



## Meeting Notice for the Governor's Commission on Disabilities Election Assistance Committee

**Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 4:30 PM**

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**Attendees:** Rory Carmody, Casey Gartland, Rob Rock (BOE)

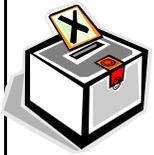
**Guests:** Paul Caranci (Democracy Live)

**Staff:** Christopher DeGrave, Bob Cooper



**4:30 Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes, Rory Carmody, Chair**

Chair calls the meeting to order at: **4:33pm**  
Introductions of Committee Members & Guests



**MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as *presented from December 2014.***

**Motion moved by: Casey Gartland**  
**Seconded by: Rory Carmody**  
**Motion Passes Unanimously**

### Action Items:



**4:35 Voter Technology Committee Action Update, Bob Cooper**

**Purpose/Goal: To review the latest meetings of the Voting Technology Committee**

Discussion:

- New Technologies Discussion- SOS Office has a 21-member task force to create a plan for new voting equipment procurement. Legislation is in place to procure new equipment in the future.
- Bob Cooper has represented the GCD and disability rights on the committee.
- Project Timeline- Still developing and unknown at this time. Hope is to have the new system online for the 2016 election cycle.
- Associated Costs are unknown at this time and RFP still under development
- Community & Accessibility Impact
- EAC committee to be updated in future concerning new developments in the procurement process.



MOTION: None at this time.



4:45 HAVA Budget Update, *Bob Cooper*

**Purpose/Goal:** To discuss and review the payments and processing of the 2014 HAVA grants as awarded.

**Discussion:**

- Processed Grants Update- Over \$240,000 processed during the last election cycle for accessibility improvements at polling places statewide (Excellent Feedback)
- Future Spending (Mini Grants vs. Advertisements vs. Staff Time Costs)
- We have approximately **\$31,600** available until September 26, 2016. We have to not only spend the remaining amount but also submit all payment requests before Friday September 30, 2016.



MOTION: None at this time.

5:00 EAC Strategic Plan Update, *Christopher DeGrave, GCD Staff*

**Purpose/Goal:** Discuss & review the committee action plan for the future of the EAC



**Discussion:**

- Past Project Review- Community grants were a great success with excellent feedback from several communities.
- Update EAC Strategic Plan- PowerPoint Slide 22-24
  - **Revisions to Staff Shall:** Survey historically problematic and new polling places, establish a mini grant program with remaining/ available HAVA funds for local communities, Conduct/ Participate in Board of Elections Poll Worker & Technician Trainings
  - **Inclusion of:** HAVA funding must be utilized and fully submitted for reimbursement by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- EAC Committee next steps- Priorities determined to be: Staff Time (Polling Inspections & Training), Mini Grants, Advertisements/ Marketing
- Democracy Live Presentation made by Mr. Paul Caranci- About 5 year old program- Originally produced for military ballot/ overseas voting- Entered

	<p>into the disability awareness/ disability voting realm as a screen readable test ballot software program. Mr. Caranci is requesting EAC to consider future HAVA funds to put towards a purchase of the Democracy Live Software.</p>
	<p><b>MOTION#1: Committee approves revised EAC strategic plan for 2016 Election Cycle.</b></p> <p><i>Motion moved by: Rob Rock</i>  <i>Seconded by: Casey Gartland</i>  <i>Motion Passes Unanimously</i></p> <p><b>MOTION#2: Committee seeks to request merge of accessibility and election committees by the RIGCD Executive Board.</b></p> <p><i>Motion moved by: Casey Gartland</i>  <i>Seconded by: Rob Rock</i>  <i>Motion Passes Unanimously</i></p>
	<p><b>5:15     <i>Agenda for the Next Meeting, Rory Carmody, Chair</i></b></p> <p><b>Purpose/Goal: To set the agenda for the next meeting.</b></p> <p><b>Future Agenda Topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Analyze and prioritize past EAC election cycle efforts by funding, cost and impact.</li> <li>➤ Discussion of committee merge and impacts</li> </ul>
	<p><b>5:30     <i>Committee Adjournment, Rory Carmody</i></b></p> <p><b>MOTION: To adjourn.</b></p> <p><i>Motion moved by: Casey Gartland</i>  <i>Seconded by: Rob Rock</i>  <i>Motion Passes Unanimously</i></p>