

State Election Commission
Friday, January 12, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.
Secretary of State Conference Room
Minutes

Members Attending:

Gary Collias, Chair
The Honorable Mac Warner, Secretary of State
Taylor Downs (By Teleconference)
Vince Cardi (By Teleconference)

Others Attending:

Donald Kersey, Director of Elections and Deputy Legal Counsel
Chuck Flannery, Chief of Staff and Deputy Secretary of State
Steve Connelly, Deputy Secretary of State and Chief Legal Counsel
Steven Adams, Deputy Communications Director
Missi Kinder, Campaign Finance Specialist

The State Election Commission met on Friday, January 12, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Secretary of State's Office. Chairman Collias called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., and a quorum was established by roll call.

Mr. Kersey spoke about the report from computer experts Steve Hyre and Tony Schliesser regarding Election Systems and Software's (ES&S) EVS 5.2.2.0 electronic voting system. The 5.2.2.0 is a firmware updates to the current Express Vote voting system used in 13 counties across West Virginia.

Mr. Hyre and Mr. Schliesser met on November 30, 2017 to review and inspect this system, and found that the update does fix a ballot presentation issue. Specifically, the ballot would only present 8 names in a particular race. If additional names were on the ballot for that race, the voter would have to move to another page to view those names. This upgrade will allow a dual screen, allowing up to 16 names to appear in a particular race at a time. This version also includes cyber security upgrades.

It was determined that this system complies with or supersedes all Federal Election Commission (FEC) guidelines, and that it does comply with West Virginia Code.

Secretary Warner made the motion to approve the EVS 5.2.2.0 with Mr. Cardi seconding the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kersey informed the commission that Voter ID Law Rack Cards have been distributed Statewide. These cards explain the law in layman's terms, and includes FAS's, code sites, and contact information.

The Secretary of State's office has had unanimous support from several organizations, and free brail versions have been offered for use by the office.

Mr. Downs made the motion to adjourn at 10:10 a.m. with Secretary Warner seconding the motion. Motion passed unanimously.