

**Minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Vote Commission Meeting**  
**June 11, 2001**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Atlanta, GA**

**Members Present**

Cathy Cox, Secretary of State  
Judge Mike Bracewell  
Judge Kenneth Van Horn  
Rep. Tom Shanahan  
Rep. Buddy DeLoach  
Sen. Jack Hill  
Rep. Mark Burkhalter  
Ms. Linda Beazley  
Ms. Lynn Bailey  
Ms. Kathy Rogers  
Ms. Linda Latimore  
Ms. Gloria Champion  
Mr. Robert Woodruff, representing Mr. Larry Singer  
Ms. Erica Brooks  
Ms. Molly Dye  
Ms. Justine Boyd  
Mr. Michael Cartwright

**Members Absent**

Sen. Billy Ray

**Staff Attendance**

Mr. Bob Ray  
Mr. Terrell Slayton  
Mr. Michael Barnes  
Ms. Chrissie Rickard  
Ms. Ann Hicks  
Mr. Tom Mishou  
Mr. Jeff Lanier, Legislative Counsel

**I. Swearing-In of Commission Members**

- A. The Commission members were administered the oath of their office by Governor Roy E. Barnes at 9:00 a.m., with the exception of Sen. Billy Ray, Rep. Tom Shanahan, and Ms. Molly Dye. Rep. Shanahan and Ms. Dye were sworn in later in the day by Gov. Barnes.

**II. Call to Order**

- A. The meeting was called to order at 10:19 a.m.
- B. Mr. Michael Barnes welcomed the Commission members and introduced the agenda for the day's meeting, then turned the meeting over to Mr. Terrell Slayton who also welcomed the Commission members as well as members of the public attending the meeting. Mr. Slayton then turned the meeting over to Secretary Cox.

- C. Secretary Cox asked the members to review the minutes of the previous meeting and then presented the task-at-hand for the Commission members during the present meeting, which would be to select the type of voting equipment that will be used in the pilot project during the municipal elections this year.

**III. Elements of Voting Equipment Certification**

- A. Mr. Barnes explained to the Commission the different levels of certification and testing that voting equipment vendors have to go through to get their equipment certified on the national, state, and local levels. He stated that the FEC (Federal Election Commission) is responsible for developing national Voting System Standards and NASED (National Association of State Election Directors) is responsible for administering the standards set by the FEC. ITA's (Independent Test Agencies) are responsible for conducting the actual tests on the voting equipment, testing particulars such as functionality, reliability, and maintainability. On the state level Dr. Brit Williams of Kennesaw State University, a member of the NASED Voting System Board (a sub-committee of NASED), ensures that all equipment submitted for certification in Georgia complies with State laws and rules. After determining eligibility, Dr. Williams prepares a Certification Report for review by the Secretary of State's office. The Secretary of State makes the final decision whether or not to certify certain voting equipment. On the local level, it is verified that the equipment has passed national and state certification tests, and complies with local contracts and procurement documents.
- B. Mr. Barnes then informed the Commission that there were eight different vendors who had submitted information to Dr. Brit Williams for certification of their voting equipment in the state of Georgia and that of these eight, seven were in position to obtain full national and state certification in time to participate in the pilot project. In fact two vendors have already completed the certification process.

**IV. Vendor Presentations**

- A. Seven DRE (Direct Recording Electronic) vendors were invited to the meeting to give a presentation of their voting equipment. These seven vendors consisted of the two vendors who have already completed the certification process, plus the five remaining vendors who are expected to complete the certification process in time to participate in the pilot program. Each vendor went over with the Commission how voters vote on their systems, what they have done to service areas where their systems are currently in use, and what efforts would be necessary for the State of Georgia to conduct a successful pilot program using their equipment. The presentations were presented in the following order, beginning with the two vendors who have already been certified in the state of Georgia:

- 1) Hart InterCivic
- 2) Diversified Dynamics
- 3) Election Systems and Software
- 4) UniLect
- 5) Global Elections Systems
- 6) Shoup Voting Solutions
- 7) VoteHere.Net

Each vendor's presentation was followed by questions from the Commission. The meeting recessed for minute lunch after the fourth presentation.

- B. After the conclusion of the vendor presentations, Secretary Cox told the Commission that they now needed to select which vendors would be allowed to participate in the pilot project. She stated that the recommendation of the Secretary of State's office would be to use all seven vendors, provided that they all completed and passed certification testing. Mr. Michael Cartwright made a motion to use all seven vendors in the pilot project. Ms. Lynn Bailey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with the absence of Rep. Mark Burkhalter and Ms. Molly Dye, who left the meeting early. Secretary Cox turned the meeting over Mr. Michael Barnes.

V. **Recommendations on Vendor Placement**

- A. Mr. Barnes presented to the Commission three different scenarios for vendor placement in the cities selected for the pilot project. The first scenario was a five vendor scenario, provided only five vendors were certified and available in time for the pilot project. The second scenario was a six vendor scenario, and the third scenario was a seven vendor scenario. The criteria for creating each scenario was based on placing one voting machine per every 250 voters in each precinct plus one extra machine per precinct. Each of the scenarios produced a need for a total of 306 voting units to cover the entire pilot program.
  - 1. The five vendor scenario assigned the following vendors to the following cities:
    - a. Hart InterCivic would be assigned to Canton and Rome requiring a total of 72 voting machines. Rome would require 60 voting machines and Canton would require 12 voting machines.
    - b. Diversified Dynamics would be assigned to Decatur, Lithonia, and Suwanee requiring a total of 74 voting machines. Decatur would require 48 voting machines; Lithonia would require six voting machines; and Suwanee would require 20 voting machines.
    - c. Election Systems and Software would be assigned to Statesboro and Reidsville requiring a total of 41 voting machines. Reidsville would require seven voting machines; and Statesboro would require 34 voting machines.
    - d. UniLect would be assigned to Buena Vista, Hogansville, LaGrange, and West Point requiring a total of 68 voting machines. Buena Vista would require five voting machines; Hogansville would require six voting machines; LaGrange would require 49 voting machines; and West Point would require eight voting machines.
    - e. Global Election Systems would be assigned to Dawson and Thomasville requiring a total of 51 voting machines. Dawson would require 11 voting machines; and

Thomasville would require 40 voting machines.

2. The six vendor scenario assigned the following vendors to the following cities:
  - a. Hart InterCivic, Diversified Dynamics, and Election Systems and Software would remain assigned to the same cities as designated in the five vendor scenario. The number of voting machines per city would also remain the same as in the five vendor scenario.
  - b. UniLect would be assigned to Hogansville, LaGrange, and West Point requiring a total of 63 voting machines. The number of voting machines per city would remain the same as in the five vendor scenario.
  - c. Global Election Systems would be assigned to Buena Vista and Dawson requiring a total of 16 voting machines. The number of voting machines per city would remain the same as in the five vendor scenario.
  - d. Shoup Voting Solutions would be assigned to Thomasville requiring a total of 40 voting machines.
3. The seven vendor scenario assigned the following vendors to the following cities:
  - a. Hart InterCivic, Election Systems and Software, UniLect, Global Election Systems, and Shoup Voting Solutions would remain assigned to the same cities as designated in the six vendor scenario. The number of voting machines per city would remain the same as in the two previous scenarios.
  - b. Diversified Dynamics would be assigned to Decatur and Lithonia requiring a total of 54 voting machines. The number of voting machines per city remains the same as in the two previous scenarios.
  - c. VoteHere would be assigned to Suwanee requiring a total of 20 voting machines.

## **VI. Public Concerns**

- A. Some of the concerns of the public were accommodations for illiterate and disabled persons and minorities. Secretary Cox stated that these concerns have

been taken into consideration and will be further considered as the Commission proceeds.

- B. A question was raised by Ms. Rita Samuels about the extent to which minority vendors would be used in the permanent placement of voting equipment. Secretary Cox said that, where allowed by State purchasing guidelines, the office would certainly seek to include minority vendors.

**XI. Adjournment**

- A. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

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Cathy Cox, Secretary of State