

Iowa Voter Registration Commission

Minutes: May 9th, 2019 1 p.m.

The Voter Registration Commission meeting was called to order on Thursday, May 9th, 2019, at 1:01 P.M., in the SOS Conference Room at the Lucas State Office Building by Deputy Secretary of State and Commission Chairperson Christy Wilson. Commissioner Susan Bonham, Commissioner Kevin Geiken, Commissioner Charlie Smithson attended the meeting via telephone. Linn County Auditor Joel Miller and Linn County Deputy Commissioner of Election Rebecca Stonawski were also present via telephone. Elections staff members Molly Widen, and Heather Livingood were present in person.

1. Call to Order

Meeting officially called to order by Commissioner Wilson at 1:01 P.M.

2. Approval of 4-22-2019 Minutes

Motioned by Commissioner Bonham, second by Commissioner Geiken to approve the minutes of the meeting on April 22nd, 2019. All Ayes. Minutes Approved.

3. Old Business

a. Administrative Rule Update

- ARC 4383C – Approval Needed to Adopt and File
- Filing from 4-22-2019 – No ARC# Assigned

Commissioner Wilson introduced elections staff member and legal counsel Molly Widen to provide the commission with an update on the filings of ARC 4383C. Commissioner Smithson motioned to adopt ARC 4383C, seconded by Commissioner Bonham. All Ayes. Motion to adopt passed.

Elections staff member and legal counsel Molly Widen moved on to provide an update on the filing from 4-22-2019, asking the commission if they wish to do a double-barrel filing. Charlie moved to begin the double-barrel filing process, seconded by Commissioner Geiken. All Ayes. Motion passed.

b. Linn County Petition for Rulemaking

- Petition filed in 2017

Elections staff member and legal counsel Molly Widen explained to the counsel that 2 out of the 3 parts of the petitions filed by Linn County in 2017, were beyond the Voter Registration Commission's jurisdiction. Part 3 that addressed electronic signatures on voter registration forms for within county moves on election day, is not something that the Secretary of State's Office advised the commission to accept at that time. Discussion by Commissioner Smithson stating he would like to see a clearer petition for rule making and discuss this in the future, also would like to know about the Secretary of State's Office is with the new voter registration system. Commissioner Wilson moved to deny the 2017 petition from Linn County, seconded by Commissioner Smithson. Commissioner Bonham and Commissioner Smithson Aye. Commissioner Geiken Nay. Motion Passed.

4. New Business

Commissioner Wilson asked if there was any new business, none to be discussed.

5. Adjournment

Commissioner Smithson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bonham. All Ayes.
Commission adjourned at 1:35 P.M.