The following are the Minutes of the United States Election Assistance Commission ("EAC") Standards Board April 27-28, 2017. The meeting convened at 8:38 a.m. CDT on Thursday, April 27, 2017, in San Antonio, Texas at The Westin Riverwalk and adjourned on Friday, April 28, 2017, at 9:56 a.m. CDT.

**Thursday, April 27**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Mark Goins called the meeting to order and welcomed participants to San Antonio.

**Appointment of Parliamentarian**

Chair Goins appointed Clifford Tatum, EAC General Counsel, to serve as Parliamentarian.

**Introduction of Executive Board**

Chair Goins introduced the Executive Board as follows: Edgardo Cortes-Vice-Chair, Brad King-Secretary, Gary Poser, Paul Lux, Genevieve Whitaker, Sally Williams, Jerry Schwarting, and Reynaldo Valenzuela.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Edgardo Cortes led all present in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

Executive Board Secretary Brad King called roll for the Standards Board and found present: Alabama- John H. Merrill, Steven L. Reed; Alaska- Josie Bahnke, Carol Thompson; American Samoa- Melvin Ae for (Uiagalelei Lealofi), Fiti Tavai; Arizona- Eric H. Spencer, Reynaldo Valenzuela Jr.; Arkansas- Proxy for (Chad Pekron); California- Neil Kelley; Colorado- Dwight K. Shellman III, Rudy Santos; Connecticut- Peggy Reeves, Timothy L. De Carlo; Delaware- Elaine Manlove, Howard
G. Sholl Jr.; District of Columbia- ; Florida- Maria Matthews, Paul Lux; Georgia- Proxy for (Brian Kemp), Lynn Bailey; Guam- Maria I.D. Pangelinan, Joseph D. Iseke; Hawaii- Proxy for (Auli’I Tenn), Shirley Magarifuji; Idaho- Tim Hurst; Illinois- Becky Glazier, Lance Gough; Indiana- Brad King; Iowa- Carol Olsen, Dennis Parrott; Kansas- Bryan Caskey; Kentucky- Maryellen B. Allen; Louisiana- ; Maine- Julie L. Flynn, Katherine L. Jones; Maryland- Nikki Baines Charlson, Proxy for (Katie Brown); Massachusetts- Michelle K. Tassinari; Michigan- Sally Williams, Jan Roncelli; Minnesota- Gary Poser, Debby Erickson; Mississippi- Hawley Robertson, Baretta Mosley; Missouri- ; Montana- ; Nebraska- ; Nevada- Justus Wendland, Joseph P. Gloria; New Hampshire- Anthony Stevens, Proxy for ( Robert Dezmelyk); New Jersey- Robert Giles, Proxy for Linda Von Nessi; New Mexico- Kari Fresquez, Dave Kunko; New York-Douglas A. Kellner, Rachel L. Bledi; North Carolina- Veronica Degraffenreid, Michael Dickerson; North Dakota- Proxy for (Jim Silrum); Ohio- Patricia Wolfe, Proxy for (Steve Harsman); Oklahoma- Carol Morris, Proxy for (Doug Sanderson); Oregon- Steven N. Trout, Derrin “Dag” Robinson; Pennsylvania- Marian K. Schneider, Shari A. Brewer; Puerto Rico- ; Rhode Island- Rob Rock; South Carolina- Marci Andino, Shirley L. Black- Oliver; South Dakota- Kristin Gabriel, Jerry Schwarting; Tennessee- Mark Goins, Proxy for (A.J. Starling); Texas- Keith Ingram, Dana DeBeauvoir; Utah- Mark Thomas; Vermont- ; Virgin Islands- Genevieve Whitaker, Lisa Harris-Moorhead; Virginia- Edgardo Cortes, Greg S. Riddlemoser; Washington- Stuart Holmes, Kristina Swanson; West Virginia- Brittany Westfall, Brian Wood; Wisconsin- Michael Hass, Barbara K. D. Goeckner; Wyoming- Proxy for (Kai Schon), Jackie R. Gonzalez.

Secretary King reported that the Roll Call shows a quorum is present.

Welcoming Remarks from the EAC Commissioners

EAC Chairman Matt Masterson welcomed Standards Board members to San Antonio, thanked the Executive Board and DFO Christy McCormick and the EAC staff for organizing the meeting, expressed his appreciation to the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) staff for the tour of Fort Sam Houston and thanked the local election officials for the tour of Bexar County Elections Office. Chair Masterson mentioned the new fully mobile website eac.gov, updates on the EAVS Survey coming in June, and the easy to use Clearinghouse function, updates on the VVSG. Chair Masterson introduced #GamePlan17, including resources to prepare for providing access, language assistance, military and overseas voters, RFP’s for new election technology of aging voting systems, and a tool kit for resources on security. Chair Masterson thanked all for being an active and engaged Standards Board which resulted in the 2016 election cycle
being administered with integrity, and was secure, accessible and accurate, and that voters had a good voting experience.

Vice-Chair Tom Hicks thanked everyone for attending the Standards Board Meeting and highlighted the 2016 EAC accomplishments such as #BReady16 campaign, 11 new topics to the Clearinghouse with a more substantial media presence. Protecting the integrity of elections, especially as technical infrastructure, is something that election administrators and those at the EAC have long prioritized. The EAC focused on elections, making elections more accessible, partnered with the Democracy Action Fund, worked with the Department of Defense, U.S. Postal Service and other state and local partners to create a central source of information for overseas voters, votebymail.gov. Vice Chair Hicks thanked the Standards Board for their hard work and looks forward to continuing to work with them in the future.

Commissioner Christy McCormick, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) to the Standards Board, welcomed all to San Antonio and said how she appreciated the FVAP tour of Fort Sam Houston and thanked Jacque Callanen for the time at Bexar County Elections Office and also thanked Ashley Williams and the EAC staff for putting the meeting together. Commissioner Christy McCormick also thanked the Executive Board for taking time out of a busy election year in preparing for the meeting, and then she expressed her gratitude, pointing to the November election that “the entire world was watching us” and that the Standards Board did a magnificent job in pulling off an excellent and error free election.

**DFO McCormick led the Standards Board in taking the Oath of Office**

Chair Masterson introduced the EAC staff and expressed his appreciation for their hard work: Brian Hancock, Ryan Macias, Jessica Myers, Cliff Tatum, General Counsel, Brian Newby, Executive Director, Brenda Soder, Director of Communications, Sean Greene, Shirley Hines, Ashley Williams, Bert Benevides, Antoine Wilson, Henry Botchway, Robert Sweeney.

**Introductory Business:**

**Adoption of Agenda**

Chair Goins called for a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Gary Poser made the motion and Paul Lux seconded the motion. Chair Goins called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**
Chair Goins called for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 13-15, 2016, meeting of the Standards Board as submitted. Rudy Santos made the motion and Lynn Bailey seconded the motion. Chair Goins called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Introduction of New Members

Chair Goins recognized the following new members to the Standards Board: Dennis Parrott (IA), Debby Erickson (MN), Shari Brewer (PA), Brittany Westfall (WV), Brian Wood (WV), Lisa Harris-Morehead (VI).

Packet Material Review

Chair Goins discussed the meeting materials found in the meeting binders.

Overview of Committees

Chair Goins appointed the Proxy Committee, Gary Poser as Chair, with Marci Andino, Maria Pangelinan, Patricia Wolfe, and Justus Wendland as members.

Brad King, Chair of the Bylaws Committee provided a brief outline of the tasks associated with the Committee, noting that this year no proposals for amendments to the Bylaws have been submitted.

Brad King, also Chair of the Resolutions Committee, stated that no resolutions have been filed this year.

Edgardo Cortes, Chair of the EAVS (Election Administration and Voting Survey Committee) Committee, reported that Sean Greene has taken over working on the Survey, and they will be moving forward with streamlining and clarifying the data.

Paul Lux provided an outline of the task of the Committee in helping the EAC and TGDC craft the new set of Voluntary Voting Systems Guideline standards.

Genevieve Whitaker, Chair of the Clearinghouse Committee, provided a brief overview outlining what the task of the Committee encompasses, to connect members of the election community with each other and share best practices.
Sally Williams, Chair of the United States Postal Service Committee, said that being a new committee, some time was spent on structure and focus but also got into tracking some issues and brought in partners, such as Commissioner Masterson, Tammy Patrick, and Anthony Albence, with a focus being the electionmail.org website.

**Report of Nominating Committee**

Chair Goins appointed the Nominating Committee, with Jerry Schwarting as Chair, to also be the Election Certification Committee, with members Lynn Bailey, Rob Rock, Anthony Stevens, and Maryellen Allen.

Jerry Schwarting reported there were 3 terms that expired on the Executive Board, with 3 nominations as: Greg Riddlemoser, Reynaldo Valenzuela, and Genevieve Whitaker.

Chair Goins called for a motion to accept the report of the Nominating Committee to move forward with the election; motion by Paul Lux, Lisa Harris seconded the motion. Chair Goins called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

**FACA Responsibilities and Role of the Board Under HAVA**

Clifford D. Tatum, General Counsel, EAC, explained that FACA (Federal Advisory Committee Act) was a federal law passed by the Federal Government to regulate and manage the Standards Board, the Board of Advisors, and the Technical Development Guidelines Committee. These three boards are created by statute to advise the Election Assistance Commission on a number of areas listed/set forth in the federal law itself. HAVA requires that the EAC carry out its duties in consultation with these Boards. Mr. Tatum went on to describe the duties and collaboration that the entities are tasked with. Standards Board members are not to parlay or trade on the fact that they are on the Board and cannot be a registered federal lobbyist. Mr. Tatum closed with asking the of the Standards Board to communicate and participate in the establishment of the agenda and the activities of the Board itself and to communicate with the Executive Committee to move the Boards forward.

**Overview/Update of EAC Agency Operations**

Executive Director Brian Newby started off by thanking the Commissioners, having the opportunity to work under all three Commissioners being Chair. Director Newby then thanked the members of the Standards Board for giving the EAC needed feedback throughout the year. He described what has been accomplished by the EAC staff through the BeReady16 series, which included Continuity Planning, a
roundtable in January, a vote by mail effort in February, election worker webisode in March and disability and accessibility in April, TGDC and HAVA meetings, election cyber security. Mr. Newby talked about areas of emphasis in HAVA; grants, certification, the EAVS, Clearinghouse, and then communication, mentioning Simona Jones, who really drove the conversion to EAC’s new website. He said that the focus is to be ahead of the game and to be the go-to election resource.

EAC Communications Update

Brenda Bowser Soder, Director of Communications and Public Affairs, EAC, talked about how to work together to communicate with voters, shaping perceptions of elections to make a different narrative in a partnership in which the Standards Board is the backbone of what makes it successful. Ms. Soder explained three areas of emphasis as a CPR plan: C as in Clearinghouse resources such as tip sheets, reports, videos, and the PCEA, the NVRA tools on the brand new EAC website; P as in Press assistance, to assist in engaging editorial boards, taking press calls and finding time for talking points, opinion articles and to provide a series of fact sheets on all of the different issues; R as in Reach, to share tweets or make a comment on the EAC Facebook page, at EAC.gov, partnering together to get the message out. Ms. Soder said she is available to hop on the phone or answer an email, to be a resource and a help.

Chair Schwarting announced that the Certification Board has met and counted the votes, all three candidates were elected to the Executive Board: Genevieve Whitaker, Reynaldo Valenzuela, Greg Riddlemoser,

EAC Clearinghouse Update

Sean Greene, Program Management Specialist, EAC, thanked the Standards Board members for attending and their help in connecting members of the election community with each other. Mr. Greene spoke of a voter toolkit where tools were assembled from all over the community, from other government offices, from non-government entities, and put them on the website so people could use them; and videos about how some jurisdictions are using data and data visualizations to better understand elections and also a local election official about how he harnesses social media using simple tools to reach voters. Mr. Greene mentioned that in September Chairman Hicks awarded the Clearies, a national competition for best practices, for recruiting and training and retaining poll workers, election workers and that Chairman Masterson
hosted a webinar on Facebook, live, that reached over 1,000 viewers and just talking to election officials and others in the community about the voter list maintenance process. Mr. Greene emphasized how the Clearinghouse can best serve election officials, looking for ideas, and feedback from the community on ways to share best practices and about what the Clearinghouse can be.

Technical Guidelines Development Committee Update/Recommendations

Greg Riddlemoser started with a brief talk about what’s gone on in the last two years with the TGDC, thanking the working staff at the EAC and NIST, who really do the work with a lot of collaborative efforts between FVAP, technology folks, the ADA folks, and others, and that a lot of things have to happen in the next two years before the milestone of publishing the newest and greatest version of the VVSG can happen.

Brian Hancock reported that at a meeting February 13th and 14th the TGDC unanimously voted to adopt the 17 core functions of the voting system for the scope of VVSG 2.0, to allow NIST and the EAC to continue work, finishing the document to get it into a format where TGDC and the Standards Board, with the public input, can vote on it. Mr. Hancock said that one thing that’s important to remember moving towards functionality is that the requirements as they’re going to be written are going to weave the important things, the security, the usability and accessibility, and the auditing. That’s going to be woven throughout the standard, to flow through the entire document.

Lori Augino, NASED’s representative on the TGDC, stated that NASED has been incredibly supportive of the work done on the TGDC, supported the 17 core functions, and that there’s a lot of confidence and a lot of elections administrator participation getting us to where we are today.

Mary Brady, Voting Program Manager from NIST, reported on the development of the VVSG 2.0, giving an update on the TGDC membership and an update on what the public working groups have been up to. Ms. Brady commented that the new VVSG, ten pages, is a set of principles and guidelines and asked the Board to review the packets and give input, that feedback is essential.

Bob Giles finished up by thanking Paul Lux for the email providing formal notification that the VVSG Committee met via WebX today after reviewing HAVA’s definitions with Ryan Macius’ 17 point functional diagram of the components of the voting system model. The VVSG Committee agrees that all 30 points in your spreadsheet are indeed in scope to help organize and define voting system standards.
Chairman Masterson explained the next steps as, the VVSG Committee, headed by Paul Lux, will meet, go through it, so that they can prepare recommendations tomorrow. From there, the TGDC is tentatively scheduled to have their next meeting September 11th and 12th, with the goal of the TGDC making their final recommendation on that set of the VVSG to the EAC. From there, the EAC, under HAVA, will have to provide it to the Standards Board for final comment and recommendation. We’ll, then, take those comments and recommendation and put the document out, for public comment, all of this with the goal of final adoption to the VVSG in early next year.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:04 p.m. for a Presentation by the Honorable Denise Merrill, Secretary of State of Connecticut, President, NASS and Leslie Reynolds, Executive Director, NASS

CSG/FVAP Panel

Sean Greene thanked CSG and FVAP and spoke about the work that CSG and FVAP and the EAC have been doing around a variety of projects with focus on the Election Administration and Voting Survey, or EAVS. He mentioned three main goals moving forward with the EAVS survey in 2018/2020, make the survey easier to complete, make the data more usable and relevant, think about incremental, but big picture changes. Mr. Greene said that they are really looking for input.

Kamanzi Kalisa, Director of the Council of State Governments spoke next thanking Chairman Masterson, Vice Chair Hicks, Commissioner McCormick, Executive Director Newby, EAC Staff, and members of the Standard Board. He described who the CSG is, some of the work they’ve been doing on the overseas voting initiative and some of the work they’ve been doing in data collection, and the EAVS survey. He also talked about the Section B EAVS working group that CSG administered for two calendar years, the process and genesis of it.

David Beirne, Director of the Federal Voting Assistance Program, spoke on one of the big themes at the Federal Voting Assistance Program is looking at research and exactly where are were going forward in terms of program improvement. He explained his background and experience as a local election official. Mr. Beirne reported that going forward, 2017 program mile stones, they have a report to Congress coming out at the end of July. August of 2017, and will be looking to adopt the new federal post card application and federal write in absentee ballot. In October of
2017, they adopt and publish the voting assistance guide for the 2018 cycle and start execution of the 2018 voting assistance program requirements beginning January 1, 2018.

Deputy Attorney General John Gore, U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division

Deputy Attorney General John Gore thanked Commissioner McCormick for extending the invitation to speak and stated the goal at the Department of Justice is to usher in a new era of federal and state collaboration on elections and increase voter participation and strength in the integrity of our elections. He spoke of three areas the DOJ can be helpful, Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act that protects the rights of limited English proficient voters is part of the mandate at the Department of Justice and can help craft the language assistance program that will work for your jurisdiction. The second area, where federal laws really touch on voter participation election integrity, is the Nation Voter Registration Act, and the Help America Vote Act, which regulates voter registration and list maintenance and discovering ways to implement them and new ways to conduct those tasks. The final area where the DOJ can be helpful, is in the UOCAVA and Move Act Space. They protect the rights of Military and other overseas voters to vote by absentee ballot and the least we can do for them is to make sure that they have every opportunity to exercise the very right to vote their sacrificing to protect. Mr. Gore said the goal of the Department of Justice is to help everybody achieve maximum compliance with those laws to increase public trust and confidence in the American democratic institution of elections.

The Board recessed at 2:56 p.m. and reconvened at 3:14 p.m.

Postal Panel

Lori Augino gave an overview of a prepaid postage pilot project that King County, in the Seattle area in Washington, implemented earlier this year, what’s on the horizon in Washington, which is vote all by mail, with ballot drop boxes, but also, voting centers, so voters still do have in-person opportunities. She also mentioned King County elections, under the leadership of Director Julie Wise, instituted a prepaid postage pilot project.

Anthony Albence, of the Election Center, spoke on some feedback from the election field, and particularly from the perspective of the Postal Task Force at the Election Center. He stated that the commitment from the Postal Service from the highest levels of executive leadership was clearly
evident this year. Ron Stroman, the Deputy Postmaster General, himself, personally gave his commitment and certainly it was mirrored throughout the organization.

Dan Bentley, United States Post Office, thanked the Elections Assistance Commission Commissioners for inviting the USPS to participate, saying that Deputy Postmaster General Stroman has a keen interest in the commitment to communication to the community. The consistent theme is the commitment to communications, partnering with the community, collaboration. He talked about the successes this year, and different roles and responsibilities of the Postal Service.

**Cyber Security Panel**

Brian Newby opened the discussion regarding elections as critical infrastructure, then introduced David Dove.

David Dove, Chief of Staff of the Georgia Secretary of State, thanked the Commission for inviting him and commended Lynn Bailey as a great leader in elections in the state. He talked of the election industry before the designation of elections as critical infrastructure, then said that in looking at this designation, there’s three key concepts to keep in mind, as Election Officials, moving forward, it’s most important to maintain the trust in the elections process in our country. Two, to have secure and accurate systems for registration, as well as tabulation. And three, a workable administrative and legal framework to accomplish these goals in. In conclusion, he asked the question, are we on the right path, have we made the right choices in how we address these threats, and what do we need to do, moving forward.

Dr. Neil Jenkins, DHS, thanked EAC for the invitation and thanked the Standards Board. Dr. Jenkins said he is in the National Protection and Program Directorate and their role is to help stakeholders, which include private sector critical infrastructure owners and operators; state, local, tribal, and territorial governments; and others, manage their cyber and physical risks through information sharing, promotion of best practices, risk assessment, and when necessary, instant response. In the run up to the 2016 elections, they found disturbing indicators of cyber security -- or cyber activity and wanted to get that information to Election Officials and offer voluntary services as quickly and efficiently as possible to help with ensuring cyber security of elections. They also offered and are continuing to offer risk and vulnerability assessments. In closing, he stated they are looking forward to answering questions and working with election officials, especially through NASS’s Cyber Task Force to ensure that this is a
voluntary process that it will not result in new regulations or federal oversight of any processes.

The meeting recessed at 5:04 p.m. CDT

Friday, April 28, 2017

Chair Goin called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.

Chairman Paul Lux announced that the Proxy Committee met yesterday, reviewed and approved eight Proxy’s from the DFO: Georgia, Brian Kemp has a Proxy to Lynn Bailey of Georgia. In Louisiana Angie Rogers, has a proxy to Elaine Manlove of Delaware. In Massachusetts, John McCarey has a proxy to Michelle Tassinari of Massachusetts. Jim Silrum of North Dakota, to John Merrill of Alabama. Robert Dezmelyk of New Hampshire to Anthony Stevens of New Hampshire. Linda Von Nessi of New Jersey to Bob Giles of New Jersey. Doug Sanderson of Oklahoma to Carol Morris of Oklahoma. And Kai Shawn of Wyoming to Jacki Gonzalez of Wyoming.

Introduction of New Executive Board Officers

Chair Goins announced that the Executive Board elected the following officers for the coming year: Edgardo Cortes, Chairman; J. Bradley King, Vice-Chair; Jerry Schwarting, Secretary. Greg Riddlemoser is a new member that will begin April the 29th, Ray Valenzuela, Genevieve Whitaker, Sally Williams, and Chair Goins will remain on the Executive Board.

Appointment of Committee Members and Chairs

Chair Goins announced that Robert Giles, has been selected, as well as, Greg Riddlemoser for the TGDC Committee.

Gary Poser announced the committee members of the new Proxy Committee are Marci Andino of South Carolina; Tim De Carlo of Connecticut; Elaine Manlove of Delaware; and Patricia Wolfe of Ohio.

Brad King announced members of the Bylaws Committee as Michael Hass; Maria Pangelinan; Dennis Parrott; Gary Poser; Howard Sholl; and Kris Swanson.
Brad King also announced members of the Resolution Committee as Marci Andino; Dana Debeauvoir; Lisa Harris-Moorhead; and Holly Robertson.

Chair Goins, incoming Chair of the EAVS Committee asked Chair Edgardo Cortes to report EAVS members as Lynn Bailey from Georgia; Nikki Charlson, Maryland; Kristin Gabriel, South Dakota; Stuart Holmes, from Washigton; Keith Ingram from Texas; Gary Poser, Minnesota; Howard Sholl from Delaware; Michelle Tassinari, Massachusetts; Mark Thomas from Utah; Carol Thompson, from Alaska; Patricia Wolfe from Ohio.

Incoming Chairman for the VVSG Committee will be Greg Riddlemoser, as Chair Paul Lux announced the new members as Veronica Degraffenreid from North Carolina; Robert Dezemlyk from New Hampshire; Kari Fresquez from New Mexico; Bob Giles from New Jersey; Lance Gough from Illinois; Tim Hurst from Idaho; Keith Ingram from Texas; Marian Schneider from Pennsylvania; Dwight Shellman from Colorado; Steve Trout from Oregon; Ray Valenzuela from Arizona; and Brian Wood from West Virginia.

Chair Sally Williams announced the United States Postal Service Committee as Josie Bahnke from Alaska; Barbara Goeckner from Wisconsin; Jackie Gonzales from Wyoming; Neal Kelley from California; Brad King from Indiana; Carol Olsen from Iowa; Peggie Reeves from Connecticut; Derrin Robinson from Oregon; Linda Von Nessi from New Jersey; and Justus Wendland from Nevada.

Genevieve Whitaker, Chair of the Clearinghouse Committee announced the members as Julie Flynn from Maine; Joe Gloria from Nevada; Douglas Kellner from New York; Brad King from Indiana; Baretta Mosley from Michigan; Rudy Santos from Colorado; Auli’i Tenn from Hawaii; Patty Weeks from Idaho; and Brittany Westfall of West Virginia.

Brad King, as Chair of the Executive Director Search Committee announced Maryellen Allen from Kentucky; Josie Bahnke from Alaska; Edgardo Cortes from Virginia; Steve Harson from Ohio; Carol Olsen from Iowa; Rob Rock from Rhode Island; Jan Roncelli from Michigan as members.

Chair Jerry Schwarting announced the Nominating Committee as Shirley Black-Oliver from South Carolina; Steve Harson from Ohio; Rob Rock from Rhode Island; and Eric Spencer from Arizona.

Chair Goins is going to appoint the Executive Board to serve as a limited committee dealing with Cyber Security until the next meeting.
Open Mic Session with EAC Commissioners

Chair Masterson said Commissioner Hicks sends his regards as he had to attend an Election Meeting elsewhere. Maryellen Allen asked for an update of the issue on the rulemaking for the Proof of Citizenship. Chair Masterson stated that the Court in DC made a decision sending back several items and the EAC has until June 1st to weigh in on the response, at which point, the Court will set a scheduling order and begin working through whatever they receive from the EAC. Commissioner McCormick said that a number of states have received Notices from different organizations on list maintenance and the EAC is going to try and work with the Department of Justice on updating some guidance.

Brian Caskey from Kansas suggested a clearinghouse for lawsuits, to which Counsel Tatum replied that he and Director Newby talked about the idea of collecting information about litigation in all 50 States and Territories. Chair Masterson mentioned he will be reaching out to GAO to understand why they’re asking the same or similar questions in a survey that are already collected.

Rob Rock from Rhode Island asked if it’s possible for the EAC to have a clearinghouse for legislation. Commissioner McCormick said they should coordinate with NCSL and there’s no reason we shouldn’t be tracking legislation.

John Arnold from North Dakota asked what counties can do with equipment that was purchased with HAVA funds, now that they don’t need it anymore. Chair Masterson replied that the EAC has guidance that was recently updated that will be sent out very soon.

Janet Roncelli of Michigan asked if there is any interest in taking a stand on the Department of Homeland Security infrastructure issue. Chair Masterson said that they held a hearing three weeks ago and expressed the concerns of the Election Community both with the designation and the way it was done. Commissioner McCormick replied that the more we speak up the more we will shape how that ends up and would appreciate any input that you have, any comments you have, any questions you have, that you can either call Brian Newby in our office or email him.

Committee Reports

Committee Chair Brad King reported that the Bylaws Committee met and reviewed the existing Bylaws structure within the larger context of HAVA, and the work in particular involved with proposed amendments.
United States Postal Service Committee Chair Sally Williams said that they welcomed guests Dan Bentley, Anthony Albence, Tammy Patrick and Jessica Myers to talk about the focus of the Committee.

Edgardo Cortes reported that the EAVS Committee is going to be working on providing some feedback to the EAC and Fors-Marsh Group on the 2018 Survey instrument.

Chairman Whitaker of the EAC Clearinghouse Committee said they started to hone in on the original mandate and the provisions within the clearinghouse, specifically looking at the provision related to the information on experiences of state and local governments and implementing VVSG and also overall experience and operating voting systems.

Chairman Paul Lux reported that the VVSG Committee talked about the need for continued participation in the EAC Public Working Groups, the use of vote.nist.gov website, draft VVSG 2.0 Principles and Guidelines and VVSG 2.0 Scope and Structure, the unanimous decision to recommend to the Standards Board for this document to go forward.

Paul Lux reported that the VVSG committee, in February, voted to approve the 17 guidelines defining Scope, the 17 core functions and made a motion that the Standards Board approve that officially to provide guidance to the TGDC to go forward. Greg Riddlemoser seconded the Motion. Secretary John Merrill called the question, with Gary Poser seconding, Chair Goins called for the vote. The motion carried unanimously. Paul Lux made a motion to recommend the draft VVSG 2.0 Principles and Guidelines as a guideline for the TGDC going forward. Doug Kellner seconded. Lisa Harris-Moorhead moved the previous question, Keith Ingram seconded. Chair Goins called for the vote. The motion carried unanimously.

DFO McCormick, on behalf of the Commissioners and the EAC staff, thanked the Standards Board for their participation.

Adjournment

With there being no further business to come before the Standards Board, Chair Goins asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Keith Ingram made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Paul Lux. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting of the Standards Board adjourned at 9:56 a.m. CDT