



Meeting Agenda for the Governor's Commission on Disabilities Election Assistance Committee Minutes

Tuesday, February 9th, 2016 @ 2:00pm

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Attendees: Regina Connor, Rob Rock, Lorna Ricci, Arthur Plitt, Kate Bowden

Guests: None

Staff: Christopher DeGrave



2:00pm--- Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes, Rory Carmody, Chair

Chair calls the meeting to order at: 2:00pm

Introductions of Committee Members & Guests



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

Motion moved by: Regina Connor

Seconded by: Arthur Plitt

Vote Abstention- Robert Rock

Motion Passes

Action Items:



2:15pm--- Voter Technology Committee Action Update, Robert Rock

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

Discussion:

- New Technologies Discussion- Committee is working to formulate contract with selected vendor. No final decision has been made public yet.
- 3 of the 5 EAC Certified companies placed a bid
- Bob Cooper was disability representative advisor in testing/ questioning the bidders
- Regina C- Questioned the testing and asked about having further insight from other disability groups that were not fully represented by just one disability representative.
- Equipment Testing/ Trial Results- Most of the technology is newer but not necessarily different in use. Bubbles vs lines on ballots ect. Hoping for fewer electronic malfunctions with new updated equipment.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Project Timeline- Still unsure of implementation. No true deadline for use but hoping sometime during the next election cycle. ➤ Staff stated that they would like to ensure that the state does not implement the project (with a short timeline) just to get it done. The committee would like to ensure that the new equipment been tested, demonstrated, trained and used by the community. ➤ Voter Check-In process will also be looked at- New technology is a possibility to reduce wait times and confusion. (Possible pilot of this program during the PPP Election this Spring)
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	<p>No Motions Made...</p>
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	<p><i>2:25pm ---- HAVA Budget Update, Christopher DeGrave- RIGCD Staff</i></p>
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	<p>Purpose/Goal: To discuss and review the remaining HAVA funds for the 2016 Election Cycle and spending timeline.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Remaining Funding Update- Total of \$22, 843.50 to be spent by Sept. 16 ➤ Future Spending- Currently estimated over budget by \$2,000.00 depending on construction/ project needs. ➤ ***See Attached HAVA Budget Report
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	<p>No motion(s) made...</p>
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	<p>2:40pm--- Committee Next Steps for Feb/ March/ April 2016: Pre-Primary, Christopher DeGrave, GCD Staff</p>
	<p>Purpose/Goal: Discuss & review the committee action plan prior to the next election cycle.</p>
	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Set Priorities w/ Remaining Funds (Limited Funds \$) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staff Time- Polling Place Inspections (New) ○ Staff Time- Polling Place Compliance (Older Locations Needing Assistance) ○ Staff Time- Poll Worker & BOE Technician Training ○ Staff Time- Outreach & Advocacy (Website, Social Media, ect) ○ Emergency expenditures for ramps, other temporary accessible features ○ Potential for advertisements w/ combined effort for advertisements (Radio or Publication) ➤ Discussion & Review of the Federal- Accessible Election Quick Start Guides & Tips for Voters with Disabilities – To post on RIGCD website. ➤ Link SOS Website for Voter Information Center on RIGCD Web Page
	<p>No Motions Made...</p>
	<p>2:55pm---- Agenda for the Next Meeting & Good of the Order, Christopher P. DeGrave- RIGCD Staff</p>
	<p>Purpose/Goal: To set the agenda for the next meeting.</p>
	<p>Future Agenda Topics and/or Discussions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Remaining funding discussion ○ Advertisement potential (2500-3000\$) ○ Next meeting date: March 22nd- 2:00pm
	<p>3:00pm--- Committee Adjournment, Christopher DeGrave, RIGCD Staff</p>
	<p>Purpose: Meeting Closing</p>
	<p>MOTION: To adjourn.</p> <p>Motion moved by: Robert Rock</p> <p>Seconded by: Lorna Ricci</p> <p>Motion Passes- Vote Unanimous</p>