



EAC MONTHLY UPDATES & EVENTS

To help keep election officials up to date on new resources and upcoming events from the EAC, we are sending brief monthly updates in addition to our quarterly newsletters. For regular updates, please visit eac.gov, or follow us on [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#).

BRIANNA SCHLETZ NAMED EAC INSPECTOR GENERAL

The EAC announced that Brianna Schletz has been named as our next Inspector General. Brianna joins the EAC after eight years at the Office of Inspector General at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) where she most recently served as a director and established a new strategic division within the Immediate Office. During her time at USAID, Brianna led a team of program analysts responsible for congressionally mandated quarterly reporting and oversight planning on overseas contingency operations as well as conducting audits, evaluations and reporting on significant issues affecting agency operations. Prior to her time at USAID, Brianna was a performance auditor at the Department of Health and Human Services OIG. The full press release is available [here](#).

OCTOBER 13, 2021 TGDC MEETING

On October 13 the Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC) held a virtual meeting to discuss the implementation of the VVSG 2.0, the VVSG Lifecycle Policy, and a process to evaluate and approve protocols for End-to-End (E2E) verifiable voting systems. The EAC also provided an overview on the upcoming e-poll book pilot program. The full agenda and presentations can be found [here](#). You can watch the meeting on [the EAC's YouTube channel](#).

PROGRAM UPDATES

- [VVSG Lifecycle Policy](#) - The Lifecycle Policy for VVSG 2.0 will be opening soon for the public comment period. Updates will be posted to [our website](#) once the comment period opens.
- [ePollbook Pilot Program](#) - The EAC is currently developing draft security requirements covering a variety of topics such as access control, software security, audit records and more. Next steps include drafting accessibility and usability requirements, drafting program documents, gathering feedback, and test piloting.
 - The EAC will be hosting an event focused on the new ePollbook Pilot Program on Wednesday, November 17th. Event details will be posted to [our website](#) once finalized.

NEW EAC RESOURCE

[Best Practices: FAQs](#) - Recognizing the breadth of voting practices throughout the country and that local election officials are the best source of trusted information, the EAC's Best Practices: FAQ toolkit is designed to assist election officials in creating (or improving) FAQs for their websites. Additionally, the toolkit provides social media guides with ideas on how to promote their FAQs as a trusted source of information. [The FAQs toolkit page includes:](#)

- Frequently Asked Questions and Suggested Answers
- Infographics with Voter Information
- Social Media Graphics and Messaging

NEW VIDEO SERIES

U.S. Digital Response Technology Feature - EAC Commissioner Ben Hovland was joined by United States Digital Response CTO and Co-Founder, Alex Allain, EAC Senior SME, Kammi Foote, and Centre County Pennsylvania Commissioner Michael Pipe to discuss how USDR can help election officials build websites and tools to serve voters. [Click here for the full video.](#)

Hispanic Heritage Month - In recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 - October 15), EAC Commissioners sat down with election officials to talk about what Hispanic Heritage Month means to them. Commissioner Ben Hovland spoke with Rhode Island Secretary of State Nellie Gorbea about her career as the first Hispanic American elected statewide in New England, and Commissioner Christy McCormick spoke with Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections Christina White about how she serves the Hispanic community in her jurisdiction. [Head to this link to watch the full videos.](#)

Cybersecurity Awareness Month - October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month. To highlight resources and raise awareness about important information on election security, the EAC commissioners met with leaders in election cybersecurity from within the EAC as well as CISA, NIST, and Mandiant. These interviews addressed the election threat landscape since 2020, cybersecurity frameworks, the gender gap in cybersecurity, and more. [The playlist is available here.](#)

HAVA TURNS 19

On October 29, the EAC will celebrate the 19th anniversary of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). Congress passed HAVA in 2002 to set new mandatory minimum standards for states to follow in several key areas of election administration and to invest in and strengthen the nation's voting process. HAVA also created the Election Assistance Commission to help ensure secure, accurate, and accessible elections by developing guidance to meet HAVA requirements, adopting voluntary voting system guidelines, and serving as a national clearinghouse of information on election administration. The EAC also accredits testing laboratories, certifies voting systems, and administers HAVA funds. For the last 19 years, HAVA and the EAC, have provided state and local election officials with resources and guidance to ensure all Americans can participate fully in the voting process, and cast a ballot privately and independently.



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