Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2019

I. Call to Order

Chairman Janine Petty, Assistant State Election Director, Secretary of State’s Office, called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

II. Welcome & Roll Call

Committee Members Present:

Janine Petty - Chairman
Dr. Jim Helm
Peter Silverman, Esq.

Committee Staff Present:

Tanner Robinson – Elections Specialist & Staff
Joseph Benson – Elections Technology Manager & Staff
Joseph LaRue – Assistant Attorney General

Chairman Petty began by introducing Election Systems & Software (ES&S) and Unisyn Voting Solutions staff on the phone, along with the committee and staff members present.

III. Approval of Minutes from September 14, 2018 Meeting

Dr. Jim Helm, Information Technology Program Chair, Arizona State University, motioned for approval of the previous meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Peter Silverman, Attorney, Baskin Richards, seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

IV. Review of Voting Equipment Application for Certification of Engineering Change Orders to hardware components of the DS200, DS450 and DS850 from Election Systems & Software (ES&S)
Chairman Petty introduced the application for review regarding hardware change orders, and stated that the lab reports received by the Secretary of State’s Office concluded the presented change orders were de minimis in nature.

V. Discussion & Recommendations Regarding the Certification of Engineering Change Orders to hardware components of the DS200, DS450 and DS850 from Election Systems & Software (ES&S)

Dr. Helm stated that he did not see any discussion he wanted to bring.

Mr. Steve Pearson, Senior Vice President of Certification, ES&S, stated that the change orders were concluded to be de minimis, and went on to explain the changes to be made, stating they had no operational impact on the systems.

Dr. Helm recommended that the recommendation for application regarding the ES&S change orders submitted before the committee be approved. Mr. Silverman seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.


Chairman Petty introduced the change order from Unisyn relating to the new keypad layout, and additional letter report, and noted that the reports received by the Secretary of State’s Office described this change as de minimis.

Dr. Helm asked why the change was created. Mr. Chris Ortiz, Director of Business Development and Certification, Unisyn, stated that this change was made due to a patent disagreement with ES&S. They found no change in testing results when they went back to the lab for testing at all, he concluded.

VII. Discussion & Recommendations Regarding the Certification of Engineering Change Orders to components of the Freedom Vote Tablet from Unisyn Voting Solutions.

Chairman Petty introduced Joseph LaRue, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General’s Office, who had just arrived at the meeting.
Mr. Silverman motioned that the recommendation for approval of the change orders from Unisyn be approved. Dr. Helm seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

VIII. Summary of Current Events by Chair Janine Petty

Chairman Petty noted that the new administration would be focusing on the new Procedures Manual version development, with some potential changes to voting equipment and security procedure going forward.

IX. Discussion of Upcoming Meetings

Chairman Petty noted a pending application was expected to come before the committee from ES&S. She went on to say that a time would need to be set to go over the full demonstration of the suite of products, including an adjudicator, which has not come before the committee.

Chairman Petty said that one of the questions necessary to be considered would be whether this would be allowed and would be consistent with statutory requirements.

It would allow an on-screen adjudication of a voter’s vote, instead of doing this through ballot duplication procedures currently in place, she continued.

Dr. Helm stated it would be interesting to see what kind of testing would be conducted.

X. Adjournment

Mr. Silverman motioned for adjournment. Dr. Helm seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.