

Iowa Voter Registration Commission

Minutes: 28 December 2022, 10:30 AM CT

The Voter Registration Commission convened on Wednesday, 28 December 2022, via Microsoft Teams. Commissioners Burhans, Smithson, Bonham, and Davison-Rippey participated virtually. Legal Counsel Molly Widen also participated in the meeting.

1. Call to Order

Meeting officially called to order by Chairwoman Burhans at 10:33 AM CT.

2. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Bonham moved to approve the minutes from the 18 November 2022 meeting; Commissioner Davison-Rippey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Business

- A. Commissioner Burhans reviewed the current I-Voters maintenance fee of \$0.175 per registered voter that is billed to counties annually and outlined the current schedule for issuing a Request for Proposal and ultimately implementing a new voter registration and election management system. Commissioner Bonham moved to approve maintaining the I-Voters maintenance fee as \$0.175 per registered voter for Fiscal Year Ending 2024; Commissioner Davison-Rippey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Smithson commended the Secretary of State's Office for having held the fee firm for as long as possible.
- B. Commissioner Burhans reviewed the current voter list request fees as noted on the State of Iowa Specifications and Order Form for Voter List. She and Counselor Widen noted that the pricing model for voter list requests needs to be reconsidered to provide flexibility for the increased demand on staff resources. Prior to the Commission's regularly scheduled March meeting, a new pricing model proposal will be provided to the Commissioners for consideration and then discussion at the March meeting. Commissioner Davison-Rippey moved to approve maintaining the current voter list request fees until a change is approved; Commissioner Bonham seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Commissioner Burhans reviewed the change required to the State of Iowa Official Voter Registration Form in the Political Affiliation section. Due to the Libertarian Party gaining political party status in the 2022 General Election, "Libertarian" needs to be added as a checkbox option in the Political Parties line and removed from the Non-Party Political Organizations line. Commissioner Bonham moved to update the voter registration form to reflect this political party change; Commissioner Davison-Rippey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Future Business

Commissioner Smithson requested a discussion item be added to the agenda for the regularly scheduled March meeting. He would like the Commission to discuss 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.

5. Adjournment

Commissioner Bonham motioned for the Commission to adjourn; Commissioner Davison-Rippey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.