

**STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Special Board Conference Call Meeting
Thursday, January 12, 2006**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Jesse Smart, Chairman
Wanda Rednour, Vice Chairman
Patrick Brady, Member
John Keith, Member
William McGuffage, Member
Albert Porter, Member
Bryan Schneider, Member

ABSENT: Robert Walters, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Dan White, Executive Director
Steve Sandvoss, General Counsel
Becky Glazier, Assistant to Executive Director
Amy Calvin, Administrative Specialist

The special meeting of the State Board of Elections was called to order via telephonic means at 1:00 p.m. with five members present. Member Walters was absent and Member Smart held his proxy. Vice Chairman Rednour and Member Brady were delayed in joining the meeting. Member Keith and Chairman Smart held their proxies respectively.

Member McGuffage moved to recess as the State Board of Elections and reconvene as the State Officers Electoral Board. Member Porter seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting recessed shortly after 1:00 pm and reconvened at 1:12 p.m. Vice Chairman Rednour and Member Brady arrived at 1:05 p.m. during the State Officers Electoral Board meeting.

The General Counsel presented a withdrawal of candidacy submitted by Scott Summers who had filed independent nominating petitions for the office of Governor. Mr. Summers had a pending objection against his petitions and acceptance of the withdrawal would render the objection moot. Member Porter moved to accept the withdrawal of candidacy from Mr. Summers and that he would not appear on the ballot. Member McGuffage seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

The next matter on the agenda for Board consideration was a modification to Diebold's AcuVote In-Precinct Optical Scan with 2002 Standards applied. Chuck Owens from Diebold and Bill Barrett from Fidlar were present in the Chicago office. Ken Gibson from Fidlar was present in the Springfield office. Dianne Felts gave a brief overview of her report. Ms. Felts indicated the testing took place at the State Fairgrounds utilizing seven AccuVote tabulators. Staff ran approximately 20,000 ballots without a miss. Staff also ran the three ballots from a prior test that was shown to the Board at

a previous meeting. These ballots were run ten times each in different orientations without any miscounts. Ms. Felts then recommended interim certification for this modification. In response to a question from a question from Member Porter, Ms. Felts indicated she requested the Statement of Voters reports reflect 'blank ballots' as the precinct reports already show. Ms. Felts also verified the source code was received prior to testing. Vice Chairman Rednour moved to grant interim certification of modification to Diebold's AccuVote In-Precinct Optical Scan. Member Brady seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 7-1 with Member Keith voting in the negative.

Member McGuffage indicated he received a copy of Diebold's response to Member Keith's interrogatories from the December Board meeting and moved to make them part of the record of the December 20, 2005 Board meeting. Vice Chairman Rednour seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Member Keith moved to recess to executive session to consider pending litigation with the Assistant Attorney Generals who were present. Vice Chairman Rednour seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The Board recessed at 1:25 p.m. and reconvened at 1:45 p.m. Vice Chairman Rednour left the meeting during executive session and Member Keith held her proxy.

Member McGuffage moved to ratify action taken during executive session. Member Porter seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

With there being no further discussion, Member Keith moved to adjourn until Thursday, January 19, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. Member McGuffage seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Administrative Specialist

Executive Director