

The Joint Commission on Technology and Science Privacy Advisory Committee held its first meeting of the 2005 Interim on Thursday, June 23 at 10:00 a.m. in Richmond. Co-chairmen Senator John Watkins and Senator Kenneth W. Stolle were both present, along with appointed citizen members representing numerous perspectives and industries. In addition, Delegate Joe T. May, chairman of JCOTS, attended the meeting.

After roll call and introductions, staff provided the Advisory Committee with an overview of the workplan referred to it by JCOTS. The key items for discussion and review include database breach legislation -- the topic of House Bill 2721 (Scott, J.M.) referred to JCOTS by the 2005 General Assembly; the use of biometrics in identification cards, including an update of the work of the Department of Motor Vehicles into the feasibility of including biometrics in drivers' licenses and identification cards; an update as to the status of access to social security numbers under Virginia law; and on-line dating legislation that would require certain background checks or disclosures on dating websites (see HB 2467, May, 2005).