

Department of Elections
Voting Equipment Selection Task Force
Preliminary Report
June 28, 2017

The Voting Equipment Selection Task Force (the Task Force) was created by House Bill No. 342 as amended by Senate Amendment No. 1. Since members of the new Task Force were unable to be chosen until the new administration was in place in addition to a delay cause by a Special Election, it was unable to report to the Legislature by March 1 as indicated in the House Bill. Therefore, this is a preliminary report. A full report will be issued once the Task Force has completed its work.

The members are as follows:

- Elaine Manlove, Chair – State Election Commissioner
- Rep. David Bentz (D) – House of Representatives
- Rep. Jeffery Spiegelman (R) – House of Representatives
- Sen. Bryan Townsend (D) – Senate
- Sen. Anthony DelCollo (R) – Senate
- Larry Morris – Governor’s Office
- John Pasquale – (D) Board of Elections
- James Sterling – (R) Board of Elections
- Michael Jackson – Director, OMB
- James Collins – CIO – DTI
- Michael Morton – Comptroller General
- Laura Waterland – Representative of State Council for Persons with Disabilities

The Task Force has held six meetings to date – all public:

- March 7 – Organizational Meeting to discuss the mission and decide how often to meet and where
- March 16 – Commissioner Matt Masterson from the Election Assistance Commission met with the Task Force as well as Wendy Underhill from National Council of State Legislatures
- April 10 – Dominion Voting
- April 20 – Runbeck Election Services
- April 24 – Election Systems and Software
- May 4 – Clear Ballot

The meeting with Commissioner Masterson and Wendy Underhill gave the Task Force members a great overview on voting across America: early voting, vote by mail, vote centers, as well as the varied options regarding equipment.

In the subsequent four meetings, members of the Task Force were given demonstrations of different types of equipment ranging from full face touch screen voting, voting by mail, paper ballots scanned in the polling place, and smaller touch screen voting machines with a pager-over system for different categories of offices.

We are now at the point of writing an RFP. I have contacted the state's contracting office as well as the Election Assistance Commission for assistance with this project.

Since all meetings were public, many interested parties were in attendance as shown on the sign in sheets.

Along with those sign in sheets, please see the additional information attached.

- HB342
- April 4, 2017 Notice from The League of Women Voters
- May 31, 2017 letter from Common Cause
- Article from the Election Assistance Commission "Ten Things to Know about Selection a Voting System
- Sign-In Sheets from all Task Force meetings

A final report will be issued once the Task Force completes it work. Please contact me if you have any questions or need further information.



Elaine Manlove, Chair
State Election Commissioner