



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

## Thursday, August 22, 2013 @ 2 PM

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**Attendees:** Rory Carmody (Chairperson); Casey Gartland (Vice Chair.); Kate Bowden, Chris Butler, Leo Canuel, Regina Connor, Steven Florio, Michelle Hayes, Miguel Nunez, Grace Pires, Arthur Plitt, Robert Rapoza, Lorna Ricci

**Guests:**

**Staff:** Bob Cooper, Christine Rancourt Bruzzi, Christopher DeGrave



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***2:00 Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes, Rory Carmody, Committee Chair***

Chair calls the meeting to order at \_\_\_\_  
 Introductions of Commissioners and guests



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

**Action Items:**



***2:05 Election Assistance Plan***

**Purpose/Goal:** To discuss, revise and approve the current year plan as presented or revise as necessary; develop a plan for FY 2014-2015.

**Discussion:** The 2013 - 2014 Operational Plan contained the following, which the Committee can retain, revise, or replace for the FY 2014 & 2015 Ops Plan.

Protecting the Voting Rights of Individuals with Disabilities

The Commission is the state's sole designated recipient of the US Department of Human Services – **Help America Vote Act (HAVA)** Election Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities State Grants. These funds may only be used for the following activities:

- o “Making polling places, including the path of travel, entrances, exits, and voting areas of each polling facility, accessible to individuals with the full range of disabilities;
- o Providing the same opportunity for access and participation, including privacy and independence, to individuals with the full range of disabilities as for other voters;
- o Training election officials, poll workers, and election volunteers on how best to promote the access and participation of individuals with the full range of disabilities in elections for Federal office; and
- o Providing individuals with the full range of disabilities with information about the accessibility of polling places.”

**3) Protecting the Voting Rights of Individuals with Disabilities Performance Measurement**

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**Measure Number:** 3 Polling Location Surveys

**Measure:** The figures below represent the percentage of polling locations surveyed for potential barriers to citizens with disabilities.

Performance	2011	2012	2013	2014
Actual	100%	11%	100%	--
Target	100%	100%	100%	100%



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Potential MOTION: To approve the future operational plan as *presented/revised as follows ...*

*Motion by:*  
*Seconded:*



**2:45 Election Day Access Signage**

**Purpose/Goal:** To authorize the purchase of day of election polling place accessibility signage.

Discussion: Examination of two products for enhancing the location of the accessible entrance and accessible voting booth.



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Potential MOTION: To *approve/reject* the purchase of:

\_\_ Totem Displays (1 side @ \$129 or 2 side @ \$149)

\_\_ Feather Flag Kit (Vote Here  8' @ \$198; 12' @ \$242 or 15' @ \$334)

*Motion by:*  
*Seconded:*



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**2:55 Agenda and Scheduling the Next Meeting, Rory Carmody, Committee Chair**

Items to be placed on the next meeting's agenda:

Insert standard items, leaving blank rows for additional items]

Next meeting will be on: Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM.



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*3:00 Adjournment, Rory Carmody, Committee Chair*



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**MOTION:** To adjourn at [Insert time motion adopted]

**Motion by:**

**Seconded:**