



**PIMA COUNTY ELECTION INTEGRITY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 15, 2015**

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The Pima County Election Integrity Commission met in regular session on May 15, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Herbert K. Abrams Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room #1104 at 3950 S. Country Club Road, Tucson, Arizona.

**ITEM 1. ROLL CALL**

Present: Chris Cole, Arnie Urken, Matt Smith, Jeff Rogers, Brad Nelson, Beth Borozan, Bill Beard, Karen Schutte, Brian Bickel; Barbara Tellman, Presiding.

Absent: Tom Ryan.

**ITEM 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The American flag was saluted with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTE SUMMARY – April 17, 2015**

It was moved by Bill Beard, seconded by Brian Bickel and carried unanimously to approve the Minutes of the April 17, 2015 meeting.

**ITEM 4. WELCOME ERIC SPENCER, DIRECTOR OF ELECTION SERVICES, SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE**

Barbara Tellman noted that Eric Spencer was unable to attend the meeting. He is listed on all Items through Item 12. She asked if there was anyone who would like to discuss any of the Items in Eric's absence. Bill Beard shared that in the discussion he had with Secretary Reagan concerning her appearance at the EIC meeting in June, she is not available on any of the dates proposed for the June meeting. According to her scheduler, the earliest would be in August.

Barbara said that unless there is an objection the Commission would skip over Items 5 through 12. Karen Schutte asked for an explanation of the term HAVA as shown in Item 11. Barbara responded that is the Help America Vote Act.

**ITEM 5. STATUS OF REVISED *ELECTIONS PROCEDURES MANUAL* – Discussion with Eric Spencer**

This Item will be skipped.

**ITEM 6. UNIFORMITY IN REPORTING AMONG COUNTIES – Discussion with Eric Spencer**

This Item will be skipped.

**ITEM 7. UPDATING LAWS/PROCEDURES TO INTEGRATE WITH ADVANCES IN COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY – Discussion with Eric Spencer**

This Item will be skipped.

**ITEM 8. AUDITING WITH BALLOT IMAGES – Discussion with Eric Spencer**

Sara Balentine said that correspondence from Tom Ryan stated he wanted to have the Commission discuss presenting the pilot project to the Board of Supervisors.

Brad Nelson recalled that Tom had approached Chair Bronson on this. She told him it is something she wants to bring to the Board but wanted to get the budget process done first. Brad thinks the Board is amenable to hearing a presentation from the EIC but at this time she isn't ready to take it forward.

Bill Beard asked if Chair Bronson would like members of the EIC to come to a Board of Supervisors meeting with a presentation. Brad responded he will need to direct this question to Tom, since Tom had the conversation with Chair Bronson.

Barbara added that this item will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

**ITEM 9. STATUS OF FUNDING FOR 2016 PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE ELECTION – Discussion with Eric Spencer**

This Item will be skipped.

**ITEM 10. FEDERAL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION EQUIPMENT – Discussion with Eric Spencer**

This Item will be skipped.

**ITEM 11. HAVA FUNDS AT STATE LEVEL – Discussion with Eric Spencer**

This Item will be skipped.

**ITEM 12. PRIVATE COMPANIES ISSUING DRIVER'S LICENSES – Discussion with Eric Spencer**

This Item will be skipped.

**ITEM 13. POST-ELECTION DISTRIBUTION OF DATABASES – Tom Ryan**

Barbara Tellman asked if there was any discussion, since Tom Ryan is not present. No discussion.

**ITEM 14. UPDATE ON ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT CENTRAL COUNT AREA REMODELING – Brad Nelson**

Brad Nelson stated that approximately 100 square feet were added to the counting room in the Elections Department. The anticipation is that for the new equipment, since scanners won't be used in the future, a bit more floor space is needed. This involved moving some light fixtures and electrical outlets in the walls. Nothing major, but until that remodeling was done, they were unable to schedule the acceptance testing. Brad has reached out to the vendor for a tentative date for the installation of the equipment, which will likely be mid-July.

Bill Beard asked if the intent was to use this equipment for the November election; Brad responded in the affirmative.

**ITEM 15. UPDATE ON ANY PLANS FOR RECALL ELECTION**

Brad Nelson stated that Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a mayoral recall election in the City of South Tucson. The Logic and Accuracy Test has been conducted successfully, and they will wait to count ballots till Tuesday morning due to the small volume. Approximately 200 early ballots verified by the Recorder have been received. There will be only one polling place, at the Sam Lena Library; Brad doesn't know what the anticipated turnout will be at the poll. The Elections Department will get the election results to the City Clerk in time for the City of South Tucson to canvass the election.

In the Town of Oro Valley, Brad understands that petitions to recall three council members have been turned in to the Town Clerk, who has 10 days to prepare them and turn them over to the Recorder. The Recorder then has 60 days from that date to verify the number of signatures. Brad is not certain where the process is currently. He is not certain if any petitions have been turned into the Town Clerk pertaining to the recall of the mayor.

Bill Beard asked if the old equipment will be used in the South Tucson election. Brad responded in the affirmative.

**ITEM 16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Chris Cole was asked if the Commission can move the Call to the Public to the beginning of the meetings.

Jeff Rogers would like to discuss the possibility of a joint County/City ballot.

Arnie Urken would like to discuss the final version of the Bylaws.

Tom Ryan wants to discuss presenting the recommendation for the pilot project to the Pima County Board of Supervisors.

Karen Schutte would like to include Cost of Elections.

**ITEM 17. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting dates will be June 26, July 17 and August 21, 2015. Bill Beard will give the August date to the Secretary of State, but asked that the Commission be a little flexible.

**ITEM 18. CALL TO PUBLIC**

No comments from the audience.

**ITEM 19. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Jeff Rogers and seconded by Bill Beard and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.