

Iowa Voter Registration Commission

Minutes: 2 October 2020, 11:00 a.m.

The Voter Registration Commission meeting was called to order on Friday, October 2, 2020, at 11:05 a.m., in the SOS Conference Room at the Lucas State Office Building by Commissioner Heidi Burhans. Commissioner Magill also was present, and Commissioners Bonham and Smithson participated via phone.

1. Call to Order

Meeting officially called to order by Commissioner Burhans at 11:05 a.m.

2. Approval of the 01/17/2020 Minutes

Commissioner Bonham moved to approve the minutes from the 17 January 2020 meeting with a change to show who voted. Commissioner Smithson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Business

The Commissioners engaged in discussion regarding making changes to the State of Iowa Voter Registration Form due to the Governor's Executive Order restoring voting rights for persons formerly convicted of felonies. Presented to the Commissioners for consideration was a proposed draft with the following two changes:

1. In the box at the top of the form, add the sentence "To learn more about voting after a felony conviction visit RestoreYourVote.iowa.gov."
2. In the Registrant Affidavit box at the bottom of the form, change the third bullet to "I have never been convicted of a felony OR my right to vote has been restored by the Governor, including through Executive Order, after a felony conviction."

After allowing members of the public to provide input during the meeting, Commissioner Smithson moved to adopt the proposed draft as the new official State of Iowa Voter Registration Form. Commissioner Magill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Smithson then motioned that the Commission meet prior to the end of 2020 for the purpose of holding a public hearing to gain feedback on the State of Iowa Voter Registration Form. Commissioner Magill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Burhans provided an update of the ongoing consideration to expand online voter registration. The Secretary of State's Office and the Iowa Department of Transportation are working together to develop possible options.

The Secretary of State's Chief Cyber Executive provided an update on the cybersecurity of the I-Voters voter registration system.

4. Adjournment

Commissioner Magill motioned for the Commission to adjourn. Commissioner Bonham seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.