares concerns on recommendation language four and calls out the concern of unrepresented workers being able to use technologies that represented workers will not be able use. An additional concern was shared by Crystal Leatherman regarding infringement of management rights by the recommendation as well as the broad language of artificial intelligence in the recommendation.
- The Task Force discusses the last recommendation regarding Establishing an Emerging Technology Oversight Body. Task Force member, Yuki Ishizuka, shares the origin of the recommendation and the shared recommendation language.
- Katy Ruckle shares the concern about using oversight vs. advisory, with preference for the latter. She shares that there would be interest in WaTech to be the home for the body. Scott Frank shares a similar opinion of a standing advisory body.

- Vicky Tamaru points to the value of having the body being connected to AGO due to proximity to previous work. Suggests some formalization about the connection between the two agencies. Rep. Shavers notes the possible fiscal impact. Yuki Ishizuka invites all Task Force members to input on the formalization of the recommendation language.
- Senator Wellman points to the fiscal challenges and shares that a more nuanced take is required when thinking of the path forward. Such as approving the recommendation then moving it to a permanent spot where fiscal appropriations can be allocated.
- Meeting facilitator shares next steps regarding incorporating discussion points into recommendation language and details of April 24th discussion. Closing remarks are given.

Meeting adjourned 11:56 am