



Meeting called by: Secretary of State
Bernie Buescher

Tuesday, May 18, 2010 - 1:00 PM
Colorado Secretary of State Office

Facilitator: Judd Choate, Chair

Note Taker: Sherry Mazur

Attendees: Pam Anderson; Garland Wahl; Joe Richey; Stephanie O'Malley; Carol Murray; Kevin Paul; Carol Tone; Micki Wadhams; Ryan Call; Rich Pelletier

Testimonials:

Russ Ragsdale, Broomfield County Clerk

Teresa James, Project Vote

Faith Gross, Disabilities Community

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Agenda item: Secretary Bernie Buescher

Agenda item: Introduction of New Member – Rich Pelletier

Agenda item: BPVC Standing Rules of Procedure

To correlate times on individual comments, please review recorded meeting
at: http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/info_center/archived_conference.htm ; part I begins 13:00; part II begins 15:22

Secretary Buescher

9:37 – Plan for additional commissioners of the Elections Best Practices and Vision Commission

Judd Choate

8:10 – Judd opens meeting

13:31 – Introduction of new member, Rich Pelletier

13:40 – Rich: Introduction and short bio

1:46:16 – Informs that Colorado has volunteered for Dept. of Defense sponsored trials on UOCAVA

Recording, Part II

1:24:11 – Informs members on the Secretary's desire and plans to collect data on elections costs

1:29:37 – New topic for next meeting; verification of signatures on ballot issues

1:33:52 – Motion to accept revised 4/21/2010 meeting minutes submitted by Joe Richey

Comments: Joe Richey

5:15 – Proposes to amend last sentence on Rules of Procedure

14:40 – Judd; finalize Standing Rules of Procedure

16:04 – Ryan; agrees with proposed change to last sentence on Rules of Procedure

16:57 – Judd calls for motion to finalize Rules; All agree; motion carries

Comments; Carol Murray

1:16:16 – Carol; questions on active/inactive failed to vote

1:47:20 – Carol; concerns on internet voting

1:49:09 – Carol; wants clarification to be in place on terminology used during meeting when discussing internet voting v. electronic transmission

Agenda item: Statewide mail ballot

a. Testimony

Broomfield County Clerk Russ Ragsdale – costs of elections and technology needs

20:00 – Intro/short bio

- Questions/comments on Russ Ragsdale’s survey regarding costs of becoming an all mail ballot state
 - 12:29 – Secretary Buescher; comments on becoming an all mail ballot state
 - 18:00 – Judd; discusses mail ballot elections; introduces Broomfield County Clerk & Recorder Russ Ragsdale
 - 25:11 – Stephanie; comments on survey regarding cost of elections
 - 27:40 – Ryan: overview of survey
 - 30:20 – Pam; comments on survey
 - 30:43 – Judd; offers to forward/make available full spreadsheet of Clerk Ragsdale’s cost of elections survey results
 - 33:17 – Carol; comments on survey
 - 34:29 – Stephanie; comments on survey
 - 37:55 – Joe; questions to Clerk Ragsdale on survey
 - 42:06 – Carol; comments on survey
 - 43:14 – Joe; questions to Clerks on survey
 - 46:40 – Garland; comments on Judd’s question regarding timing to vote
 - 45:31 – Judd; questions timing to vote a ballot
 - 46:23 – Pam; elaborates on timing to vote ballot
 - 46:53 – Judd; question on survey regarding negative costs
 - 50:40 – Garland; comments/elaborates on survey
 - 51:15 – Kevin; question on survey, and future surveys
 - 52:40 – Rich; questions on survey
 - 56:17 – Secretary Buescher; comments on survey regarding costs of becoming an all mail ballot state
 - 58:10 – Pam; comments on costs associated with elections
 - 1:00:38 – Stephanie; elaborates on Pam’s comments
 - 1:02:30 – Bernie; validates Pam & Stephanie’s Points on costs of mail ballot elections
 - 1:04:48 – Provides information on elections at the Federal level
 - 1:07:46 – Joe; question to Clerk Ragsdale on results of survey
 - 1:09:06 – Pam; comments on survey
 - 1:11:56 – Rich; comments on concerns about mail ballot expenditures
 - 1:17:50 – Judd; question to Russ about validity of utilizing USPS in this day of technology
 - 1:19:57 – Voices concerns regarding relationship with USPS; issues with customer services
 - 1:25:07 – Comments on USPS ceasing Saturday deliveries

Part II of recording

Teresa James, Project Vote – effect of mail ballot on civic engagement and access

Part II of recording

15:22 – Intro/Bio begins presentation

- Questions/comments
 - 25:16 – Joe; questions on presentation
 - 19:28 – Carol; comments on Project Vote presentation
 - 21:38 – Pam; questions on the Project Vote presentation

Faith Gross, Disabilities community – effect of mail ballot on disabled and elderly

Part II of recording

45:00 – Intro/Bio begins presentation

- Questions/comments
 - 1:01:09 – question regarding residential facilities
 - 1:01:58 – Stephanie; answers question regarding residential living facilities and voting

b. Terrence Carroll’s 2010 legislation

i. Hilary Rudy, Secretary of State’s office – elements of the bill

Part II of recording

- 1:01:59 – Begins presentation
- 1:15:24 – Judd: moves to discuss Hilary’s topic length at next meeting

Action Items: Discussion will resume in detail at next meeting

Judd will forward Hilary’s notes to members for review

Suggested additions to Hilary’s notes: Signature Verification; Challenge Procedures; List Maintenance; County Optional Mail Ballot

ii. Discussion of Speaker Carroll’s legislation

- 1:25:39 – Rich; requests clarification on 4 corners of modernization bill