

State Board of Elections Board Meeting
Friday, February 10, 2006
9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Daniel W. White, Executive Director
Steve Sandvoss, General Counsel
Darlene Gervase, Assistant to the Executive Director

The special telephonic meeting of the State Board of Elections was called to order shortly after 9:00 a.m. with 7 members present. Mr. Porter held Mr. McGuffage's proxy.

The Chairman called for a motion to recess to the State Officers Electoral Board. Vice Chairman Rednour moved for a recess and Mr. Walter's seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The Board recessed at 9:05 a.m. and returned to regular session at 9:35 a.m.

The Board considered certification of the Sequoia 400-C Central Count Scan; Sequoia Insight Scan; Sequoia HAAT; Sequoia AVC Edge 5.0.23 modification; and Sequoia VinEDS 3.1.012. Dianne Felts, Director of Voting Systems and Standards began her report with her recommendations for 2-year interim approval of Sequoia HAAT, Sequoia AVC Edge 5.0.23 modification; and the Sequoia WinEDS 3.1.012. Vice Chairman Rednour moved to grant 2 year interim approval of the aforementioned voting systems. Mr. Brady seconded the motion which passed 8-0.

Ms. Felts summarized the results of the Sequoia Insight Scan and noted that carbon utensils need to be used on the Insight, but that she had no problems with the arrow. Chicago Board of Elections' Executive Director, Lance Gough, and Mr. Larry Cort of Sequoia assured Director Felts that modifications had been made that eliminated the problems that she experienced. Mr. Gough stated that he was satisfied with the results of the tests and Ms. Felts recommended certification. Mr. Porter asked that better communications be established with Ms. Felts to make her aware of modifications made after her testing. Mr. Porter moved to grant 2-year interim certification to the Sequoia Insight Scan. Mr. Brady seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Interim certification of the Sequoia 400 C Central Count Scan was considered. Director Felts stated that this system would be used only for the absentee ballots that arrive too late to be counted at the polling place. Two large, noisy machines were tested. One machine performed perfectly, but the other went down on the first precinct. Quick fixes attempted by a Sequoia representative were futile. The Board asked Mr. Gough if he was comfortable with the performance of the 400C and he replied affirmatively and added that they have a 500 card deck that will be run to detect problems. Furthermore, this information will be used jointly with the Cook County Board of Election Commissioners as they use the same systems. The Board asked if Ms. Felts was satisfied with the statements of Mr. Gough and she replied that she trusts Mr. Gough and that they have a very good testing program. Mr. Gough thanked Director Felts for her diligence during this time and Mr. Cort stated that in his 22 years with voting systems he has never been involved in a more intensive testing regiment and also thanked Ms. Felts. Director Felts thanked her staff for their tireless work and support. Vice Chairman Rednour moved to grant 2-year interim certification to the Sequoia 400 C Central County Scan. Mr. Walters seconded the motion which passed 8-0.

Mr. Sandvoss gave a brief report on the *O'Brien, et al. v. SBE, et al.*, wherein the Board was ordered to certify the names of candidates Joan Margaret O'Brien, Carole Kamin Bellows and James A. Varga and ordered not to certify candidates to those positions. A status is scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2006.

Mr. John Nelson, attorney for the objector in the *Prochaska* matter, stated that he had arrived late, and asked that the record reflect that he had been present for part of the hearing that was heard by the State Officers Electoral Board. The Chairman noted his request.

The Chairman advised the board that no changes were made to the Open Meetings Act nor will it be brought forward in this session so the board will be able to continue meeting via conference call for special meetings. He noted that the board has met 11 times since January 4, 2006.

There being no further business before the board Vice Chairman Rednour moved to adjourn until Tuesday, February 21, 2006 or the call of the Chairman, whichever comes first. Mr. Walters seconded the motion which passed 8-0. The Board adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

DATED: February 10, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Gervase, Assistant to the Executive Director

Daniel W. White, Executive Director