

State Election Commission Meeting 2/25/19

Attendees:

Brittany Westfall
Donald Kersey
Chuck Flannery
Nathan Tawney
Andy Parker - GSC
Anthony Delligatti
Matthew Chapman
Secretary Mac Warner

Start Time: 9:02

Established quorum – All SEC Members in attendance

9:03: Approval of minutes from 9/11/18

Address EVS 6.0.2.0

9:04 Brittany addressed the specifications of the machine.

Sec. asked Brittany her opinion if this should be approved.

Does not meet recording device or ballot marking device. It is the impression of Brittany that it should not be approved.

This machine does not meet voter verified paper trail. It does not print any paper.

Deak said current machines print out ballot for voter verifications. This machine does not. Legally speaking he does not think the machine fits the code.

Ohio certified every part of the machine. Said certain parts of the machine cannot be used unless code is changed.

ES&S wants SEC to certify part of the machine. The question is, should there be computer experts to review the machine?

On a national level, when a voter does not have their physical ballot in hand...it's a problem.

The physical print out is an option on this new machine. Can either get a physical print out or the ballot tabulates directly into the machine.

9: 13 ES&S wants ExpressVote XL certified if this machine is not. – this machine is a much bigger screen.

9:14 Secretary asked if there's discussion. Voter chooses option. Or you can turn off tabulator completely. Counties would get a much nicer machine where you can't use much of it.

9:15: Nate asked if there's a dire consequence to not certifying today. Deak said "no", there's only one county that has interest in this machine. We're not fixing a problem in the state. The county interested is Marshall.

9:17 Question asked why Marshall wanted it. The answer is it's slick and all in one.

Secretary said technology has out paced our current laws.

9:19: Has this helped Ohio? We're not sure. They just change their laws recently.

Secure Elections Act which requires voter verified paper trail.

9:20: Sec. Warner said he felt uncomfortable. Nate said it's not the proper time either. Mac motioned to deny, Nate and the rest of the quorum agreed.

9:22 Ben jumped on and requested part of the machine be approved. Mac asked if we needed a new application if there's only part approval.

Brittany said a new application would be required.

Brittany asked if they would send a new app that does not include tabulator mode.

Ben asked if SEC could approve the application today. Mac said he wants the application in hand. Cam jumped on.

Cam wants it for the 2020. Certify without the tabulator as an insurance policy just in case they need to fall back on it. Basically, they want to keep up with the progression of Election Ware.

3-4-8a requires a written application – Brittany relayed to Cam.

9:28 - Deak said submit a new application for the full device that meets code.

Deak requested that ES&S wait

60 40 will be done in May. Possibly wait till after this approval. They want machines approved before the 60100 release.

9:31 Sec. Warner asked for more discussion. All in favor. The application was denied but SEC would review another application that's cleaned up.

9:32 HAVA Review. Summary of the HAVA grant submission.

We are in the green with reporting.

Some counties have sent back money that was not needed. HAVA Grant Board will meet again and review HAVA.

County Clerks Conf. we will go over voter experience at the polls.

Clerks conf. is approved under HAVA. We can spend money for everything involved with this conf.

Sec. Warner ask SEC to use HAVA left over money for the conference.

9:25 Sec. Warner shows appreciation to SEC for approving grant funds.

9:37 Sec. Warner said we may talk about the HAVA funds for the Clerks Conf. in May

9:28 Chair appointment? Sec. Warner expressed that the Sec. is typically not the chair. We'll address in next meeting who the chair can be. Chapman expressed that Tawney could do it. Tawney said he'd like to review that in our next meeting.

9:39 Other Business

How do states certify machines? We rely on Fed. Gov. to verify machines. We could do more and ask better questions about machines. Wanting better certification process. Proposal for order. The SEC can issue order officially and Sec. of State office can see to it.

Craft order/Checklist to keep up with Fed. Standards.

See part of the process.

See if we could have computer specialist apply a rigorous review

We need to develop our own checklist and have analysts review

Sec. Warner said let's charge ahead

9:43: Are we looking for one other member? Warner said we are looking for one other Democrat. Sec. Warner said talk with Deak on suggestions.

Deak said he is no longer Elections Director and from here on out talk to Brittany

9:44 Sec. Warner requested to adjourn. All in favor.