

Pima County Election Integrity Commission

Minute Summary

The Pima County Election Integrity Commission met in regular session on December 10, 2010 at the Pima County Administration Building, 1st Floor, Board of Supervisors Conference Room, 130 West Congress Street, Tucson, Arizona 85701.

Upon roll call, those present were as follows:

Item 1: Roll Call

Present: Mickey Duniho, Donna Branch-Gilby, Arnie Urken, Pat Pecoraro, Mary DeCamp, Tom Ryan, Jim March and John Moffatt

Absent: Benny White, Gilbert Veliz, Charles Geoffrion

Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance:

Those in attendance stood for the pledge of allegiance

Also in attendance: Brad Nelson, Pima County Elections Department

Item 3: Approval of the November 19, 2010 Minute Summary:

The minute summary was reviewed by the members of the Commission. Pat Pecoraro had one correction on the spelling of his last name. Should be Pecoraro not Pecararo. Mary DeCamp second part of her name was not capitalized under item 13. Donna Branch-Gilby requested a revision to Item 8 Moving vote oval from margin to center of column. Donna Branch-Gilby made the motion to except the revisions as presented, Pat Pecoraro seconded the motion. Vote carried 7-0.

**Tom Ryan skipped Item 4, Ballot Scanning, due to some last minute issues with the document that was sent to the Clerk's Office on December 9, 2010. Tom Ryan will discuss this item next, if the issue is resolved.

Item 5: Poll Worker Evaluation Form-

Donna Branch-Gilby and Mary DeCamp provided the Commission a revised Poll Worker Evaluation Form for review and/or comment. Tom Ryan suggested more detailed questions on specific problem areas would be more helpful to the Election Department's review of these forms. Brad Nelson agreed with Tom Ryan's suggestion. The Commission members agreed that specific information provided by the poll workers will be most helpful in preparing and/or correcting problems found at the polling sites. John Moffatt mentioned to the Commission the County would be implementing a Content Management System

sometime in March or April, 2011. This system would be web based. John offered this service to the Commission if the Commission was interested; they could work on the content and structure of possible web based form. Brad Nelson suggested to Donna Branch-Gilby and Mary DeCamp, an option to work with Michael Dale at the Elections Department on the format of the forms. Donna Branch-Gilby will forward the final draft of the poll worker forms to John Moffatt for distribution to the Commission for their final review and approval at the next Election Integrity Commission meeting.

Donna Branch-Gilby, for the record, wanted the Commission to know that the Democratic Party has committed to actively recruit and promoting the importance of the roll and responsibilities of poll workers for 2011 election cycle.

Item 4: Ballot Scanning Letter

Tom Ryan and John Moffatt gave the Commission an update on the status of the Ballot Scanning letter that was placed on the Board of Supervisors December 14, 2010 addendum. John Moffatt explained to the Commission the revision that was made to the proposed resolution by the County Attorney's office and Martin Willett, Chief Deputy County Administrator, to the original resolution provided by Tom Ryan. John Moffatt also reminded the Commission of the process that would take place should the Board of Supervisors approve and support this item from the Commission; 1.) This item would be forwarded to the Secretary of State's office. 2.) Martin Willett, Chief Deputy County Administrator would forward this to Pima County Lobbyists. 3.) Assuming Secretary of State gets bill out, Pima County Lobbyists will represent the County and support this issue at the Legislature.

Mickey inquired if John had received any feedback from Secretary of State's Office regarding the interest of some of the Commission members to participate in moving this forward at the State level. John Moffatt stated, the last time he had spoken to Secretary of State's office they were moving forward on this issue but he would inquire again with the Secretary of State's office and report back to the Commission.

John Moffatt reminded the Commission, should any of the Board members have any questions or concerns regarding this item prior to the December 14, 2010 Board meeting, he Tom Ryan and Benny White would be available to speak to any of the Board members if needed. John also encouraged the Commission members to contact their respective appointing authorities and discuss this with them.

Pat Pecoraro made a motion to move forward and support this item as it moves forward to the Board of Supervisors and to the Secretary of State's office. Arnie Urken seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Item 6: Mail in Ballot Study-Donna Branch-Gilby

Donna Branch-Gilby provided the Commission with some information on mail-in ballots from a report that she received from the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) that was done a few years ago regarding a range of alternative voting methods. The Commission members appreciated her information and asked for the entire report she had from the EAC be forwarded to each of them via-email. Donna Branch-Gilby will forward the report to Victoria Ames for processing to all of the Commission members.

Item 7: Security of Our Elections-Follow-up on Laser Printers-Jim March

Jim March apologized to the Commission for the delay on this issue. He has not been able to get the equipment he needs to complete this test repaired and has asked to have this item removed from the Election Integrity Commission agenda until further notice.

Item 8: Bylaws for Election Integrity Commission- Jim March-cont'd

Due to illness, Jim March did not have a revised document for review by the Commission. He asked this item be continued one more time to the next Commission meeting.

Item 9: Staff Support

John Moffatt announced to the Commission that Victoria Ames would be leaving Pima County. John introduced her replacement, Catherine Hanna.

Item 10: Call to the Audience

Kent Solberg, Lead Co-Chair Green Party spoke about the history of steps related to appointment of another member of the Election Integrity Commission and his concern that the Board of Supervisor's had usurped his authority to make that appointment.

Item 11: Next Meeting Date and Time

The Commission will meet again on January 21, 2011 at 9:00 am, Board of Supervisors Conference Room, 130 West Congress Street, Tucson, Arizona 85701

Item 12: Agenda Items-New Business

Provisional ballot discussion, including Recorder's documentation of 2010 General Election issues. – Recorder's Office – Benny White

Overseas ballots- – Tom Ryan – Recorder's Office

Registered Voter purge process – Recorder's Office

Selection of Early Ballot Audit Batches-Brad Nelson

Ballot Duplication Cost and causal analysis-Brad Nelson

Secretary of State Legislative Status Update-John Moffatt

Recount-Brad Nelson

Item 13: Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.