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# Alabama Electronic Voting Committee Minutes of the Called Meeting December 6, 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, 2:30pm in the Auditorium of the Alabama State Capitol Building, 600 Dexter Avenue in Montgomery, Alabama. Other members present were Alabama Representative Wes Allen, Clay Crenshaw representing the Attorney General, and Jeff Elrod representing the Secretary of State. Clay Helms from the Secretary of State's Office served as secretary of the committee. Mark Manganero from ES&S was present. Michael Choate from Hart Intercivic was present. Other persons in attendance included Adam Alexander from the Secretary of State's Office and guests from around the state.

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 MR. CRENSHAW, SECONDED BY JEFF ELROD, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

Ayes: 4 Committee Members: Judge English, Representative Allen, Mr. Crenshaw, Mr.

Elrod

No: 0 Committee Members: (None) Abstain: 0 Committee Members: (None)

Absent: 1 Committee Members: Senator Barfoot

#### **MOTION PASSED.**

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OF JUNE 29, 2021

MOTION BY CRENSHAW, SECONDED BY JEFF ELROD, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 29, 2021, MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE.

Ayes: 4 Committee Members: Judge English, Representative Allen, Mr. Crenshaw, Mr.

Elrod

No: 0 Committee Members: (None) Abstain: Committee Members: (None)

Absent: 1 Committee Members: Senator Barfoot

#### **MOTION PASSED.**

#### REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF ES&S ELECTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM EVS 5.2.4.2

Judge English asked Mr. Manganero to explain the submission, and the changes that were being offered in this new version. Mr. Manganero explained that the system will run on a Windows 10 platform, as Windows 7 is no longer being supported by Microsoft. Mr. Manganero explained that there were upgrades to the flash drives being used as memory sticks, and the improved Expressvote battery was included in this version.

Mr. Elrod asked Mr. Manganero to confirm that the machines are not connected to the internet or to any cellular connection. Mr. Manganero confirmed.

MOTION BY MR. CRENSHAW, SECONDED BY MR. ELROD, TO APPROVE E&S ELECTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM EVS 5.2.4.2 BE CERTIFIED BY THE ELECTRONIC VOTING COMMITTEE FOR USE IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA CONTINGENT UPON NONE OF THE MACHINES BEING ABLE TO COMMUNICATE OVER A CELLUAR NETWORK, ALL MACHINES REQUIRE PAPER BALLOTS, AND ALL MACHINES AND SOFTWARE COMPLY WITH SECTION 17-7-21 OF THE CODE OF ALABAMA (1975).

Ayes: 4 Committee Members: Judge English, Representative Allen, Mr. Crenshaw, Mr.

Elrod

No: 0 Committee Members: (None) Abstain: 0 Committee Members: (None)

Absent: 1 Committee Members: Senator Barfoot

#### **MOTION PASSED.**

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

Judge English asked Mr. Choate to explain the requested modifications in the Verity 2.5 version of Hart's voting machine system. The de minimis changes include build improvements to the Touch Writer Duo, alternate cable supplier, pagination setting updates, workstation monitor update, and ballot box improvements.

Mr. Elrod asked Mr. Choate to confirm that the machines are not connected to the internet or to any cellular connection. Mr. Choate confirmed.

MOTION BY MR. ELROD, SECONDED BY REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN, TO APPROVE HART INTERCIVIC VERITY 2.5 ELECTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM MODIFICATIONS BE CERTIFIED BY THE ELECTRONIC VOTING COMMITTEE FOR USE IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA CONTINGENT UPON NONE OF THE MACHINES BEING ABLE TO COMMUNICATE OVER A CELLUAR NETWORK, ALL MACHINES REQUIRE PAPER BALLOTS, AND ALL MACHINES AND SOFTWARE COMPLY WITH SECTION 17-7-21 OF THE CODE OF ALABAMA (1975).

Ayes: 4 Committee Members: Judge English, Representative Allen, Mr. Crenshaw, Mr.

Elrod

No: 0 Committee Members: (None)

Abstain: 0 Committee Members: (None)

Absent: 1 Committee Members: Senator Barfoot

#### **MOTION PASSED.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business pending, Committee considered its adjournment.

MOTION BY REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN, SECONDED BY MR. ELROD, TO ADJOURN THE DECEMBER 6, 2021 MEETING AT APPROXIMATELY 3:30 PM.

Ayes: 4 Committee Members: Judge English, Representative Allen, Mr. Crenshaw, Mr.

Elrod

No: 0 Committee Members: (None) Abstain: 0 Committee Members: (None)

Absent: 1 Committee Members: Senator Barfoot

## **MOTION PASSED.**