

**Minutes of the Virtual Meeting  
via Teleconference and WebEx Technology of the  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
STANDARDS BOARD  
July 27, 2010**

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The following are the Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the United States Election Assistance Commission (“EAC”) Standards Board held Tuesday, July 27, 2010. The meeting convened at 1:00 p.m., EDT. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m., EDT.

**Call to Order**

Executive Board Chair Jim Silrum called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., after which he extended his thanks to Dan English for the excellent job he did while serving as Chair of the Executive Committee the previous year, to the members of the Executive Board for their participation, efforts and hard work and to EAC’s staff and Commissioners for their work.

**Roll Call**

Executive Board Vice-Chair Brad King welcomed those in attendance, both in person and remotely, after which he called the roll and found present: Beth Chapman of Alabama; Gail Fenumiai and Shelly Growden of Alaska; Taufete’e John Faumuina of American Samoa; Reynaldo Valenzuela, Jr. of Arizona; Janet Harris of Arkansas; Lowell Finley and Stephen Weir of California; Russ Ragsdale of Colorado, Howard G. Sholl, Jr. of Delaware; Rokey Suleman of the District of Columbia; Donald Palmer of Florida; Wesley B. Tailor and Lynn Bailey of Florida; Timothy A. Hurst and Dan English of Idaho; Brad King and Shelly Hiatt Parris (by proxy) of Indiana; Donald Merriman of Kansas; Sarah Ball Johnson of Kentucky; H. Lynn Jones, II, of Louisiana; Julie L. Flynn of Maine; Nikki Baines Trella of Maryland; John McGarry of Massachusetts; Gary Poser and Sharon Anderson of Minnesota; Leslye Winslow of Missouri and Richard Struckoff (by proxy); Jorge Quintana and Charlotte Mills of Montana; David Dowling and John Gale Nebraska; Harvard L. Lomax of Nevada; Anthony Stevens and Robert Dezmelyk (by proxy) of New Hampshire; Don Wright, Esquire and Deborah J. Bedford of North Carolina; James Silrum and Michael M. Montplaisir of North Dakota; Brandi Laser Seskes and Dale Fellows of Ohio; Steve Trout and Tamara

(Tami) Green of Oregon; Chet Harhut of Pennsylvania; Nestor J. Colon-Berlingeri of Puerto Rico; Marci Andino, South Carolina; Kea Warne and Patty McGee of South Dakota; Robert Pero of Utah; James Alcorn and Allen Harrison, Jr. of Virginia; Corinne Halyard Plaskett of the U.S. Virgin Islands; Nick Handy of Washington; Jeff Waybright and Lana Valentine Brown( by proxy) of West Virginia; Sandra L. Wesolowski of Wisconsin; and Peggy Nighswonger (by proxy) of Wyoming. Fifty-six (56) members were present.

Chair Silrum declared a quorum present.

### **Adoption of Agenda**

Chair Silrum called for a motion to adopt the agenda as published without objection. Nestor Colon (PR) made the motion and Beth Chapman (AL) seconded to adopt the agenda. No objections were voiced by the membership to the motion.

### **Adoption of Minutes of the August 6-7, 2009, Meeting**

Chair Silrum called for a motion to adopt the minutes from the August 6-7, 2009, meeting. Nestor Colon (PR) made the motion and Patty McGee (SD) seconded to adopt the minutes as published. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Appointment of Parliamentarian**

Chair Silrum announced that Secretary Beth Chapman (AL) and Vice-Chair Brad King (IN) would be serving as parliamentarians for the meeting due to the fact that the parliamentarian that was appointed at the Board's August 2009 meeting was unable to be in attendance.

### **Proxy Committee Report**

Gary Poser introduced the Committee members and reported that five proxies were submitted as follows: Peggy Nighswonger (WY) assigned her vote to Russ Ragsdale (CO); Richard Struckhoff (MO) assigned his vote to Leslye Winslow (MO); Layna Valentine Brown (WV) assigned her vote to Jeff Waybright (WV); Robert Dezmelyk (NH) assigned his vote to Anthony Stevens (NH); and Shelly Hiatt Parris (IN) assigned her vote to Brad King (IN).

### **Resolutions Committee Report**

Larry Lomax (NV) reported that three numbered resolutions and two unnumbered resolutions had been received.

## **Review of Meeting Materials**

Chair Silrum briefly discussed the meeting materials found in the meeting binders.

Associate General Counsel Tamar Nedzar pointed out that under the bylaws, as they are currently written, proxies are not included in establishing a quorum and, therefore, based upon the five proxies that were submitted, it was her opinion a quorum was not present. Following some discussion on the matter, Chair Silrum stated that because no one on the Board voiced a question/objection regarding the existence of a quorum, and also because a quorum would be established later in the meeting for purposes of voting, he would proceed with the agenda.

## **Bylaws Committee Report**

Mr. King referred members to the written report in their meeting books and introduced the committee members. He reported three resolutions were submitted to amend the bylaws which would be presented to the full Standards Board for a vote. Mr. King concluded by providing a brief overview of the bylaws amendment process.

## **Nominating Committee Report**

Lynn Bailey (GA) introduced the committee members, pointing out that there are currently two vacancies on the committee. Ms. Bailey explained that while the Committee is currently inactive, as explained in the report, she reported that the Committee would be resuming its duties in December of 2010.

## **VVSG Ad Hoc Committee Report**

Russ Ragsdale (CO) reported due to the fact the committee has not convened since the August 2009 meeting in Phoenix, there were no activities to report on.

## **Commissioners Welcoming Remarks**

Commissioner Gineen Bresso welcomed those in attendance, both in person and remotely, after which she acknowledged/introduced the following eight new Standards Board members: Wes Tailor of Georgia, Sarah Reissetter of Iowa, Heath Hillman from Mississippi, Charlotte Mills from Montana, Steve Trout and Tamara Green from Oregon, Layna Valentine Brown and Jeff Waybright from West Virginia. Commissioner Bresso extended her congratulations to the new officers for the Executive

Board, in addition to thanking Dan English for his service as Chair of the Executive Board the previous year. She also expressed her thanks to everyone for their willingness to participate in the virtual meeting and asked for feedback/comments regarding not only the format of the meeting but also EAC's newly designed website. Commissioner Bresso concluded her remarks by showing her appreciation to both Sharmili Edwards and Emily Jones for their hard work in connection with setting up and coordinating the meeting.

Commissioner Gracia Hillman also welcomed those in attendance, after which she strongly encouraged participation in the areas of completing the Census, serving as a poll worker and exercising ones right as an American citizen by voting. She concluded her remarks by conveying Commissioner Donetta Davidson's regards, pointing out that her absence was due to the fact that she was attending a conference on Internet Voting, in Europe.

### **EAC Update**

Executive Director Thomas Wilkey welcomed all in attendance, after which he provided a brief overview of activities that have taken place at the EAC over the last 18 months in the areas of its voting system testing and certification program, its grants and payments division, the newly designed website, rules concerning the National Voter Registration Application (NVRA) and a clean audit opinion that was achieved during the last fiscal year financial audit.

### **EAC Grants Report**

Mark Abbott, Director of Grants, EAC, addressed the Board via a PowerPoint slide presentation, to first provide an update on the status of the spending of Requirements Payments for 2008, 2009 and 2010. Dr. Abbott next addressed EAC's discretionary grants, which included an overview of the grant opportunities for 2010-2011, the process that is involved for applying, what makes an application competitive, the available resources for applicants, practical tips for applicants, selection criteria and program reporting.

Dr. Abbott, in response to Dan English's (ID) questions on whether matching funds are required and what is the length of the grants, stated that HAVA does not call for matching funds, and, as for the lengths of grants, it depends on the year that one applies, the lengths are staggered.

Going back to the Requirements Payments and Title III of HAVA, Dr. Abbott said that there is a draft checklist on the website that's easier to

follow to know if States have met all the conditions to be certified Title III compliant.

## **EAC Research, Policy and Programs Report**

Karen Lynn-Dyson, Director, EAC Research, Policy and Programs (RPP) Division, provided a brief overview as depicted in a PowerPoint slide of how the three divisions work together.

### **Election Day Survey/Research Studies:**

Dr. Shelly Anderson, Deputy Director for Research, addressed the Board to summarize, via a PowerPoint slide presentation, the Election Administration and Voting Survey including some of the changes that were made to both the Statutory Overview and quantitative sections of the 2010 Election Administration and Voting Survey. Dr. Anderson was pleased to announce that the 2010 contractor, ICF International came onboard in June and will soon be providing data templates and an instruction manual for the survey to the States. On June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 EAC will release the NVRA report, followed next by the UOCAVA report mid-summer of 2011, and then, early fall of 2011, the Voting Survey report. Both the 2010 Statutory Overview as well as the survey are posted on the EAC website. She next highlighted various aspects of the 2008 Election Data Collection Grant Program. The EAC contracted with ICF International to conduct an independent evaluation of the grant program, which is on the EAC website. RPP staff members are eager to see data collection improvements, and plans to solicit best practices information to share that info and lessons learned in the EAC clearinghouse. Dr. Anderson concluded her presentation by providing an update on the status/timeline of the following HAVA mandated studies that her division has been conducting; recounts and contest study final draft is anticipated to be ready by the end of the summer, free or reduced absentee postage study in September, the urban/rural study continues in 2010 and throughout 2011, and the RPP staff has reestablished contact with several Social Security Administration representatives and are awaiting word from the Social Security Administration's Commissioners on their involvement in the Social Security Act study.

In response to a question from Don Palmer (FL) as to whether the Social Security Administration has cooperated with the study, Ms. Lynn-Dyson said that there has been reticence to be involved, even after the EAC periodically and systematically reached out to the SSA commissioners, using different approaches to get any feedback from them.

On a question from Chair Jim Silrum (ND) of how the contractor for the Election and Voting Survey will be reaching out to States and localities, Dr. Anderson said that ICF, the contractor has already made initial contact with many State and local election officials involved in completing the survey, and starting August 2<sup>nd</sup> they'll release the first Statutory Overview template. ICF staff members will have assigned to them a certain number of States, with whom they will provide intensive technical assistance, over the course of a year, to collect these data and ensure that they're entering the data properly in the Excel-based templates.

### **National Voter Registration Act (Mail in Form)/Provisional Voting Guidance/Statewide Voter Registration Databases Guidance:**

William Boehm, Deputy Director for Policy, addressed the Board to provide, via a PowerPoint slide presentation, a report on the areas that the Policy Division has been working on. With regard to the National Voter Registration Act, Mr. Boehm related progress being made on updating the NVRA regulations, which includes recommendations to update the NVRA regulations to be consistent with HAVA requirements, and to propose technical changes to outdated language in the current regulations. The steps to complete the NVRA regulatory process are; publication of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the *Federal Register*, public hearings and a public comment period and consultations with States, publish final rules, and the issuance of guidance to States.

On provisional voting, Mr. Boehm stated that they will provide updated guidance to the States that will integrate and update the previous guidance and include a compendium of all State laws on provisional voting.

The final project is to review previous guidance and take a look at a National Academy of Sciences study on the statewide voter registration databases.

In response to a question from Don Palmer (FL) on additional workshops or venues, Mr. Boehm said that they were in the beginning stages and would like to hear from the Boards as to what kind of guidance they were interested in receiving.

As to a comment on the rural/urban study from John Gale (NE), that Nebraska allows counties to designate low population precincts to be all mail-in ballot precincts and significantly increases voter participation, Dr. Anderson responded that following the working group in May the information was compiled and worked and internal decision making has to be made regarding the specific direction topics related to various voter outreach initiatives and personnel matters. Voter outreach initiatives, personnel matters, and poll workers would be some likely topics to be covered in that study. Many similarities and common concerns were found in the urban/rural working group meeting.

## **Recess**

The Board recessed from 3:00 p.m. until 3:15 p.m.

## **EAC Educational Materials - Election Management Guidelines and Quick Starts:**

Matthew Weil, Research Program Specialist, EAC, addressed the Board on Election Management Guidelines to report that to date there are 16 Election Management Guideline chapters. The following five chapters were adopted by the Commission in November of 2009: Building Community Partnerships, Canvassing and Certifying an Election, Communicating with the Public, Conducting a Recount and Provisional Ballots. Three additional chapters on the topics of Technology in Elections, Office Administration and Accessibility are presently undergoing a professional edit and will be considered by the Commission in the near future. Mr. Weil also reported that there are now 21 Quick Start Management Guides available on EAC's website, noting that the following seven professionally designed Quick Start Guides are being posted to the website: Serving Voters in Long-Term Care Facilities, Canvassing and Certifying an Election, Conducting a Recount, Provisional Voting, Technology in Elections, Elections Office Administration and Accessibility. Mr. Weil concluded by urging the Board members to take advantage of the newly designed website and rate the materials that are available in EAC's clearinghouse.

Ms. Lynn-Dyson provided an update with respect to what has been accomplished in EAC's language accessibility program, the Voter's Guides to Federal Elections having been translated into four American Indian languages and with the 2010 Census information, it is anticipated that there will be a few more languages, Russian probably being one of them. In closing, she introduced Marcy Reedy, Program Support Specialist, along with Matt Thornburg, who is serving as a summer intern within the RPP division. In response to a question from Dan English (ID), Ms. Lynn-Dyson explained that EAC divisions are willing to come to State Association conferences and that EAC will cover the costs of attendance to give a presentation.

## **EAC Testing and Certification Report**

Brian Hancock, Director, Testing and Certification Programs, addressed the Board to provide a brief overview with respect to the progress that is being made to update the 2005 Voluntary Voting System Guidelines

(VVSG) in addition to the progress that is being made on the next iteration of the VVSG by the Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC) and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). Mr. Hancock next provided a summary of the resolutions/main action items that were addressed during the July 8-9, 2010, TGDC meeting which was held at NIST's headquarters, after which he gave an update on the voting systems that have been certified by EAC and those that are currently in the testing process, along with an update on the acquisitions and mergers that have recently occurred with various voting system manufacturers approved by EAC's Testing and Certification Division.

To a question from Russ Ragsdale (CO) if there was any significant impact on the testing certification process for any of the test suites, due to manufacturer acquisitions, Mr. Hancock responded that Premier was certified last year, and there are no stoppages in the testing of the Sequoia system. Dominion is still moving forward with their own system certification process. In response to Mr. Ragsdale's follow-up, Mr. Hancock explained that previous Premier products are being handled by Dominion and that Dominion is the primary contact going forward. In response to questions from John Gale (NE), Mr. Hancock noted that Ed Smith of Dominion is now a member of the TGDC, and also, that although the number of manufacturers is contracting, there are other viable manufacturers, Unisyn Voting System, from California has a product certified to the 2005 VVSG, also Scytl and Everyone Counts have registered. In response to Sec. Gale's follow-up question on expediting testing and certification, Mr. Hancock noted that the Unisyn system was certified to the 2005 VVSG in eight months, at a fairly reasonable cost to the manufacturer. He said that it depends on system readiness for testing, when the system comes into the process. In response to Jim Silrum's (ND) question, Mr. Hancock explained that manufacturers don't need to start from scratch, the process to certify is moving better with weekly teleconference progress updates to resolve any problems that might be occurring.

On a question from Mr. Silrum about timeframes to replace systems, Mr. Hancock stated that the VVSG will be the groundwork for whatever next generation voting systems do come down the pike, and with the economy being an issue, election officials may not, any time soon, be able to update their voting systems.

In response to questions from Mr. Allen Harrison, Jr. (VA), Mr. Hancock explained that Dominion is a Canadian company based in Toronto with a number of fielded systems in New York. It started as a tech start-up with mostly computer programmers and engineers, but has brought in new people, many previously with Sequoia (such as Ed Smith), who have an intimate knowledge of US Elections as well as a customer base.

Mr. Hancock continued with his presentation to provide an update on what is being done in the area of commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) considerations, noting that the Testing and Certification Division is in the process of proposing that the Commission consider convening another roundtable on COTS related issues during the 2010 fall/winter timeframe. Possible invitees will include the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the Department of the Navy, Microsoft, Apple, State and local election officials and current voting system manufacturers.

Mr. Hancock responded positively to a request from Jim Silrum (ND) to include States and local governments as invitees to any roundtable on COTS related issues. Mr. Hancock also responded to a comment from Russ Ragsdale (CO) about continuing to explore COTS related issues in other lines of business as EAC does not have all the answers and so it can benefit by looking to people and industries that have been dealing with the issue for much longer. Mr. Hancock reiterated that EAC plans to continue leveraging people from other industries to tackle this issue.

Mr. Hancock next provided an update on both the intent and the status of the Election Operations Assessment that was conducted by the University of South Alabama and is in the process of being presented to the Commission.

Mr. Hancock concluded by providing an overview, via a PowerPoint slide presentation, on the development and progress of EAC's Pilot Program Testing and Certification Manual and the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) Pilot Program Testing Requirements.

Mr. Hancock responded to a question from Don Palmer (FL) on auditability and cryptography requirements by saying that the voting system test lab would be in charge of that testing. A question from Wes Taylor (GA) on how States can be more involved with the TGDC to implement a pilot project, Mr. Hancock said he would be happy to talk to any State interested in setting up pilot programs. In answer to questions from Rokey Suleman (DC) on kiosk-based systems, Mr. Hancock said that the requirements documents for UOCAVA systems is strictly related to the kiosk-based systems, and as far as other types of platforms, it would be great to have discussions along those lines. Mr. Hancock further explained that while currently the UOCAVA pilot program requirements is for kiosk-based systems, it could in the future consider requirements that would allow other systems to be included, and that if the requirements are adopted, they will be forwarded to the TGDC for future work developing permanent guidelines. In response to Don Palmer's (FL) question on meeting auditability requirements through a paper record, Mr. Hancock

stated that paper was the way to go for that project, with the limited timeframes. But later there may be other technological mechanisms to achieve a similar auditability.

## **Overview of NIST and TGDC Activities**

Martin Herman, Ph.D., National Institute of Standards and Technology, addressed the Board to provide an overview of NIST/TGDC activities that included the following; UOCAVA research and workshop, research on standard ballot markings, NIST-developed test suites for VVSG 1.1, common data format, determining skills and qualifications in usability and accessibility for test lab contractors, UOCAVA roadmap, NIST research documents on UOCAVA and EAC's kiosk remote voting pilot project. Dr. Herman also highlighted the topics, goals and format of the UOCAVA workshop that will be held August 6-7, 2010, in Washington, D.C. sponsored by the EAC, the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) and NIST. He concluded by providing a summary of the discussions, presentations, resolutions that comprised the July 8-9, 2010, TGDC meeting at NIST's headquarters. Also present was John Wack, Computer Scientist and Researcher, NIST.

In response to a comment from Beth Chapman (AL) that, benefits far outweigh the risks in military voting, Dr. Herman said that it's better to make decisions in the context of a good understanding of what's going on and the real types of risks that are possible than in a context free way. A question from Don Palmer (FL) about how to approach the risk of outside threats was answered in that there are a number of threats, and if those threats materialize, then this situation can become riskier. You want to estimate how much risk is involved in performing that particular action. Systems have been on the Internet for a number of years and those are fairly well understood. They have to be studied further in the election context. One of the biggest improvements that could be made to the process would be electronic distribution of ballot materials, and that seems to be a pretty high priority for getting a ballot overseas, quickly. In response to Nick Handy's (WA) question about whether energies would be better applied, based on interest from voters and jurisdictions, to studying internet-based systems instead of kiosk, Brian Hancock explained that the kiosk-based system is a good basis for NIST to work from, for moving forward. Lowell Finley (CA) commented that there is a need to proceed with due deliberation here, and with caution, to make sure that if and when the decision is made to move forward into widespread use of electronic ballot returns, the risks and the level of needs are realized, in light of new Federal law.

## **Recess**

The Board recessed from 5:15 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

## **Roll Call**

To establish a quorum for purposes of voting, Executive Board Vice-Chair Brad King called the roll and found present: Beth Chapman of Alabama; Gail Fenumiai and Shelly Growden of Alaska; Soliai T. Fuimaono and Taufete'e John Faumuina of American Samoa; Reynaldo Valenzuela, Jr. of Arizona; Janet Harris of Arkansas; Lowell Finley and Stephen Weir of California; Russ Ragsdale of Colorado, Howard G. Sholl, Jr. of Delaware; Rokey Suleman of the District of Columbia; Donald Palmer of Florida; Wesley B. Tailor and Lynn Bailey of Florida; Timothy A. Hurst and Dan English of Idaho; Brad King and Shelly Hiatt Parris (by proxy) of Indiana; Donald Merriman of Kansas; Sarah Ball Johnson of Kentucky; H. Lynn Jones, II, of Louisiana; Julie L. Flynn and Lucette S. Pellerin of Maine; Nikki Baines Trella of Maryland; John McGarry of Massachusetts; Gary Poser and Sharon Anderson of Minnesota; Leslye Winslow of Missouri and Richard Struckoff (by proxy); Jorge Quintana and Charlotte Mills of Montana; David Dowling and John Gale Nebraska; Harvard L. Lomax of Nevada; Anthony Stevens and Robert Dezmelyk (by proxy) of New Hampshire; Linda Von Nessi of New Jersey; Deborah J. Bedford of North Carolina; James Silrum and Michael M. Montplaisir of North Dakota; Brandi Laser Seskes and Dale Fellows of Ohio; Steve Trout and Tamara (Tami) Green of Oregon; Chet Harhut of Pennsylvania; Nestor J. Colon-Berlingeri of Puerto Rico; Marci Andino of South Carolina; Kea Warne and Patty McGee of South Dakota; Mark Goins of Tennessee; Ann McGeehan of Texas; Robert Pero of Utah; James Alcorn and Allen Harrison, Jr. of Virginia; Corinne Halyard Plaskett of the U.S. Virgin Islands; Nick Handy and Kristina Swanson of Washington; Sandra L. Wesolowski of Wisconsin; and Peggy Nighswonger (by proxy) of Wyoming. Sixty-one (61) members were present.

## **Presentation of Bylaw Amendments**

The following three amendments were introduced as motions to amend the bylaws by Brad King (IN).

Resolution 2010-01 - Article X, Section 2 to be amended to allow proposed bylaw changes to be submitted more than 70 days before the date of the Standards Board meeting at which the proposed changes are considered for adoption, which will allow Standards Board members more opportunity to review proposed changes,. Beth Chapman (AL) seconded the motion to adopt the resolution. After brief discussion, the motion was voted on and passed with 56 members voting in favor, one (1) abstention.

Resolution 2010-02 – Article VIII, Section 2 to be amended to make two clarifications to the existing proxy voting process: (1) A proxy designation could be submitted by electronic transmission (such as emails or faxes, but also by other methods of electronic transmission that are currently available or become available in the future), with an original signature not required for a proxy designation submitted by electronic transmission; and (2) Proxy voting would be allowed for all business matters other than Executive Board elections. Gary Poser (MN) seconded the motion to motion to adopt the resolution. After brief discussion, the motion was voted on and passed with 48 members voting in favor, one (1) abstention.

Resolution 2010-03 – Article V, Section 2 to be amended to result in sensible stewardship of public resources by eliminating all unnecessary expenses incurred by conducting a meeting of the Standards Board, at which, the only principal item of business would be the election of Executive Board members (or matters such as the approval of previous Standards Board meeting minutes), which according to information provided by EAC, can exceed \$100,000; and would give the Executive Board discretion in such cases to authorize an election by mail-in ballot, which would be conducting using substantially the same procedures as the casting of absentee ballots by mail for an in-person election of Executive Board members under the current bylaws; and would authorize an election by mail-in ballot with the tabulation and certification process (which would ordinarily take place in the presence of the membership), taking place at a time and location specified at the time the election by mail-in ballot is authorized; and would provide for the Executive Board to give notice of the time and location of the tabulation and certification process at the same time that the ballots are sent to members, with any member having the right to be present for the tabulation and certification process conducted as part of a mail-in ballot; and would appropriately recognize the work undertaken by the DFO;'s staff in providing administrative support for the process of nominating and electing members of the Executive Board, and would authorize the FDO's "designee" the provide the administrative support. Lynn Bailey (GA) seconded the motion to adopt the resolution. After brief discussion, the motion was voted on and passed with 49 members voting in favor, one (1) opposed.

## **Resolutions**

Brad King (IN) moved for adoption of Resolution 2010-04 that was brought by the TGDC Committee. Don Palmer (FL) seconded the motion. Mr. Palmer thereafter moved for an amendment of the resolution, which was seconded by Howard Sholl (DE). After lengthy discussion, the proposed amendment was voted on and was defeated with 27 members voting in opposition, 17 in favor, and six (6) abstentions. The Board returned to the

main motion, at which time John Gale (NE) moved to amend Resolution 2010-04, which was seconded by Lowell Finley (CA). After a brief discussion, the proposed amendment was voted on and passed with 41 members voting in favor, six (6) opposed and one (1) abstention. The amended Resolution 2010-04 was thereafter voted on, which passed with 38 members voting in favor, five (5) opposed, and one (1) abstention.

The resolved portion of Resolution 2010-04, as passed, reads as follows: “Resolved, the EAC will coordinate the Roadmap with its advisory boards, (including the Standards Board) and NIST to apply the NIST Risk Management Framework and other methods in identifying security controls and technologies to mitigate the security concerns and use this information to compare the current process UOCAVA voters use to vote with potential remote electronic absentee voting processes and assess the desired security protocols for both in guidelines development.”

Brad King (IN) moved for adoption of Resolution 2010-05 that was brought by the TGDC Committee. Beth Chapman (AL) seconded the motion. Russ Ragsdale (CO) moved for an amendment, which was seconded by Don Merriman (KS). After discussion, the proposed amendment was voted on and passed with 28 members voting in favor, 15 opposed and one (1) abstention. Resolution 2010-05 was thereafter voted on, which passed with 42 members voting in favor, two (2) opposed and two (2) abstentions.

The resolved portion of Resolution 2010-05, as passed, reads as follows: “Resolved, that the Standards Board provide recommendations to the NIST and TGDC concerning the definition of auditability and the development of alternatives to Software Independence and that those recommendations be included to this resolution as amendments; and be it further Resolved, that the Executive Board of the Standards Board appoint a Software Independence ad hoc committee whose purpose will be to provide the Standards Board TGDC representatives with recommendations for accomplishing the tasks set forth by the EAC regarding Software Independence. This ad hoc committee will report its recommendations to the Executive Board who will in turn, forward those recommendations to the entire Standards Board for review and comment.”

## **Adjournment**

Chair Silrum extended his thanks to the Board for its participation in the meeting, pointing out that the members should anticipate receiving a survey for the purpose of providing feedback about the process/format of the virtual meeting.

Commissioner Bresso also expressed her thanks to the Executive Board for setting up the meeting, in addition to the full Standards Board for its participation.

With there being no other business to come before the Board, Chair Silrum declared the meeting adjourned.

**The meeting of the Standards Board adjourned at 7:37 p.m.**

I, Jim Silrum, Chair of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Standards Board, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and accurate copy of the unapproved minutes\* of the EAC Standards Board meeting duly called and held on the Twenty-seventh day of July, 2010.

\*Final approval of the minutes will occur at the next meeting of the Standards Board.



Jim Silrum, Chair  
Standards Board  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

September 20, 2010  
Date