

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Special Board Meeting Via Videoconference
Wednesday, November 25, 2009

MINUTES

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

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

The special meeting of the State Board of Elections was called to order via videoconference means at 9:00 a.m. with all Members present. Chairman Schneider and Members Brady, McGuffage and Porter were present in the Chicago office and Members Keith and Smart present in the Springfield office. Member Walters was present in Godfrey at Lewis and Clark Community College and Vice Chairman Rednour was present via teleconference.

The Chairman opened the meeting by leading everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

The Executive Director presented the first item on the agenda which was consideration of the AccuVote modification and asked Dianne Felts, Director of Voting Systems and Standards to give an oral report. Ms. Felts explained this was a modification to the AccuVote only to satisfy change in state law, specifically Sections 24b-16 and 17.11. Staff ran 3,790 ballots in the general primary on models, A, B, C and D without tabulation errors and the audit logs were not an issue as far as changing the paper rolls. Ms. Felts then asked for two year interim approval for the general primary election only and indicated that testing for the general election will take place after the primary election.

Chairman Schneider recognized that several election authorities were present and asked if any of them would like to discuss the testing question. Tom LaCaze, Clinton County Clerk, inquired about changing the paper rolls and Ms. Felts indicated that if paper rolls do not need to be changed under the current system they shouldn't need to be changed under the new version. In response to a

question from Katherine Schultz, McHenry County Clerk, Ms. Felts verified that she did not have any feed errors when the ballots were inserted. Bob Saar, Executive Director of the DuPage County Board of Election Commissioners, indicated the software/firmware overshoots the intent of the law and that he received a risk assessment from ES&S which was troublesome and that the Board should receive the same risk assessment as well. In response to an inquiry from Dick Leibovitz, Rock Island County Clerk, Ms. Felts explained that if a ballot is kicked back it could be put right back through without waiting forty-five seconds. Ms. Felts also verified that she has received the application, fee and source code and the system meets applicable technical standards for the 2010 General Primary Election. Member Porter then moved to approve the modification. Member McGuffage seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 7-1 with Member Walters voting in the negative.

The General Counsel gave a brief oral report on the status of the objection process. He indicated that five statewide records exams have been completed to date and is anticipating the third week of December for disposition of those cases.

Member Porter moved to recess to executive session to discuss pending litigation. Member Brady seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting recessed at 9:20 a.m. and reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

With there being no further business before the Board Member McGuffage moved to adjourn until 11:00 a.m. on December 2, 2009, or until call of the Chairman whichever occurs first. Member Porter seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Calvin, Administrative Specialist II

Daniel W. White, Executive Director