

State Election Commission
Tuesday, May 31, 2016 – 12:30 p.m.
Secretary of State’s Conference Room
Minutes

Attendees:

Members

Gary A. Collias
The Honorable Natalie E. Tennant, Secretary of State
Taylor Downs, by teleconference

Guests

Layna Valentine-Brown
Justin Williams
Samantha Godby

The State Election Commission met on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 12:30 p.m. in the Secretary of State’s Conference Room at the State Capitol Complex. The meeting was called to order and chaired by Gary Collias. A quorum of members was established.

The first item on the agenda was approval of minutes from the March 3, 2016, April 7, 2016 and April 15, 2016 State Election Commission meetings. Mr. Collias stated that there is a mistake in the April 15th minutes. They state that Mr. Collias was present and he was not. They also show that Vince Cardi was not present and he was in attendance by teleconference. The minutes from that meeting need to reflect the correct attendance.

Taylor Downs made a motion to approve the minutes with Secretary Tennant seconding. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The next item on the agenda was a request to approve Election Systems & Software’s (ES&S) EVS 5.2.1.0 Voting System. Layna Valentine-Brown, State Elections Director, addressed the Commission. She stated that they received a request from ES&S to consider a modification to the EVS 5.2.0.0 that had already been certified by the Commission. The modifications include a write in report and some bug fixes. They created an express vote rolling kiosk to hold the express vote system and would also accommodate a larger ballot box. There is also an upgrade to a Delkin card reader. She continued that two State computer experts had an in-person review of the modifications and provided a report advising that they would recommend these modifications for use in West Virginia. There was discussion regarding the changes. Mr. Collias asked if the State computer experts both agreed that everything is compliant with West Virginia law. Ms. Valentine-Brown responded yes.

Secretary Tennant made a motion to approve the voting system modification with Taylor Downs seconding. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Collias asked for discussion regarding the changes that the Commission put in place to accommodate the large number of Republican delegates. There was also discussion regarding the wait time to vote in the Primary Election experienced in some precincts. Finally, there was discussion regarding the state budget and the implications for the two funds controlled by the SEC.

With no further business, Taylor Downs made a motion that the meeting be adjourned with Secretary Tennant seconding. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.