

**Alabama Electronic Voting Committee
Minutes of the Called Meeting
February 3, 2021**

The called meeting of the Alabama Electronic Voting Committee was convened by the Honorable Bill English, Chair and Judge of Probate of Lee County, at approximately 2:00pm in the Auditorium of the Alabama State Capitol Building, in Montgomery. Other members present were Alabama Senator Will Barfoot, Alabama Representative Wes Allen, Win Sinclair representing the Attorney General, and Clay Helms representing the Secretary of State. Other persons in attendance included Mark Kelley, Don Whitman, Tim Hallet, Mark Manganero and Greg Woodyard from ES&S, and Shawn Phillips, Ray Wittlinger, and Dwayne Broxton from Hart Intercivic. David Brewer, Jeff Elrod, Grace Newcombe and Max Kleiber were also in attendance from the Secretary of State's Office.

The Committee acknowledged that the meeting had been properly advertised pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF QUORUM

Mr. Helms took the roll and Judge English acknowledged the attendance of a quorum of the Committee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION BY JUDGE ENGLISH, SECONDED BY SENATOR BARFOOT, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

Ayes:	4	Committee Members:	Judge English, Senator Barfoot, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Helms
No:	0	Committee Members:	(None)
Abstain:	0	Committee Members:	(None)
Absent:	1	Committee Members:	Representative Allen

MOTION PASSED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OF JULY 31, 2019

MOTION BY JUDGE ENGLISH, SECONDED BY SENATOR BARFOOT, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 31, 2019, MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE.

Ayes:	3	Committee Members:	Judge English, Senator Barfoot, Mr. Clay Helms
No:	0	Committee Members:	(None)
Abstain:	1	Committee Members:	(None) Mr. Sinclair
Absent:	1	Committee Members:	Representative Allen

MOTION PASSED.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF ES&S' ENGINEERING CHANGE ORDER (ECO) FOR AN UPGRADE TO THE EXPRESSVOTE 2.1 BATTERY

Judge English introduced ES&S and asked their representative to present to the Committee. Mark Manganero of ES&S presented information related to ES&S' request for certification hearing for its upgrade to the ExpressVote 2.1 battery, including certification from the federal Election Assistance Commission (EAC) and a copy of the test report from Pro V&V, the voting system test laboratory (VSTL) that examined the system and supporting documentation

Mr. Manganero presented functional information about the battery. Mr. Manganero presented that the current ExpressVote battery life is twelve (12) to sixteen (16) months, and the proposed battery life would be four (4) to six (6) years. The cost for the current battery is \$5.00 and the cost for the proposed battery is \$9.00, which will account for cost savings to the 67 counties in the State of Alabama.

MOTION BY JUDGE ENGLISH, SECONDED BY MR. HELMS, TO FIND THAT ES&S' EXPRESSVOTE BATTERY BE CERTIFIED FOR USE IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT ES&S GUARANTEES A FOUR (4) TO FIVE (5) YEAR LIFESPAN ON THE BATTERY AND THERE WILL BE NO INSTALLATION FEE.

Ayes:	4	Committee Members:	Judge English, Senator Barfoot, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Helms
No:	0	Committee Members:	(None)
Abstain:	0	Committee Members:	(None)
Absent:	1	Committee Members:	Representative Allen

MOTION PASSED.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF HART INTERCIVIC INC. VERITY 2.5 ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINE SYSTEM

Judge English introduced Hart Intercivic and asked their representatives to present to the Committee. Dwyane Broxton, Shawn Phillips and Ray Wittlinger presented the Verity 2.5 electronic voting machine system to the Committee. The presenters demonstrated the equipment, and showcased how ballots are created, cast, scanned, tabulated and ultimately tallied. The presenters also showcased how the Verity 2.5 equipment meets disability accessibility standards and complies with federal and state law.

Mr. Helms asked the presenters to provide follow up information after the meeting including the PowerPoint presentation used at the meeting, a list of previous issues/failures encountered by customers using Verity machines, and a cost analysis of machine purchase versus machine lease.

Judge English stated that the Committee would review additional information provided by Hart Intercivic, and hold a second virtual meeting later in time to vote on the certification.

No Motion Required.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business pending, Committee considered its adjournment.

MOTION BY MR. SINCLAIR, SECONDED BY REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN, TO ADJOURN THE FEBRUARY 3, 2021 MEETING AT APPROXIMATELY 3:45PM.

Ayes:	4	Committee Members:	Judge English, Representative Allen, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Helms
No:	0	Committee Members:	(None)
Abstain:	0	Committee Members:	(None)
Absent:	1	Committee Members:	Senator Barfoot

MOTION PASSED.

*Bill English
6/29/2021*