

**STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Special Board Conference Call
Monday, February 6, 2006**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Jesse R. Smart, Chairman
Wanda L. Rednour, Vice Chairman
John R. Keith, Member
William M. McGuffage, Member
Albert S. Porter, Member
Bryan A. Schneider, Member
Robert J. Walters, Member

ABSENT: Patrick A. Brady, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Daniel W. White, Executive Director
Steve Sandvoss, General Counsel
Amy Calvin, Administrative Specialist

The continuation of the February 3, 2006 special meeting of the State Board of Elections was called to order via telephonic means at 12:02 p.m. with seven Members present. Member Brady was absent and Chairman Smart held his proxy.

The Chairman presented for Board consideration approval of Hart Inter Civic E-Slate Direct Recording Electronic Device (DRE). The General Counsel explained that an understanding had been reached and that he believed the system was not in direct violation of 24C-15. Mr. Sandvoss indicated that his main concern was the ballot secrecy issue in situations where there may be one voter in a jurisdiction assigned a particular ballot style and the posting of that ballot style for everyone in the precinct to view. In a response to an inquiry from Chairman Smart, Jay Bennett from Kane County, JoAnn Thomas from Peoria County and Jeanette Mitzelfelt from the City of Peoria verified that there would not be a case of only one voter in a precinct in their jurisdictions for the March election. David Hart from Hart Inter Civic assured the Board that they would make the change on the precinct reports in time for the November election. Mr. Hart indicated they would present these changes to the ITA and Ms. Felts around April 15. After discussion, Member Walters moved to grant certification of the Hart Inter Civic E-Slate (DRE). Vice Chairman Rednour seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 6-2 with Members Keith and McGuffage voting in the negative.

The Executive Director presented a candidate withdrawal that was forwarded to the SBE via fax. Mark Mossman indicated that John Polster who was a candidate for the 22nd Circuit, 1st Sub-circuit, the A vacancy wished to withdraw his candidacy. Mr. Mossman verified that the jurisdiction, McHenry County, had been contacted and had no objections to the Board accepting the withdrawal.

Member Walters moved to accept the candidate withdrawal pending receipt of the original. Vice Chairman Rednour seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0

With there being no further discussion, Vice Chairman Rednour moved to adjourn the February 3, 2006 special meeting. Member Walters seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

The February 6, 2006 special meeting convened at 12:34 p.m. with seven Members present. Member Brady was absent and Chairman Smart held his proxy.

Ms. Felts presented for Board consideration approval of Hart Inter Civic Ballot Now Scan. Ms. Felts explained the system is only used for mail absentee ballots and gave a brief overview of the issues. Ms. Felts indicated that a situation was worked out in that an actual card would use to prove that the algorithm B'NORA is not on the system. If the system still showed it on election night the election judges would have to hand count the absentee ballots. Another issue was with the administrator having too much power. Ms. Felts explained that five election judges would review the ballots prior to going through the scanner and would perform the resolve, confirm and non-confirm. Ms. Felts then recommended two year interim certification of the system. Member Walters moved to certify the Ballot Now Scan. Vice Chairman Rednour seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 7-1 with Member McGuffage voting in the negative.

With there being no further discussion, Member Walters moved to adjourn until Friday, February 10, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. Vice Chairman Rednour seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Calvin, Administrative Specialist II

Daniel W. White, Executive Director