

Indiana Election Commission
Minutes
November 15, 2021

Members Present: Paul Okeson, Chairman of the Indiana Election Commission (“Commission”); Suzannah Wilson Overholt, Vice Chairman of the Commission; Karen Celestino-Horseman, member; Litany A. Pyle, Member.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Attending: J. Bradley King, Co-Director, Indiana Election Division of the Office of the Secretary of State (Election Division); Angela M. Nussmeyer, Co-Director of the Election Division; Matthew Kochevar, Co-General Counsel of the Election Division; Valerie Warycha, Co-General Counsel of the Election Division; Abbey Taylor, Campaign Finance staff, Election Division; Michelle Thompson, Campaign Finance staff, Election Division.

Others Attending: Ms. Krista August; Dr. Jay Bagga; Ms. Suzy Barnhart; Ms. Elizabeth Beatrice; Dr. Bryan Byers; Mr. Steve Corbin; Mr. Greg Coy; Mr. Eric Crouse; Ms. Rochelle Fox; Ms. Jennifer Gatti; Ms. Jacqueline Janes; Ms. Kelly Khuri; Ms. Joy Martin; Mr. Clee Oliver; Mr. Chris Polacek; Mr. Marc Shatot; Ms. Corinne Westerfield.

1. Call to Order:

The Chair called the November 15, 2021 meeting of the Commission to order at 1:30 p.m. EST in Conference Room 19, Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis.

2. Transaction of Commission Business:

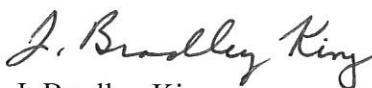
The Commission proceeded to transact the business set forth in the Transcript of Proceedings for this meeting prepared by Maria A. Collier, RPR, CRR, of Stewart Richardson and Associates, which is incorporated by reference into these minutes.

The following corrections to the Transcript are made and incorporated by reference:

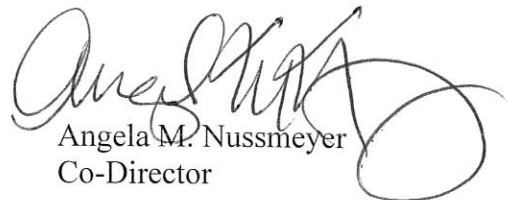
Page 27, line 5, replace “of” with “or”.

The Commission adjourned its meeting at 3:27 p.m. EST.

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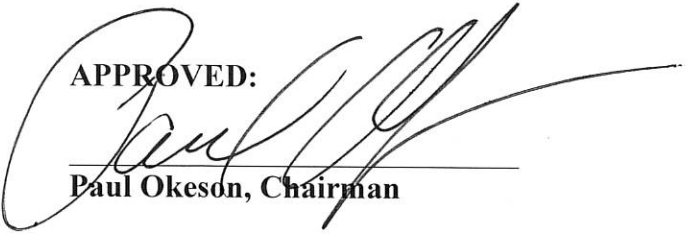


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APPROVED:



Paul Okeson, Chairman

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Litany Pyle - Member

Karen Celestino-Horseman - Member

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1 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: All right. We're
2 going to call to order this meeting of the Indiana
3 Election Commission. We have three members
4 present, which is a quorum sufficient to start the
5 meeting. As Mr. King just explained, we will be
6 starting with some of our business, and then we'll
7 be adjourning pending the arrival of our fourth
8 member.

9 Right now we have -- I am Vice Chair Suzannah
10 Wilson Overholt, and we have Member Karen
11 Celestino-Horseman and Member Litany A. Pyle with
12 us. We also have our Election Division staff,
13 which is Co-Director Brad King and Angie Nussmeyer
14 and Co-General Counselors Matthew Kochevar and
15 Valerie Warycha. Our court reporter is Maria
16 Collier from Stewart Richardson Deposition
17 Services.

18 So before we continue, I want to remind
19 everyone, on behalf of the court reporter, that you
20 need to identify yourself when you are beginning to
21 speak. You need to please spell your name when you
22 are identifying yourself and make sure you address
23 your remarks to the chair and not to others. You
24 should speak clearly and don't speak at the same
25 time as others.

1 As Mr. King said, we are circulating a sign-in
2 sheet so that we have an idea of who is planning to
3 speak at this meeting. So if you plan to speak,
4 please sign your name to the sign-in sheet.

5 Could the co-directors please confirm that the
6 Commission meeting has been properly noticed as
7 required by the Open Door Law.

8 MR. KING: Madam Chair, members of the
9 Commission, on behalf of myself and Co-Director
10 Nussmeyer, I certify that proper notice of this
11 meeting was given in compliance with the Indiana
12 Open Door Law.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Do you have anything
14 to add to that?

15 MS. NUSSMEYER: I do not.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Okay. Thank you.

17 We are going to move along to approval of the
18 minutes. So I'd recognize the co-directors to
19 present the minutes from the October 27, 2021,
20 Election Commission meeting.

21 MR. KING: Madam Chair, members of the
22 Commission, on behalf of Co-Director Nussmeyer and
23 myself, we have reviewed the minutes of the
24 October 27, 2021, Indiana Election Commission
25 meeting and recommend them to you for your

1 approval.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Is there a motion to
3 approve the minutes as presented?

4 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: So moved.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Is there a second?

6 MS. PYLE: Second.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Any discussion? No.
8 Hearing none, all in favor say "Aye."

9 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Aye.

10 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Aye.

11 MS. PYLE: Aye.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Opposed "Nay."

13 The "ayes" have it and the minutes are
14 approved.

15 So, sorry, we're trying to figure out what we
16 can do with three people versus what takes four
17 people. So before we -- whoops. Sorry.

18 Any person who plans to testify at today's
19 meeting on any campaign finance or other matters,
20 including VSTOP's voting system protocols, please
21 stand if you are able and respond "I do" upon the
22 reading of the oath. And I recognize Matthew
23 Kochevar to administer the oath.

24 MR. KOCHEVAR: Please raise your right hand.
25 Do you swear or affirm that the testimony you are

1 about to give to the Indiana Election Commission is
2 the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the
3 truth? Please say "I do."

4 ALL: I do.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: All right. So we're
6 going to move on to ratification of campaign
7 finance settlement agreements.

8 MS. THOMPSON: Yes. Vice Chair, members of
9 the Commission, in your books there behind the
10 Campaign Finance tab is a list of committees that
11 are ready to ratify that have agreed to pay the
12 settlement agreement and waive a hearing.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: So the Friends for
14 J.R. Gaylor, TellPAC Indiana, Perry GOP PAC, Third
15 District Democrats, Committee to Elect Terri
16 Austin, Clif Marsiglio for Indiana, and Porter
17 County Democrats. All right.

18 Is there a motion to ratify the campaign
19 finance settlement agreements as presented?

20 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: So moved.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Is there a second?

22 MS. PYLE: Second.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Is there any
24 discussion?

25 Hearing none, all in favor say "Aye."

1 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Aye.

2 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Aye.

3 MS. PYLE: Aye.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Opposed say "Nay."

5 Okay. The motion to ratify the agreements is
6 adopted.

7 All right. So we've got approval of campaign
8 finance enforcement orders. All right.

9 MS. THOMPSON: Vice Chair, members of the
10 Commission, Orders 2021-233 through 2021-306 have
11 been prepared from the actions taken at the
12 October 27th meeting and these orders are ready for
13 adoption.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: And are these in our
15 binders?

16 MS. THOMPSON: No.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Okay. Is there a
18 motion to adopt Orders 2021-233 through 2021-306 as
19 presented?

20 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: So moved.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Is there a second?

22 MS. PYLE: Second.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Is there any
24 discussion?

25 All those in favor of approving the

1 enforcement orders say "Aye."

2 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Aye.

3 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Aye.

4 MS. PYLE: Aye.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Opposed "Nay."

6 The "ayes" have it. The orders are adopted.

7 Could I also have a motion to approve using
8 our signature stamps?

9 MS. PYLE: So moved.

10 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Second.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Any discussion?

12 All those in favor say "Aye."

13 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Aye.

14 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Aye.

15 MS. PYLE: Aye.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: All right. The
17 "ayes" have it for that as well.

18 All right. So we are now -- we have
19 accomplished what we can do with three people, so
20 we are going to recess until 2:00 p.m., and we'll
21 come back here and resume our business at that
22 point in time.

23 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: May I ask a question,
24 Madam Chairman, before we recess?

25 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Certainly,

1 Ms. Horseman.

2 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Can I see the hands
3 of the people that are here to address the campaign
4 finance?

5 And you're with?

6 MS. WESTERFIELD: Corinne Westerfield.

7 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Is that the only one?
8 Okay. Thank you.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: So we're recessed
10 until 2:00 o'clock.

11 (Recess taken from 1:46 p.m. to 2:12 p.m.)

12 CHAIRMAN OKESON: We're back in session.
13 Apologies.

14 Okay. We'll go ahead and pick up where we
15 left off. We're at campaign finance. Before
16 proceeding with campaign finance enforcement
17 actions, we have customarily given any committee
18 present a final opportunity to pay a reduced civil
19 penalty by waiving the right to present evidence
20 and arguments to the Commission. Of course, any
21 committee is welcome to present evidence and
22 arguments for the proposed penalty to be waived or
23 reduced, but this has been an opportunity for those
24 who want to waive any presentation and accept a
25 proposed reduced penalty without making any

1 arguments or any presentation to do so.

2 Therefore, as Chair, I move to adopt the
3 following arrangements: If this is the committee's
4 first violation, the arrangement is for the
5 committee to agree to pay 25 percent of the
6 proposed fine plus mailing costs. If it's the
7 committee's second violation, the arrangement would
8 be to pay 50 percent of the proposed fine plus
9 mailing costs. If this is the committee's third
10 violation, the committee would do 75 percent of the
11 proposed violation plus mailing costs.

12 For purposes of the arrangement, a previous
13 settlement agreement entered into by the committee
14 will be counted as one violation. Likewise, if
15 more than one alleged violation has occurred on the
16 same calendar day, those violations shall only
17 count as one.

18 Is there a second to that motion?

19 MS. PYLE: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Having a second, any
21 discussion?

22 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: No.

23 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Hearing none, all those in
24 favor signify by saying "Aye."

25 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Aye.

1 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Aye.

2 MS. PYLE: Aye.

3 CHAIRMAN OKESON: The "ayes" have it. The
4 motion carries.

5 Okay. So with committees present, we'll have
6 certain procedures that the Commission has followed
7 previously, and I move the Commission use these
8 procedures for today: When a campaign finance
9 matter is called, the hearing will begin
10 recognizing campaign finance staff to provide
11 information about the documents in this matter
12 provided to Commission members, including letters
13 from committees and the notice given to the
14 campaign committee. Unless there is objection, the
15 documents provided to the Commission by the
16 Election Division will be entered into the record
17 of this meeting.

18 After campaign finance staff complete their
19 presentation, a representative of the committee
20 will be recognized first and may present their case
21 for no more than five minutes. The Commission
22 members may ask questions during the presentation,
23 but any time answering those question will not
24 count against their five minutes.

25 If the presenter offers additional documents

1 or other physical evidence not previously received
2 by the Commission, then the original must be
3 provided to the Election Division -- and I'll
4 direct you to Ms. Valerie Warycha down here -- to
5 keep for the record.

6 If the Commission finds that a committee has
7 violated the campaign finance statutes, state law
8 requires a unanimous vote of all four commissioners
9 to waive or reduce the amount of the penalties set
10 by state law. If the Commission makes a decision
11 at this meeting to either fine a committee or
12 dismiss the case against the committee, then the
13 Election Division will prepare a final order for
14 the Commission to approve at a later meeting. If a
15 committee is fined today, the committee will
16 receive a notice from the Election Division to pay
17 the fine after the Commission adopts the final
18 order, so there may be some time before a committee
19 will be required to pay that fine.

20 The Commission will now recognize committees
21 to make a presentation, beginning with the
22 committee seated at the front of the room. Please,
23 it's very helpful if you speak up, state your name
24 and spell it for the court reporter. So the
25 Commission staff can quickly look you up on the

1 spreadsheet, remember to identify yourself. We
2 covered that.

3 Is there a second to this motion for these
4 procedures?

5 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Any discussion?

7 Hearing none, all those in favor signify by
8 saying "Aye."

9 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Aye.

10 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Aye.

11 MS. PYLE: Aye.

12 CHAIRMAN OKESON: The "ayes" have it. Those
13 are the procedures.

14 The Commission will proceed to open its
15 hearings on campaign finance enforcement. Members,
16 we have our binders? Turn it over to staff. There
17 is someone here present?

18 MS. WESTERFIELD: Come to the front?

19 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Yes.

20 MS. WESTERFIELD: Would you like me to stand
21 or sit?

22 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Whichever you're comfortable
23 with, we're fine.

24 MS. WESTERFIELD: I would like to sit.

25 My name is Corinne Westerfield, C-o-r-i-n-n-e,

1 W-e-s-t-e-r-f-i-e-l-d. I am here today in request
2 of asking for my fines to be waived. There is
3 never an excuse for things to happen, but sometimes
4 there are explanations that can be given to make
5 things make a little bit more sense.

6 When this was needing to be filed, I was not
7 on the ballot at that time. But due to COVID and
8 everything, we had closed down our headquarters,
9 and my treasurer, also an accountant, had to be
10 taking off time for her father who had caught COVID
11 and needed to deal with that. It was not brought
12 to my attention that the proper filing had not been
13 done.

14 The minute I received the mailing, I did
15 contact Abbey and let her know that I was going
16 online to close everything and make sure that the
17 filing was done correctly. I had that done, and
18 then she told me that she would send everything in
19 the mailing after that. We also had to change the
20 address, which we did at that time, and Abbey was
21 very efficient on all of our answers and helping me
22 out.

23 A handful of months later, my son was
24 diagnosed with leukemia. We sold the property that
25 that was being sent at, but before then I had went

1 online and I thought I properly disbanded my actual
2 committee. In not knowing that it wasn't done
3 correctly, I found out handfults of months later
4 when the next mailing came out. Thankfully, the
5 new owner of the property called me to contact to
6 say, "Did you know you have a mailing here? Looks
7 kind of important."

8 So I swung by, grabbed it. As soon as I did,
9 I contacted Abbey again, told her what was going
10 on. I believe she officially disbanded it right
11 then and there, and then she told me that
12 information would be sent to me so that I could
13 come back and ask for a waive of my fines.

14 So today I'm in front of you to answer any
15 questions or anything like that that may need to be
16 answered.

17 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Can I recognize the staff.

18 MS. TAYLOR: This is on the first page of your
19 spreadsheet and the top of the second, Committee to
20 Elect Corinne Westerfield, Cause Nos. 2021-7188-82
21 and -157. They've paid one settlement agreement,
22 and there are two different fines. One is for
23 \$800, the other is \$1,000, and the committee is not
24 closed.

25 MS. WESTERFIELD: Oh, I thought it was closed.

1 MS. TAYLOR: I set the filing up for you to do
2 it online, then --

3 MS. WESTERFIELD: I thought you had done it
4 that day. I apologize.

5 MS. TAYLOR: That's okay.

6 MS. WESTERFIELD: That's miscommunication, my
7 fault.

8 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Wasn't this mentioned in the
9 last meeting? Is this a continuance?

10 MS. WESTERFIELD: Yes.

11 MS. TAYLOR: She was a continuance at the last
12 hearing, yes, and this then was given her final
13 continuance at that last hearing.

14 MS. WESTERFIELD: I wasn't able to make it
15 because we were in Columbus for therapies.

16 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Any questions?

17 Do you have anything else you'd like to add?

18 MS. WESTERFIELD: No.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: So your intent is to
20 disband your committee?

21 MS. WESTERFIELD: I thought -- to this very
22 moment, I already thought it was.

23 MS. TAYLOR: There is a zero balance. It is
24 still open. We can go upstairs and close it as
25 soon as this is over.

1 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: I know in the past
2 when people have disbanded their committees or
3 agreed to disband them, we have agreed to waive the
4 penalties conditioned on the committee being
5 disbanded.

6 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Any other questions?

7 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Do we waive based
8 upon she has to close it today and if it's not
9 closed today, then she gets hit with the full
10 amount? Can we do that?

11 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Make a motion.

12 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: I'll make that
13 motion.

14 CHAIRMAN OKESON: There's a motion to waive
15 the penalty on the condition that you close the
16 campaign today -- the committee today, rather, and
17 if it is not closed today, you will be imposed the
18 entire fine. That's the motion.

19 Is there a second?

20 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Any further discussion?

22 Hearing none, all those in favor signify by
23 saying "Aye."

24 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Aye.

25 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Aye.

1 MS. PYLE: Aye.

2 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Aye.

3 The "ayes" have it. The motion carries.

4 MS. WESTERFIELD: Thank you for your time.

5 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Thank you.

6 Is that it for today? Any defaults?

7 MS. TAYLOR: There was one request for a
8 continuance.

9 CHAIRMAN OKESON: So we have a continuance.
10 Okay.

11 MS. TAYLOR: It was Justus Properties. They
12 were granted their final continuance at the October
13 hearing, but they've asked for another continuance.

14 CHAIRMAN OKESON: I was going to say we had
15 that one and we said that was the final; right?

16 MS. TAYLOR: Yes.

17 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: And what was their
18 excuse?

19 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Yeah. Why aren't they --

20 MS. THOMPSON: It's behind the purple tab is
21 their email to us.

22 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: When were they
23 notified about final continuance?

24 MS. THOMPSON: It's behind his email there
25 with the notice of hearing.

1 MS. TAYLOR: Yeah. We sent those
2 November 2nd, I believe.

3 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: It says November 4th.

4 CHAIRMAN OKESON: November 4th.

5 MS. TAYLOR: 4th. Sorry. Yeah, that went out
6 the 4th.

7 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Did you send this to
8 the attorney or the client? Oh, you sent it to the
9 client.

10 MS. TAYLOR: To both.

11 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: To both?

12 MS. THOMPSON: Yes, to Justus Property Rentals
13 and to the attorney.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Did they get a
15 continuance at the last hearing too?

16 MS. TAYLOR: Yeah.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: What was the basis
18 for that continuance?

19 MS. TAYLOR: That should be in there too. The
20 paper-clipped section, the second page in that
21 paper-clipped section.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: So he wasn't
23 represented by an attorney at the last hearing?

24 CHAIRMAN OKESON: It doesn't look like it.

25 MS. THOMPSON: No.

1 CHAIRMAN OKESON: So that's a recent addition?
2 The communication came from an attorney?

3 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: When did the attorney
4 file an appearance in this matter?

5 MS. THOMPSON: We don't have an appearance for
6 the attorney. We just have the email that he sent
7 us on Friday, November 12th.

8 CHAIRMAN OKESON: I'm trying to recall. Why
9 were we so insistent on October being the only
10 continuance?

11 MS. TAYLOR: Because it was his second ask for
12 a continuance and you had decided that second was
13 it.

14 CHAIRMAN OKESON: I guess if that's what we
15 said. I guess my only concern is maybe not
16 sufficient notice, putting the calendar in
17 perspective.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Having been subject
19 to things like this, no, I mean, I think a Court
20 encountering something like this where the attorney
21 has just appeared, even though we don't have that
22 but we get the same argument, I think would often
23 say, "Okay, fine, attorney, it's your first
24 request, but here's the deal: We'll grant it, but
25 you need to show up next time."

1 Do you agree? I mean, that's what I would be
2 inclined to do.

3 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Yeah. And we don't
4 know when he got retained. I mean, the guy could
5 have waited until the 12th to hire an attorney, and
6 sometimes they'll do that thinking that it will
7 just give them extra time too. I don't know.

8 All right. So can I make a motion then for we
9 give him the extension, and if they don't show up
10 at the next hearing with no additional
11 continuances, and if they don't show up at the next
12 hearing, they will have to pay the full amount.

13 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Okay. So we have a motion.
14 Is there a second?

15 MS. PYLE: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Any further discussion?
17 Hearing none, all those in favor signify by
18 saying "Aye."

19 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Aye.

20 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Aye.

21 MS. PYLE: Aye.

22 CHAIRMAN OKESON: The "ayes" have it. The
23 continuance is granted.

24 Now we're on defaults; right? Are there any
25 defaults? Anyone present to testify on any

1 remaining campaign finance stuff scheduled for
2 today? Nobody?

3 All right. With that, campaign finance
4 matters scheduled for today are closed. Is there a
5 motion to impose the entire amount of proposed
6 penalty plus mailing costs on any and all remaining
7 campaign finance enforcement actions?

8 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: So moved.

9 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Is there a second?

10 MS. PYLE: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Is there any discussion?

12 Hearing none, all those in favor signify by
13 saying "Aye."

14 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Aye.

15 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Aye.

16 MS. PYLE: Aye.

17 CHAIRMAN OKESON: The "ayes" have it. The
18 motion carries. The penalties are imposed as
19 adopted.

20 At this time we'll move on to the Voting
21 System Technical Oversight Program. Would those
22 parties please step forward from VSTOP.

23 And I see that there are a number of folks
24 here today that would like to provide some public
25 comment. Is that correct? And those of you that

1 wish to do so have signed in? So we will allow the
2 VSTOP folks to give their presentation, and then I
3 will open it up after that once we're complete with
4 our business related to VSTOP.

5 Go ahead and introduce yourselves for the
6 record.

7 DR. BYERS: My name is Bryan Byers, B-r-y-a-n,
8 B-y-e-r-s. I'm a co-director of the VSTOP program.

9 DR. BAGGA: Hello. My name is Jay Bagga,
10 B-a-g-g-a. I'm co-director of the VSTOP program.

11 MR. SHATOT: Marc Shatot, M-a-r-c,
12 S-h-a-t-o-t. I am the election systems
13 certification specialist.

14 MS. BEATRICE: My name is Elizabeth Beatrice,
15 E-l-i-z-a-b-e-t-h, B-e-a-t-r-i-c-e. I am the
16 project specialist of VSTOP.

17 CHAIRMAN OKESON: At the last meeting we had
18 heard presentations on some software updates that
19 were going to be voted on today. I think that's
20 where we're picking up from. Is that right, Brad?

21 MR. KING: I beg your pardon, Mr. Chairman?

22 CHAIRMAN OKESON: At the last meeting we heard
23 some presentation material that we did not vote on.
24 We're picking up on that today; correct?

25 MR. KING: Yes, Mr. Chairman, that is correct.

1 There was no motion made at the last meeting to
2 adopt the protocols described.

3 CHAIRMAN OKESON: So do we want to start with
4 a revisit of that, of those protocols, or we've
5 digested all that for the record?

6 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Mr. Chair, I thought
7 that last time we had delayed the vote so that we
8 could take -- we wanted public comment.

9 CHAIRMAN OKESON: And we received public
10 comment on the voting system material?

11 MR. KING: Yes. Mr. Chairman, if I may say,
12 we received public comments, which are published on
13 the website and we have the originals here to
14 incorporate into the record.

15 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Do you want to discuss any
16 of that input as it relates to the --

17 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Well, I thought the
18 public comment was supposed to be for the purpose
19 of determining whether we approved the
20 certification protocol, so it seems like we would
21 do the public comment piece first and then -- I
22 mean, we can hear from VSTOP, but I wouldn't think
23 that -- we shouldn't vote on it until after we've
24 received the public comment that we advertised.

25 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Do you have anything

1 new you need to add from what you presented last
2 meeting?

3 DR. BYERS: No.

4 CHAIRMAN OKESON: So in order to keep this
5 thing orderly, we'll need a motion to adopt the
6 change orders as presented at the last meeting --
7 protocols, sorry -- protocols presented at the last
8 meeting and then subject to any input or discussion
9 that we can have after the motion.

10 So is there a motion?

11 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: So moved.

12 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Is there a second?

13 MS. PYLE: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Is there anything that you
15 want to offer that wasn't discussed last time?

16 DR. BYERS: Not at this time.

17 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Have you all had a chance to
18 digest what was sent to us?

19 MR. KING: Mr. Chairman, I personally have
20 read the entirety of the public comments so far.

21 CHAIRMAN OKESON: And is there anything in
22 those comments that the VSTOP folks would want or
23 need to respond to?

24 MR. KING: I can express my own opinion in
25 that regard.

1 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Please.

2 MR. KING: I think there are a large number of
3 public comments that are on larger issues that are
4 not related to the protocols but instead to the
5 state of federal legislation. But there are some
6 specific comments that do reference the protocols,
7 and VSTOP may wish to at least express their
8 reaction to those comments that are pertinent to
9 the protocols.

10 CHAIRMAN OKESON: So as part of our
11 discussion, this is where we'll entertain public
12 input. And I would just like to say for the
13 purposes of procedure and to keep this in a timely
14 fashion, we're going to limit your comments
15 initially to three to five minutes. So if you've
16 signed up to speak, you'll come forward. You'll
17 state your name for the court reporter. You'll
18 have an opportunity to address the Commission. If
19 the Commission members would like to ask any
20 questions, they're certainly able to do so, but
21 we're going to try and hold the time on this so
22 we're not in here all day long. I've already kept
23 everybody waiting enough as it is. Valerie will
24 keep a timer. And I'm just going to go ahead and
25 ask folks to come up in the order they signed in.

1 I believe the first name is Rochelle Fox.

2 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Mr. Chair, may I ask
3 you something?

4 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Sure.

5 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: I have also had an
6 opportunity to go through the emails and such that
7 you have written, and I think there's some
8 misunderstanding as to what it is -- what's within
9 our authority to do.

10 There seems to be a lot of concern about going
11 back to paper ballots. That is nothing that we can
12 address. You need to take that up with the
13 legislature. They have a committee that deals with
14 elections and such, and you have your own
15 legislators, but we can do nothing about that.

16 Lots of people were asking about a forensic
17 audit. Our election laws do not provide for a
18 forensic audit. There can be -- a county election
19 committee can go in within ten days after the
20 election and look at things if things don't tally
21 up, if the number of voters that voted is different
22 than the number of ballots that were cast. A
23 candidate or a political party can go in and file
24 an election contest or recount and they can then
25 look at the ballots. But there is nothing that

1 allows for a forensic audit in Indiana law. So,
2 again, that would be up to the state legislature,
3 and there is nothing that we can do.

4 You also had expressed things about the poll
5 books, the electronic poll books that we have.
6 And, again, I would tell you -- you guys think we
7 have a lot more power than we do. But I would tell
8 you that the electronic poll books are within the
9 purview of the Secretary of State, so that is who
10 you need to raise those concerns with.

11 So those are the major key points that --

12 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Just for the record -- and,
13 Rochelle Fox, you're welcome to come forward
14 here -- I would just reinforce what my colleague
15 has said. The Commission member on the board here
16 stated that we're an appointed body. We're not
17 elected officials here for the purpose of passing
18 any laws. So the third floor of the Statehouse,
19 where you find your representatives and senators,
20 is the place where you would like to make that
21 case.

22 MS. AUGUST: Do you mind restating what your
23 purpose is so it's very clear to us what is your
24 role, how are you helping the people?

25 CHAIRMAN OKESON: So hold on. You need to

1 identify yourself.

2 MS. AUGUST: Oh, my name is Krista August. So
3 I am apologizing because I should know this, but do
4 you mind right now just restating your role, what
5 you're doing for the people right now?

6 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Mr. Chair, may I
7 assist you with that one?

8 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Sure.

9 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Our role is spelled
10 out by statute.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Wait, wait. Right
12 now what we are doing, we are considering --

13 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Our role today?

14 CHAIRMAN OKESON: The motion.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Yes. What we are
16 considering today is that there are protocols that
17 we approve that voting systems have to go through,
18 be examined under to be certified as a voting
19 system in Indiana. So these protocols were revised
20 significantly to be very thorough in terms of how
21 any voting system is reviewed, tested, analyzed
22 before it is certified in Indiana.

23 So what we have before us today are these
24 revised protocols, and so the public comment should
25 be addressed to these protocols and any -- if there

1 are any suggested revisions or changes to these
2 protocols. So that's -- and so at the end of this
3 testimony, what we will be voting on is whether or
4 not to approve these protocols.

5 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: And the protocols do
6 not mean that we can pick the type of machine or
7 anything else.

8 CHAIRMAN OKESON: County responsibility.

9 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Yes. Counties pick
10 their machine, and the state legislature specifies,
11 tells them that it can be an optical scan, DRE, and
12 that's where it doesn't have the paper ballot, the
13 DRE. We can't, so all we have to do is take what
14 they're allowing and do protocols for how it will
15 be tested.

16 MS. AUGUST: So you're not voting on whether,
17 yea or nay -- again, Krista August.

18 CHAIRMAN OKESON: So just one second. As a
19 point of order, you're providing public testimony,
20 so if you've signed in, you'll have a chance to
21 talk.

22 MS. AUGUST: I just wanted to clarify --

23 CHAIRMAN OKESON: I understand.

24 MS. AUGUST: -- what you're doing so I can
25 understand.

1 MS. FOX: She's more than welcome to take my
2 time. I had no idea it was regarding the protocol,
3 but I literally worked this past election.

4 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Before you continue, just
5 for the record --

6 MS. FOX: Oh, my name. It's Rochelle,
7 R-o-c-h-e-l-l-e, and the last name is F-o-x.

8 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Thank you. Sorry. Go
9 ahead.

10 MS. FOX: I literally worked the election for
11 the traveling board, which is the absentee ballots,
12 and I'm telling you that computerized system is
13 screwed up. We were -- I mean, this was the first
14 time I had ever done that, and there was so much
15 error going on between the transactions of people
16 getting their ballots and getting their
17 applications for the ballots. And even in the
18 computerized situations, there were errors.

19 And I look back at when we didn't have these
20 systems, and I believe it was easier to have human
21 eyes on that rather than some computerized system
22 because someone's behind that, and that person
23 behind that is less than perfect. So even though
24 it's computerized and it's supposed to be updated,
25 that doesn't mean it's without error.

1 So I would really like for us to circle back,
2 and I stand here as a voter with redress of
3 grievances. We would do better -- I personally
4 believe that we would do better if we would just
5 have people and not this system. And I know that
6 there are a lot of discrepancies about ballots and
7 that type of thing, but I know for a fact I saw the
8 screwup, and it was done electronically. It wasn't
9 done -- how can I say it? Everything had to go
10 through the computer. That's what I'm trying to
11 say. So even the verification had to go through
12 the computer, but it was an epic fail in my
13 opinion. That's what I want to say.

14 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Mr. Chair?

15 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Sure.

16 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Again, that's not
17 something that we can address. That's your county
18 election board. They pick the equipment, they set
19 up the system and all of that for registration. So
20 if you have a concern about registration, then
21 there's nothing that we can do.

22 You have to wait until it's your turn to
23 speak.

24 MS. FOX: But aren't you guys over all of
25 Indiana?

1 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: No.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Over all of Indiana
3 for certain things. That's the -- I mean, I know
4 it's a very confusing system, but you've got your
5 county election boards, you've got Secretary of
6 State, county clerks, the Election Commission, and
7 we have different roles.

8 MS. FOX: So my question is, because -- what
9 did you call it, the V --

10 CHAIRMAN OKESON: VSTOP.

11 MS. FOX: -- VSTOP are here, isn't this the
12 group that handles -- no?

13 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: They don't handle
14 registration.

15 MS. FOX: Okay. Well, in Marion County, how
16 do we go about addressing this?

17 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Go to the county
18 election board.

19 MS. FOX: I've worked with them, so I know
20 exactly where it is, but will they give us a
21 meeting like this?

22 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: We have no idea.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: The county boards do
24 have meetings.

25 MS. FOX: Public meetings like this?

1 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Yes, yes.

2 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Whether they will let
3 you speak or anything, I don't know.

4 CHAIRMAN OKESON: And we're being short with
5 you. We're just not in a position to speak on
6 their behalf, completely separate entity.

7 MS. FOX: Yeah. Well, that's where I was
8 mistaken. I thought you ran all of Indiana, and I
9 had no idea it was according to counties. Okay.
10 Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Steve -- is it Corbin?

12 MR. CORBIN: Yes. Good afternoon. Steve,
13 S-t-e-v-e, Corbin, C-o-r-b-i-n. I guess I want to
14 actually defer to you for a moment. I believe --
15 are you asking a broader question of what exactly
16 the responsibilities of the Election Commission
17 are?

18 MS. AUGUST: Yeah. I just want to clarify --
19 I'm just trying to be helpful to all of us in the
20 room. I'd like to --

21 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Then why don't you
22 come up and speak.

23 MS. AUGUST: Sure.

24 MR. CORBIN: I think that's what she was
25 trying to do.

1 MS. AUGUST: I really am here --

2 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Well, I established a proper
3 procedure here to go down the list. So I'm just
4 trying to go in order of people who took the time
5 to sign in, but if you all are working in concert,
6 just go right ahead. State your name.

7 MS. AUGUST: My name is Krista August. Thank
8 you for having this hearing.

9 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Why don't you spell it.

10 MS. AUGUST: Krista, K-r-i-s-t-a, August like
11 the month.

12 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Thank you.

13 MS. AUGUST: So I really appreciate your
14 giving people the opportunity to be here today.
15 What I wanted to clarify is, so you are saying that
16 you are not going to have a decision on whether we
17 have electronic voting systems or not, but you're
18 rather just voting on the protocols of how you
19 approve them or not. So what we're getting at
20 today is, are you going to approve those voting
21 systems?

22 CHAIRMAN OKESON: There's a motion on the
23 floor to approve these protocols.

24 MS. AUGUST: These protocols. Okay.

25 CHAIRMAN OKESON: These are not approving a

1 voting system.

2 MS. AUGUST: Okay. Well, I have so much to
3 say, but I only have three to five minutes. But I
4 just want to say that that report was 145 pages
5 long, and you have to be an expert in legal and
6 also in computer stuff. I mean, I consider myself
7 a pretty highly educated person, and you cannot
8 sit -- and people are working and they're busy.
9 You cannot read that. That was not written to be
10 helpful to the people of Indiana. And to expect
11 people to come forward and give a comment on 145
12 pages that I doubt any of you understand what it
13 says. Okay? Did you read all 145 of those pages?
14 So it seems a little bit insincere, honestly.

15 And everything's so complicated. Even just
16 voicing our opinion is complicated. I agree with
17 the lady who came before me, and I know you're
18 saying this isn't the forum, but we need to talk
19 about this, and we need to go back to paper
20 ballots. And I'll finish on this. I'll finish on
21 something that is a more broad issue. I like
22 history. Probably all of us like history. When I
23 look at what's happening today, it makes me think
24 back to what happened before the Civil War. And
25 when you read the history before the Civil War, you

1 can't understand how it took so long for this
2 country to wake up to the evils of slavery. You
3 can't understand it from our point of view.

4 But that's the way -- and I'm not saying that
5 election integrity is like slavery, but people need
6 to wake up. People are not awake to that our
7 freedoms are being taken from us. If we do not
8 have free and equal elections, we do not have a
9 country. No other issue matters because we're not
10 being represented, our vote is not being heard.

11 This is so important and these -- and computer
12 voting is too complicated. Nobody understands it.
13 There's, like, four different systems being used
14 across the entire state. And our votes can be
15 compromised within the county, within a gymnasium
16 of a school, when they're being transferred to the
17 central location, and they could be compromised at
18 the central location. There's too many moving
19 parts. If you get it right for one election, the
20 moving parts will move by the time of the next
21 election. You're never going to get this right.

22 And I would say whatever you vote -- I know
23 this is complicated -- vote against anything. We
24 need to get back to paper ballots. Thank you for
25 hearing me.

1 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Mr. Corbin, would you like
2 to speak?

3 MR. CORBIN: Okay. So many thoughts go
4 through your head, right, whenever you're by
5 yourself and if I could do this and if I could do
6 that and if I could say that and that. And I don't
7 have a boatload of stuff to say. The biggest part
8 for me, I guess, is transparency wherever we are,
9 whatever we're doing.

10 I know of no other person or organization
11 maybe outside of government that is allowed to
12 audit themselves. And I think if you ask Joe on
13 the street or just go out and ask some people in
14 regards to that, go to the IRS and tell them, "No,
15 that's okay, I'll audit myself. I've got this."
16 Right? And I think that's my biggest thing is the
17 State auditing the State. Are bad things going to
18 happen? Maybe not. But the appearance -- and
19 whether it's a court of law or anything else,
20 right, the appearance is enough. So just the
21 appearance of the State auditing the State should
22 be more than enough to take that out of those hands
23 and find another solution to that.

24 My two cents. Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Thank you.

1 Kelly -- is it Khuri?

2 MS. KHURI: Khuri, Kelly Khuri, K-e-l-l-y,
3 K-h-u-r-i. Thank you all. Sorry. The
4 videographer wants me to move over.

5 So, you know, I've been checking out VSTOP for
6 a while now, and I don't really like what I see
7 with Dr. Bagga's bio and how entrenched he is, how
8 far back he goes with this system. It's one man --
9 well, two. Okay? And I looked at those protocols,
10 and I'm not an IT person at all, and I agree with
11 what you said about the details.

12 And I listened to the February meeting that
13 was held, the Zoom meeting, which I listened to
14 Dr. Long or Mr. Long -- I don't know which --
15 talking about these systems being online with
16 caveats, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah. Okay?
17 There's a real problem with the systems, a real
18 problem, and I think a lot of us have delved a
19 little further into them. So as far as these
20 protocols go, yeah, I'm not real pleased with them.

21 But I do want to say something about my
22 contact with you, Mr. King, previously and
23 Ms. Nussmeyer, but your office responded, your
24 issue with it. And I had asked you to take to the
25 chairman a request for resumption of Zoom meetings

1 so that people across our state can watch and
2 follow you guys. Okay? We are still in somewhat
3 of some kind of a weird emergency. But regardless
4 of whether we are or not, we need to resume these
5 Zoom meetings, and we need to add public comment to
6 every single meeting, in person and the Zoom.

7 That's open door.

8 You know, you can advertise, you know, that
9 you're going to host a meeting, et cetera,
10 et cetera. But if you don't allow us who work --
11 I'm retired so you're all going to see me a lot.
12 But those people who work and can't travel up and
13 down or crossways on the interstate need to be able
14 to watch this Commission. And we need to be able
15 to observe VSTOP and the things related to VSTOP,
16 the person, the people, the place the legislators
17 have deemed command and control of our elections,
18 our systems. Command and control is held within
19 this group right here, not within you all or us,
20 within this group. It's very untrusting what's
21 happening with VSTOP and what Mr. Bagga, Jay Bagga,
22 Dr. Jay Bagga -- I'm sorry, I don't mean to focus
23 on you, but you are the man -- has done throughout
24 our entire country and around the world with other
25 countries.

1 So, yeah, I'm not real happy with this VSTOP
2 protocol, and I do want a Zoom meeting. I don't
3 care. You said last time the legislators don't
4 like to -- I don't care about that. If I have to
5 have my videographer come every single time --
6 isn't that what you told me, that the state
7 legislators don't like -- I'm sorry. You all are
8 whispering. What did you say?

9 CHAIRMAN OKESON: I'm asking him a question
10 about it. Go ahead.

11 MS. KHURI: So I want to request that we
12 return to Zoom meetings. It's a great technology.
13 We're all about technology here, right? Yeah.
14 Okay. So we want the people to be able to see
15 what's going on, and the people are going to see.
16 We want to know about certain machines. We want to
17 know about -- I don't know -- escrows. And you do
18 have the certification protocols for the e-poll
19 books, right? Am I correct about that, that VSTOP
20 does the certifications for the e-poll books too?
21 Can I get an answer?

22 CHAIRMAN OKESON: What's the question?

23 MS. KHURI: Does VSTOP do the certification
24 protocols for the e-poll books?

25 CHAIRMAN OKESON: What do you mean "do" them?

1 MS. KHURI: Creates the test protocols.

2 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Brad, you want to --

3 MS. KHURI: Am I wrong? I would like to know.

4 MR. KING: If I can, Mr. Chairman.

5 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Sure.

6 MR. KING: The certification of e-poll books,
7 as mentioned earlier, is by the Secretary of State.

8 MS. KHURI: So VSTOP is not involved?

9 MR. KING: If you'll allow me to finish.

10 MS. KHURI: Sure. I thought you were. It
11 sounded like you came to a pause.

12 MR. KING: I did pause. I believe VSTOP
13 prepares reports to the Secretary of State
14 evaluating electronic poll books, and perhaps VSTOP
15 can confirm their role in that process.

16 MS. KHURI: Do you all -- I'll direct them to
17 you because I don't think I probably should direct
18 it to them. So does VSTOP create the protocols?

19 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Just a second.

20 Would you like to respond to that?

21 DR. BYERS: Yes, we do write the protocols
22 which are approved by the Secretary of State. And
23 we do recommend certifications for electronic poll
24 books after the electronic poll book system has
25 been through an extensive review and testing

1 process. And then the Secretary of State makes the
2 decision with regard to whether that electronic
3 poll book system would be certified in the state of
4 Indiana.

5 MS. KHURI: And does VSTOP also --

6 CHAIRMAN OKESON: So you're here to provide
7 public testimony and make any statements you want.
8 This is not an interrogation.

9 MS. KHURI: No, no. I have questions about
10 VSTOP's involvement because somebody mentioned
11 earlier about poll books. Thank you so much,
12 ma'am. So they do also test?

13 CHAIRMAN OKESON: I'll let his answer --

14 DR. BYERS: There is a laboratory test on each
15 electronic poll book system, and then we do a field
16 test on each electronic poll book system.

17 MS. KHURI: Thank you so much. Thank you so
18 much. Sorry if it sounded like an interrogation,
19 but that's who I am.

20 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Mr. Chair, may I make
21 a point?

22 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Sure.

23 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: This is public
24 testimony. It doesn't mean we're here to educate
25 you on how the system works or anything else. If

1 you have those kinds of questions, you can call
2 Mr. King --

3 CHAIRMAN OKESON: The Election Division.

4 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: -- yes, the Election
5 Division and they can help you. But today is just
6 comments and no questioning us for things. Okay?

7 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Jennifer -- does it start
8 with a G?

9 MS. GATTI: It's Gatti. I'm not going to,
10 like -- I'm not as vibrant as everybody else, I
11 guess.

12 CHAIRMAN OKESON: You're fine.

13 MS. GATTI: But I did write down --

14 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Would you just spell your
15 name.

16 MS. GATTI: G-a-t-t-i. But I did write down
17 because I'm not as fluid as everybody else here,
18 and I'll be quite brief.

19 I think where everybody is particularly
20 concerned is you're saying that you have nothing to
21 do with the systems, then why even bother having
22 you? I mean, you all work with VSTOP. I think
23 that's where they're coming from. That's not my
24 point here.

25 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Sure.

1 MS. GATTI: My point is where Indiana Election
2 Commission, VSTOP, the Secretary of State's office,
3 clerks -- we've talked to county clerks -- and more
4 officials who are involved with Indiana elections,
5 they all claim that the election systems do not
6 connect to the Internet. It's disingenuous and
7 it's deceitful. The quote from the vendor for our
8 voter portal was, "It's also important to know that
9 no piece of Indiana's voting equipment is online.
10 The machines and tabulators are not connected to
11 the Internet."

12 The one fact does remain is that the
13 electronic poll books do connect to the Internet.
14 They connect by county by county. That's the
15 purpose is precinct to precinct so that, when
16 somebody comes in and scans their ID, they can't go
17 to another precinct and vote because, if they went
18 to another precinct and handed them their ID, they
19 would say, "Oh, you've already voted." So to say
20 that it's not on the Internet is quite
21 disingenuous.

22 The electronic poll books also transmit BMV
23 data. That includes picture, name, address, date
24 of birth, and whether or not you're an organ donor,
25 which is kind of nerve-racking. Some cases the

1 data can be grabbed between those transfers. We've
2 talked to our county election board, and they
3 actually see that data live. So we know that it's
4 being transferred here and there.

5 And I know that the response will be, well,
6 it's intranet, it's through the State, it's not
7 open Internet. And I understand that. However,
8 within the state of Indiana, all of the government
9 agencies, they do employ cyber security companies
10 as a layer of protection. And in preparation of
11 the 2020 election, Secretary of State Connie Lawson
12 actually signed a 40-month agreement with FireEye,
13 and then she made a public announcement where she
14 said that they selected -- quote/unquote, "'We
15 selected FireEye because of its reputation in
16 election security, threat intelligence, and
17 incident response. FireEye has helped us address
18 both detection and prevention within the context
19 needed to act as quickly as needed. This
20 partnership also helps further collaboration
21 between the Secretary of State's office, Indiana
22 counties, FireEye, the Department of Homeland
23 Security,' said Connie Lawson, "the statewide" --
24 continuing the quote, "the statewide access to
25 voter registration systems by requiring a

1 multifactor authentication protocol for the county
2 election offices, implementing risk-limiting
3 audits, and working with DHS to perform regular
4 cyber vulnerability scanning on a statewide voter
5 registration system."

6 The issue that I have with this is it was only
7 33 days after the election. FireEye was not
8 transparent when they first discovered that their
9 systems were infiltrated. They were not
10 transparent on how long they had known their
11 systems were infiltrated, but they were forced to
12 file an SEC report 33 days after the election. So
13 we know that, if we're depending on FireEye here
14 within the internal state of Indiana Internet, what
15 have you, they're failing. Our cyber security
16 company is failing.

17 On top of that, when -- this is in 2021. This
18 next thing is in 2021, so this is after the
19 election. But one of the county council meetings
20 on Zoom in February, someone was able to infiltrate
21 it and pornographic images were going on.

22 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Ma'am.

23 MS. GATTI: Thirty seconds? Okay. Well,
24 let's see. County commissioner meetings, they all
25 agreed that every government entity is hackable.

1 And then, of course, we had the Department of
2 Health and the Indiana Office of Technology, they
3 had kind of a kabuki with about 700,000 Hoosiers as
4 far as their health systems, whether they were
5 tested for COVID, and that also included all of
6 their information. Now, just because it doesn't
7 include their social security doesn't mean that our
8 vote is being exchanged for our identity.

9 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Just a few more seconds to
10 wrap up.

11 MS. GATTI: Wrap up. In summary, obviously
12 it's not very secure. It's not very secure, and
13 the one part that's not secure is my security, my
14 private data. And I don't want to have to exchange
15 my private information for a vote so it's floating
16 around. When I went and voted with a paper poll
17 book, I handed my ID to the person, they looked it
18 up, I signed it, I got my ID back. It was not
19 transferred anywhere. It needs to go back. And,
20 yes, you guys do certify, you guys do approve the
21 VSTOP, so I would be careful how you characterize
22 what you're doing. Thank you.

23 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Mr. Chairman, let me
24 say this real quick. Number one, FireEye was hired
25 by the Secretary of State not for election

1 purposes.

2 MS. GATTI: Excuse me, ma'am?

3 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: You're finished.

4 It's my turn to speak.

5 MS. GATTI: I didn't hear you. I didn't hear
6 you.

7 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: I said that FireEye
8 was not hired for purposes of elections, is my
9 understanding.

10 MS. GATTI: No.

11 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: It's my turn to
12 speak. It was hired -- the Secretary of State does
13 all kinds of things. It maintains a corporate
14 database and all this, so it needs security. Maybe
15 that's why she hired it. I don't know. But it was
16 not for the express purpose of the elections.

17 Number two, the poll books, VSTOP, for our
18 purposes, what we're doing is looking at
19 certifications of voting systems. By statute, that
20 definition does not include poll books.

21 MS. AUGUST: Well, then you should --

22 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Next one, sir.

23 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Chris Polacek. Am I saying
24 that right?

25 MS. POLACEK: Yes, Chris Polacek, C-h-r-i-s,

1 P-o-l-a-c-e-k. I think that the points everybody
2 is making are valid points. They're not maybe
3 directly your responsibility, but they are under --
4 should be taken under consideration because the
5 ability to change things while they're in the air
6 is there.

7 We heard testimony in February. I was here a
8 couple months ago, and when we asked these
9 gentlemen if we could in any way connect these to
10 the Internet, one said no and one shook his head
11 yes. So, I mean, we know the answer is yes.

12 So I have a couple questions for you. We have
13 Indiana Code IC 3-11 --

14 CHAIRMAN OKESON: So this isn't a
15 question-and-answer period.

16 MS. POLACEK: Well, it's a comment.

17 CHAIRMAN OKESON: You can make comments.

18 MS. POLACEK: It's a comment and it's
19 something that needs to be considered. Indiana
20 Code 3-11-15-7(a)(8), it says "executable images
21 and source code escrowed with the Indiana Election
22 Division or its approved agent." We don't know who
23 that approved agent is. Is it somebody within our
24 four walls of government or is it some external
25 company somewhere? Is it something that somebody

1 in this room owns? We don't know. So that's
2 number one.

3 I also have another comment about 3-12-4-6.5.
4 It says USB provided to move election results from
5 the software to the SVRS or other outside network
6 contains malware protection. What is malware
7 protection? Why do we need malware protection,
8 first of all, if we can't access these things on
9 anything. But we'd like to know what the malware
10 protection is. So that's also something to take
11 into consideration before voting yes.

12 I would also like to ask if anyone has taken a
13 look -- since you've gone through all that
14 documentation, what do you think about the
15 affidavit that's enclosed in there? You've read
16 it. Have you given that to this committee?

17 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Again, this isn't a
18 question-and-answer period.

19 MS. GATTI: Well, there's an affidavit in
20 there --

21 CHAIRMAN OKESON: You're allowed to provide
22 comment.

23 MS. GATTI: -- that says it is possible --

24 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Ma'am.

25 MS. GATTI: I will say it. The affidavit says

1 it is possible to hack these machines. It shows
2 the actual programming on how the votes can be
3 changed, and it's all documented.

4 So vote no. I'm just going to say it. I
5 wouldn't vote on anything because I, as a person,
6 if I was in your shoes, would not want to take
7 responsibility for what's to come when these things
8 are overturned.

9 And I'd like to know, is it legal to lobby
10 when you're on this committee? Is it okay to be a
11 lobbyist? That is my question, and I would like to
12 ask legal counsel because I am going to ask the
13 question.

14 CHAIRMAN OKESON: You're welcome to --

15 MS. GATTI: You can not answer me, but I'm
16 going to ask the question anyway. I'm going to put
17 it out there for the public because I believe
18 there's people on this committee who are lobbyists
19 which I think need to be removed. Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Jay, Joy Martin? Jay
21 Martin? Sorry. I couldn't tell if that was an A
22 or an O.

23 MS. MARTIN: It's Joy, J-o-y, M-a-r-t-i-n.
24 Thank you for listening. I thought I might read my
25 letter to you, but it's kind of deep, so I think

1 I'll speak from the heart a little bit.

2 I, in one of my former professions, was a
3 controls engineer, and I worked on automating
4 controls on an assembly line that built Cummins
5 engines. And one of my jobs was to bring in new
6 machines from a vendor and describe what we needed.
7 They built them. I'd go off site to their place.
8 I'd test the machines, and then they'd bring it
9 onto the line, install it into the assembly lines,
10 and I'd test it on the spot. And so my experience
11 was that process as well as maintaining the flow of
12 the assembly line.

13 And in that process, I worked with other
14 controls engineers who all had the same access that
15 I did, and we were able to take that item that was
16 preprogrammed by the vendor and then modify it on
17 the spot or modify the whole code all at one time.
18 And the access was so easy that we had meetings
19 being concerned that someone else might be able to
20 sit in the parking lot, which happened to be on top
21 of the building, and download code into our
22 programmers and sabotage the production.

23 So it was that easy, and it was easier yet
24 because our lines ran 24 hours. And if there was a
25 machine down, I would often get a call in the

1 middle of the night because I think I was the
2 nicest one on the phone. I'm not sure. The other
3 guys were, like, "Who is this?" Anyway, so they'd
4 call me and they'd say, "Joy, this machine's not
5 running."

6 I'd say, "Okay. Let me get my computer out."
7 And I'd get it out, and the rule was you couldn't
8 change anything out of sight. Well, I was
9 definitely out of sight, but they didn't want to
10 wait for me to come in. I said, "Are you watching
11 the machine? Are you in key positions? Okay,
12 ready?" Click, boom, and it would start to hum and
13 work. It was that easy. I did that from my house.
14 And all of this was done for machines that were
15 programmed offline, tested offline, moved online,
16 tested online, and changed on the fly as we needed.

17 So there really is no protection against
18 modifications to what they have nicely prescribed
19 in their testing. I mean, that would be a great
20 start, but if we could prove in every instance that
21 no one else is getting there and modifying that
22 anywhere from anywhere in the world, then we could
23 trust it. But since we cannot trust that, I say we
24 cannot certify this program.

25 MS. AUGUST: I think it would be good if

1 people on the table were listening --

2 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Excuse me.

3 MS. AUGUST: -- and not talking --

4 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Excuse me.

5 MS. AUGUST: -- while she was giving a
6 comment.

7 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Ma'am.

8 MS. AUGUST: They've been talking the entire
9 time.

10 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Ma'am, do you want to stay?

11 MS. AUGUST: No. I'm trying to be helpful.

12 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Please stop.

13 MS. AUGUST: I'm listening. They should be
14 listening too.

15 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Clee Oliver.

16 MR. OLIVER: C-l-e-e, O-l-i-v-e-r. I tell
17 myself I shouldn't talk without having actually
18 written something up and look over it because I
19 don't want to sound stupid. I know I'm dumb, but I
20 don't want to sound stupid.

21 I've read through some of this VSTOP thing.
22 To be honest with you, I've not gotten into it that
23 much. But I did contact Vigo County, which
24 evidently had done a two-day audit by VSTOP. I've
25 asked for the report. They have not sent it to me.

1 I've asked for Freedom of Information. They have
2 not sent it to me, so there's an issue there. So
3 I'm going to pursue it. I was going to leave here
4 until you were late --

5 CHAIRMAN OKESON: I apologize.

6 MR. OLIVER: -- to go up to the public access
7 counselor and go do that.

8 But anyway, they found out there that -- and
9 this is kind of maybe off the subject maybe quite a
10 bit, but they found out there there was an
11 individual which is now the treasurer of Vigo
12 County that voted with a Florida license plate --
13 or a Florida driver's license. It went through the
14 court system and it was okay.

15 And to me, I mean, I understand this, but
16 there are other things -- you know, I don't know if
17 this board -- I think it would be really beneficial
18 to you to make people look at this board and say,
19 you know what, you guys have done something good
20 here and tried to help the constituents. Like she
21 said, a lot of them don't know.

22 And I've dug into a lot of things. I mean,
23 I've been going to meetings for probably the last
24 30 years. And, you know, I think -- I'm a member
25 of an organization called Indiana Coalition for

1 Open Government, open transparency in government
2 and -- open government transparency. And I feel
3 like a lot of this is trying to get information.
4 Is the protocol -- I'm not asking, but you don't
5 have to answer. Are the protocols that were
6 revised out there for the public? I don't know. I
7 mean, like I said, what was changed, it was last
8 meeting, are they out there? Maybe that would be
9 beneficial to put things out there, let people see
10 what's going on. Perception is you're trying to
11 hide something here. I'm not saying you are, but
12 that's perception. And it's not --

13 CHAIRMAN OKESON: So I'm going to take a
14 personal point of privilege, and it won't count
15 against your time.

16 MR. OLIVER: Okay.

17 CHAIRMAN OKESON: But this is exactly why, at
18 the last meeting, we allowed them to provide
19 testimony on the protocols, allowed for public
20 input, waited two weeks, which, by the way, pushes
21 the date for the counties to be able to utilize
22 this information and get ready for the next
23 election, pushing them back a little bit. But
24 just --

25 MR. OLIVER: Okay. No. I appreciate it. I

1 mean, like I said, this is the first I've been
2 here.

3 CHAIRMAN OKESON: I just wanted to make that
4 point for the record. Go ahead.

5 MR. OLIVER: Thank you. But, like I said, I
6 think getting information out there to the public,
7 whether it's here, whether it's -- like I said,
8 I've been going to commissioner meetings, council
9 meetings, this, that, and the other, and that's the
10 biggest thing, putting things out so the public can
11 see it.

12 Again, it's not that you're trying to hide
13 anything sometimes, but it's just the perception.
14 And I think everybody, legislators and everybody
15 else -- I mean, it's all in the top clear to the
16 bottom -- that it's just the fact that people don't
17 trust you. They don't trust the federal
18 government. I tell people -- like I said, with
19 federal, people get involved tea parties and stuff
20 like that with the federal. I said, you know, you
21 can have more of an impact right here at your local
22 than you can anyplace else. And I think you're
23 seeing this.

24 And people don't get involved. I didn't get
25 involved until it affected me. And I think that's

1 the way probably most of us here are and you don't
2 get involved. But now you're seeing it affects
3 everybody along the way and it builds up. And I
4 understand people, they're passionate about what
5 you believe and stuff like that.

6 But anyway, you know, this audit was done.
7 Like I said, I've been trying to get a copy of it.
8 Haven't yet. I don't know what the problem is.
9 There again, why not? Perception. But even they
10 talk in here about after the election. It says 5
11 to 6 -- this is a news article from Vigo, down in
12 Terre Haute. Five to 6 percent of the ballot -- of
13 the rolls of paper that were out of specifications,
14 they had to actually run them back through. And
15 there again, there's just different things along
16 the way that, you know, people don't trust.

17 And, again, it's like you said going back to
18 paper ballots, I voted with the machine where you
19 put the levers down. You want to vote straight
20 ticket, you pull the lever across. And if we have
21 to go back to something like that, so be it. Let's
22 get away from this electronic thing. As we see
23 with anything else, it's hackable. I don't care
24 what anybody says. It's hackable. You can do all
25 you want to try to stop it. It ain't going to

1 happen. This right here --

2 CHAIRMAN OKESON: A few seconds.

3 MR. OLIVER: This right here is kind of hard
4 to hack this when you got paper.

5 But anyway, I appreciate you letting me talk.
6 Like I said, I -- good. Made it.

7 CHAIRMAN OKESON: You did good. Thank you.
8 Suzy Barnhart.

9 MS. BARNHART: First of all, thank you for
10 having me. I'm Suzy, S-u-z-y, last name Barnhart,
11 Barn and then -h-a-r-t. I probably won't even come
12 close to using all my time, but first of all,
13 sincerely, thank you to each and every one of you.
14 It's hard. You've got different personality,
15 different understandings, and people can be unfair
16 and unkind, so thank you for serving our state.

17 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Thank you.

18 MS. BARNHART: Special thank you to Valerie.
19 We've had some good conversations. And out of
20 Bradley King's office, I appreciate the
21 professionalism and the turnaround time and the
22 quality of answers.

23 I do have a couple things here. They kind of
24 come in the form of a question, so I will say it as
25 a rhetorical question because we're not allowed to

1 ask questions. But here are some thoughts that I
2 have.

3 First of all, who exactly all created the
4 protocols that we're following? How were they
5 created? I don't have a clear understanding of
6 that. What exactly all does VSTOP's oversight
7 consist of? And we've had some different
8 understandings here, and through my time in
9 politics, I'm still learning and digging through,
10 and I think maybe simply laid out somewhere would
11 be very helpful. You know, are the IP addresses
12 monitored? I'd like to know that. Wondered if
13 there's a clear work difference between VSTOP and
14 SVRS and what exactly those lines are.

15 And one last statement, we do know, and this
16 is really more for those in the room who don't
17 know, but FireEye was hacked this past election and
18 they did get in the tool box. So that's good
19 information to be aware of. So that's all I have.
20 Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Thank you.

22 Ryan Slack? Going once. Ryan? No one named
23 Ryan? That's all I have signed up.

24 We have an outstanding motion that we have
25 seconded and we've had discussion on.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Are you accepting
2 speakers that came late?

3 CHAIRMAN OKESON: How many of you want to
4 speak?

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I count two, three.

6 CHAIRMAN OKESON: You need to come forward and
7 be sworn in.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

9 CHAIRMAN OKESON: You'll be limited to three
10 minutes. Mr. Kochevar will administer the oath.

11 MR. KOCHEVAR: All right. Please raise your
12 right hand. Please say "I do" after the oath is
13 given.

14 Do you solemnly swear or affirm the testimony
15 you are about to give to the Indiana Election
16 Commission is the truth, the whole truth, and
17 nothing but the truth? Please say "I do."

18 ALL: I do.

19 MR. KOCHEVAR: Thank you.

20 MR. COY: Name is Greg Coy, C-o-y. I am a
21 cyber security professional, been in cyber security
22 for 15 years, IT for 25. There's not a system on
23 this planet that cannot be hacked. Everything is
24 vulnerable. Otherwise, we wouldn't have hacks and
25 breaches in our federal government and across all

1 these major corporations that have billions of
2 dollars to spend, right, hundreds of millions of
3 dollars on cyber security alone. They're all
4 hackable. Machines are hackable. I think we all
5 get the point here, right?

6 There's a layer of vulnerability in the
7 system. The reasons that these companies are being
8 targeted and the federal government is because
9 they're valuable. There's a lot at stake. There's
10 a lot of valuable information and assets there for
11 them to have. Our election process, it is the free
12 and fair elections in the most secure -- sorry --
13 the most powerful country in the world, but it's
14 not secure.

15 So if we are to essentially take our hands off
16 the wheel is what we're doing, we're taking our
17 hands off the wheel and we're allowing third
18 parties, even if we have some oversight, third
19 parties are essentially running our elections.
20 That's what we're saying. That's what we're
21 allowing. It's unacceptable. This is too
22 important for us to take our hands off the wheel.
23 You have a layer of technology between the voter
24 and the result. We have to do more.

25 There's a saying in cyber security. It's

1 called trust but verify. We're not verifying.
2 It's not being verified. We're trusting and we
3 cannot do that anymore. We're way down this path
4 too long, and the reason that all these people that
5 you're feeling this today and prior to today is
6 because people sense it. The average, everyday
7 person that just isn't paying attention to cyber
8 security, they're aware there's something wrong.
9 We have to address it.

10 So please what we really want to see is a
11 forensic audit of 2020. What we want to see is a
12 return to a paper ballot. We can't be done --
13 computer systems cannot be in the mix in our voting
14 process. There's too much vulnerability, too much
15 risk involved in it.

16 CHAIRMAN OKESON: And I'll just afford you
17 this comment because you weren't here when this
18 testimony was started. But right, wrong, or
19 indifferent to your comments, this is the wrong
20 audience. Your legislature and your local county
21 board of elections is the two places I would urge
22 you to start.

23 MR. COY: We have had that conversation with
24 several of them. We're starting there. But
25 there's a lot of this going on, right? And the

1 more that everybody is aware of the risk, the
2 better off we're going to be. And I think you're
3 aware of it, right? It just needs to be tended to
4 from both sides, from all sides. We all have to
5 play a part in it. We have to play a part in it
6 like what we're all trying to do here today. So
7 thanks for letting us come up.

8 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Sure.

9 Sir.

10 MR. CROUSE: Name is Eric Crouse, E-r-i-c,
11 C-r-o-u-s-e. Obviously there's a lot of people in
12 this room. This is probably the most attendance
13 that this committee has seen. I think that the
14 point is it's going to continue, right? It's our
15 right as citizens to come and hold our government
16 accountable, and you all are not elected, but you
17 serve at the pleasure of the governor, I assume.

18 The one thing I would ask is that, as
19 commissioners, you do right now approve the
20 certification of voting systems in the state. And
21 by doing that, we are putting a medium in between a
22 voter and a ballot and a medium in between the
23 ballot and the people that count them, right,
24 particularly in the case of DREs, which have no
25 photo-verified paper audit trail. We knew that.

1 So it's just really important to understand
2 that everybody in this room understands what this
3 is (indicating). We understand how we use it to
4 mark the ballot. We don't actually understand,
5 many of us, how these machines work in order to
6 cast our ballot and make sure that it was counted
7 in the way that it was cast.

8 And so going forward, we would really
9 appreciate this committee or this commission really
10 taking a look at this certification process, which
11 you've allowed public comment on and we're very
12 grateful for that. But until we can be absolutely
13 100 percent sure that these machines don't have the
14 vulnerabilities which have been discussed
15 ad nauseam or however long this has been going on
16 today -- and sorry that we were all late.

17 CHAIRMAN OKESON: I was too. Don't worry
18 about it. No, I'm kidding. It wasn't very kind of
19 me, but it wasn't intentional.

20 MR. CROUSE: Things happen, right? I mean, we
21 were meeting with legislators. That's what we were
22 trying to do, right?

23 But right now you guys are that piece where
24 VSTOP provides you with a recommendation, and if
25 the four of you say yes, then, hey, guess what,

1 counties go ahead and get to purchase it or lease
2 it or whatever they choose to do with the system.

3 But ultimately, right now, to Greg's point, we
4 need to make sure that you all understand and are
5 aware of the vulnerabilities and that if VSTOP --
6 you know, we can agree or disagree about what
7 they've done and how well they've done, but if they
8 can't prove to you without a doubt these machines
9 can't connect to the Internet, that they're not
10 hackable, that they're not manipulated or able to
11 be manipulated, why would we ever consider
12 approving that medium in between a voter and their
13 ballot? Why would we ever allow a machine, whether
14 or not it is connected to the Internet, why would
15 we allow machines to be certified that are capable
16 of being connected to the Internet? Components
17 that allow them to be connected to the Internet are
18 the vulnerability that are exposed in haphazard
19 implementations.

20 So what we really want to see is just from
21 this commission right now, hey, we can't certify
22 something that we aren't 100 percent sure can be
23 used and that a voter is trusting that their ballot
24 was counted as they cast it. And that's all I have
25 to say. Thank you very much.

1 MS. JANES: Hi. My name is Jacqueline Janes.

2 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Can you spell that for the
3 reporter.

4 MS. JANES: Jacqueline, J-a-c-q-u-e-l-i-n-e,
5 J-a-n-e-s. I'm a disabled veteran. I'm a new
6 resident from California. Taking into effect the
7 process of becoming an Indiana resident, I have --
8 I don't know what words to use. I'm a nonaffiliate
9 of a party, and within the process, I was already
10 put into the loop of a party and I was offended by
11 it.

12 I want you to take into consideration that the
13 process of with our ballots, there was already --
14 sorry. I'm a little nervous. I want you to
15 take -- trying to learn the system of a new state
16 is intense. And it was a little offensive to me,
17 just the process of that, of not having that safety
18 there. And then with all the stuff that's going on
19 within our country now of the wide variance from
20 state to state, that maybe there can be a second
21 step before even getting to the ballot, because I
22 was a part of the American Legion that I was an
23 assistant sergeant-at-arms. Perhaps there can be
24 that system as well before even getting to the
25 ballot because I don't believe in having any kind

1 of computer system with a paper ballot in the first
2 place so that maybe it can be that second
3 protection before you even get to that paper
4 ballot.

5 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Is that all you wanted to
6 share with us today?

7 MS. JANES: Yes.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Our staff could
9 probably talk to you afterward about the process.
10 The Indiana system is a little different in terms
11 of the party affiliation process, so I'm sure that
12 Mr. King or Ms. Nussmeyer would talk to you
13 afterwards about that.

14 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Thank you for your service.

15 All right. Closing the matter for discussion.
16 We have a motion to vote on the voting system
17 protocols as provided at the last meeting and a
18 second.

19 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Mr. Chairman, may I
20 say something?

21 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Yes, sure.

22 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Dr. Bagga and
23 Dr. Byers, I want to apologize to you to the extent
24 that there were some folks who stood up here and
25 pointed fingers at you and made some implications

1 for which this body has no evidence of any
2 wrongdoing, nor does anyone else. And I just want
3 you to know that I, for one, don't share that, and
4 I think it was inappropriate to do it like that.

5 CHAIRMAN OKESON: I would echo those comments.
6 You all are an important part of the process here
7 that I'm proud to say seems to work pretty well.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: And I guess before we
9 vote, I'd like to comment on the actual protocols.
10 I know that a lot of -- I think staff went through
11 a lot of effort with VSTOP to, I think, do what is
12 a significant improvement to the protocols because
13 over the past -- I've now been on the Commission a
14 long time, so however many years it is I've been on
15 the Commission, I know that during meetings there
16 are questions that I've raised, others have raised
17 during the certification process inquiring about
18 the standards that we apply to these systems prior
19 to their certification. And I think that these
20 protocols incorporate the issues that we have
21 identified -- the types of questions that we have
22 asked over the past few years. I also think they
23 incorporate much better the standards that Indiana
24 law applies in terms of different types and shapes
25 of ballot cards and what is required to read them

1 and just the specifications of the system.

2 So I feel like with these in place, I feel
3 like the approval process for the certifications is
4 going to be nice and thorough. So I just want to
5 appreciate all the time that everyone put into
6 those.

7 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Any comments on the record?

8 MS. PYLE: I don't think so.

9 CHAIRMAN OKESON: I would just like to say too
10 I appreciate all of you coming and taking the
11 opportunity to become informed or better informed
12 and to learn a little bit more about how these
13 things work. I would encourage you to review any
14 and all meeting minutes and other resources
15 available both on the Election Division website and
16 the Secretary of State's site. VSTOP, you have a
17 website too, do you not? Yeah, on the VSTOP site.
18 And certainly participation in public meetings is a
19 good thing. We appreciate your time and look
20 forward to seeing you all again in the future.

21 With that, we have a motion and a second and a
22 vote. All those in favor signify by saying "Aye."

23 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Aye.

24 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Aye.

25 MS. PYLE: Aye.

1 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Aye.

2 The "ayes" have it. The motion carries. The
3 protocol is approved. Thank you for coming again
4 today.

5 With that, we've finished our business for the
6 day.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Excuse me. May I just
8 ask --

9 CHAIRMAN OKESON: No, you may not.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- can you commit to
11 having Zoom meetings in the future?

12 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: I move we adjourn.

13 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Motion to adjourn.

14 Seconded?

15 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Adjourned.

17 (The Indiana Election Commission Public
18 Session was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.)

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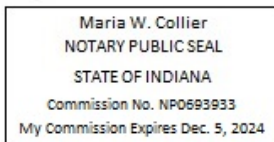
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3 I, Maria W. Collier, a Notary Public in and
4 for said county and state, do hereby certify that the
5 foregoing public session was taken at the time and
6 place heretofore mentioned between 1:39 p.m. and
7 3:27 p.m.;

8 That said public session was taken down in
9 stenograph notes and afterwards reduced to typewriting
10 under my direction; and that the typewritten
11 transcript is a true record of the public session.

12 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
13 hand and affixed my notarial seal this 1st day of
14 December, 2021.

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16 *Maria W. Collier*



21 My Commission expires:
22 December 5, 2024

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