

Minutes

State Board of Elections Meeting

State Capitol, Pierre

March 20, 2003

The meeting was called to order by chair Chris Nelson at 8:00a.m. on March 20, 2003 with the following members responding:

Present : Chris Nelson, Gail Brock, Carol Klumper, Linda Lea Viken, Karen Layher, Nelva Kristofferson

Absent: Beth Benning

Kea Warne, Secretary of State's staff; Sherri Sundem Wald, Attorney General's Office; Patty Pearson, Kids Voting; Robert Kean, SD Advocacy Services; Shelly Pfaff, Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities; Dave Vogel, Director of DakotaLink - SD's Assistive Technology project; Jeff Kisecker, Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired; and Steve Stewart, Division of Rehabilitation Services.

Lisa Lehan was present from Election Systems and Software seeking certification for the ES&S iVotronic Version 1 - 7.4.5.0 DRE. Ms. Lehan demonstrated the system including the supervisor terminal, the voting terminal and the communications/printer unit. Dave Vogel and Jeff Kisecker operated the audio component of the unit and provided suggestions on improvement for the vendor. Ms. Lehan presented a document detailing how the system meets each of the certification criteria. Each criteria appeared to be met by the unit with the possible exception of ARSD 5:02:09:02.02(10) which requires the unit to meet the disability voting requirements of the Help America Vote Act. It is unclear at this time whether the Act requires DRE machines to have the capability to accommodate "puff and sip" technology for disabled access.

Moved by Viken and seconded to certify the ES&S iVotronic Version 1 - 7.4.5.0 DRE with the provision that if it is determined by the Election Assistance Commission that "puff and sip" compatibility is a requirement of HAVA, the certification of this model would be revoked. Passed.

Moved by Layher and seconded to recommend that the Secretary of State introduce legislation correcting the election calendars for combined school and municipal elections. Passed.

Moved by Klumper and seconded to recommend that the Secretary of State introduce legislation applying certiorari provisions to SDCL 12-21 to all elections. Passed.

Moved by Viken and seconded to recommend that the Secretary of State introduce legislation allowing the Board to prescribe the election worker's oath in rule and provide a penalty for violation. Passed.

Adjourned.

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State