

Iowa Voter Registration Commission

Minutes: 21 April 2023, 10:30 AM CT

The Voter Registration Commission convened on Friday, 21 April 2023, via telephone. Commissioners Bonham, Burhans, Marshall, and Smithson participated via phone. Legal Counsel Eric Gookin also participated in the meeting.

1. Call to Order

Meeting officially called to order by Chairwoman Burhans at 10:31 AM CT.

2. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Bonham moved to approve the minutes from the 17 April 2023 meeting; Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Business

The commissioners briefly recapped the items they discussed at their previous meeting held on 17 April regarding comments received in public hearing for proposed rulemaking ARC6772C held on 13 March 2023. They would like to define all of the voter list request reasons in Iowa Code section 48A.39 as well as “commercial purpose” and are interested in implementing file hashes to watermark the electronic voter lists used to fulfill requests.

The commissioners concurred to remove the second sentence in 821—3.2(3) *Usage* of ARC6772C and, instead, provide notice of or reference to Iowa Code sections 39A.3 and 48A.39 on the voter list request form. It is possible they may accomplish this by revising item (10) of 821—3.3.

There was discussion about requiring the URL if an entity requesting a voter list also requests permission to post it on the internet. It will need to be determined if the Commission has the authority to request it.

Commissioner Smithson moved that the Commission rescind ARC6772C and restart the rulemaking process. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Burhans moved that the Commission schedule a special meeting for Monday, 22 May 2023, at 10:00 AM CT to review and possibly approve new rulemaking language. Commissioner Bonham seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Marshall moved that Chair Burhans have the ability to change the date of the May meeting if necessary. Commissioner Smithson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There was brief discussion about how it is determined which organizations are listed as Non-Party Political Organizations in the political affiliation section of the State of Iowa Official Voter Registration Form. Chair Burhans noted that Iowa Code section 44.18 *Affiliation on voter registration form* outlines the determination process and shared that, as of 21 April 2023, 4139 registered voters (Active, Inactive, and Pending) in Iowa have the political affiliation of Green with 1512 as Active.

4. Adjournment

Commissioner Marshall moved for the Commission to adjourn; Commissioner Smithson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.