

**STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Special Board Meeting Conference Call
Friday, October 13, 2006**

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Robert J. Walters, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Daniel W. White, Executive Director
Steve Sandvoss, General Counsel
Dianne Felts, Director/VOSS
Amy Calvin, Administrative Specialist II

The special meeting of the State Board of Elections was called to order via telephonic means at 2:00 p.m. with seven members present. Member Walters was absent and Chairman Smart held his proxy.

The Chairman stated the reason for today's meeting was for consideration of the Sequoia Edge 2 Plus Model 300 for certification in Illinois and asked Dianne Felts to begin her report. Ms. Felts indicated the first item would be to approve the Edge 2 Plus version 1.2.33 and that initial testing of this equipment began in August with several versions being tested due to requests for changes from Sequoia's customers and the SBE. The final version was manually tested with approximately twenty precincts in the consolidated primary election and nineteen in the general election and used the voter cards to activate eleven precincts in the consolidated and eleven in the general using the HAAT version 2.1.18. The voter verifiable paper record always matched the totals on the voting machine. Ms. Felts explained the consolidated test was performed on the newest version of the Edge 2 Plus and the general election test was conducted on the preceding version. She also noted that Cook and Chicago have a special task force assigned to oversee these issues and that members of the disability community have checked out the machine and indicated they felt the problems encountered before were corrected. Ms. Felts also explained a few problems that were encountered, one of them being the fact that they had to change locations of the testing due to expiration of building leases. Once they arrived at the third location, she discovered that one of the machines failed to recalibrate after the

move which caused the wrong candidate to receive the vote but noted that the voter verifiable paper trail always gives the voter an opportunity to change the vote. Therefore, the machines will need to be recalibrated prior to setup in early voting locations and on election day. In response to a question regarding recalibration for this election, Lance Gough, Executive Director and Clem Balanoff, Director of Elections from the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners both indicated this would not be a problem for their jurisdictions. Ms. Felts then recommended certification of the system. Member Keith suggested certifying the system only for the General Election and then if any problems arise they can be addressed before the next election and Ms. Felts agreed. Member Schneider moved to certify the Edge 2 Plus only for the upcoming General Election. Member Porter seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

Ms. Felts presented the next item for consideration, the WinEDS version 3.1.074, which is an operating system that will be used for all of the systems. The WinEDS would be used with the 400C which counts mail absentee ballots and testing was successful with one restriction to use a security envelope on election day. The next item was the HAAT version 2.1.18 which creates the voter card with the appropriate ballot style for each voter and merges the totals from the in-precinct optical scan with the touch screen on election day. Ms. Felts indicated the merging function was part of the delays in reporting from the primary election. Mr. Gough indicated for this election each polling place will have one Edge 2 Plus and one Insight so consolidation should be much quicker. Representatives from Cook and Chicago also verified there would be special technical judges at every site on election day and at early voting sites to deal with any issues if they arise and that they felt comfortable with use of this equipment. Ms. Felts then recommended approval of the HAAT version 2.1.18, the WinEDS version 3.1.074 and the components 400C and Insight which operate from this system only for the General Election. Member Porter moved to accept the recommendation of Ms. Felts. Member Schneider seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

Chicago and Cook County thanked the Board and Ms. Felts and her staff for their hard work.

With there being no further business, Member Keith moved to adjourn until November 13, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. or until call of the Chairman, whichever occurs first. Vice Chairman Rednour seconded the motion which passes unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Calvin, Administrative Specialist II

Daniel W. White, Executive Director