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APPEARANCES

PANEL MEMBERS

- Mr. Mark Kyle, Chairperson, (via telephone)
- Ms. Caren Daniels-Meade
- Mr. David Jefferson
- Ms. Debra Jones
- Mr. Tony Miller, Acting Chairperson
- Mr. John Mott-Smith

STAFF

- Ms. Dawn Melhaff, Deputy Chief, Elections Division
- Mr. Michael Wagaman, Elections Analyst
- Mr. Steve Stuart, Staff Counsel

ALSO PRESENT

- Mr. Lowell Finley, Law Office of Lowell Finley
- Ms. Bev Harris, Black Box Voting
- Mr. Jim March, Black Box Voting
- Ms. Maureen Smith, Peace & Freedom Party
- Mr. Michael Smith, Peace & Freedom Party
- Ms. Jocelyn Whitney, Consultant, R&G Associates
- Ms. Kathleen Wynn

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PROCEEDINGS

- 2 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Good morning. I'm
- 3 Tony Miller. I'm Acting Chair of this meeting of the
- 4 Voting Systems and Procedures Panel.
- 5 We have joining us by telephone Mark Kyle.
- 6 PANEL MEMBER KYLE: Good morning.
- 7 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Also present on the
- 8 panel, John Mott-Smith, David Jefferson, Caren
- 9 Daniels-Meade, Debra Jones and Tony Miller.
- 10 I'd like to call upon Mr. Wagaman to provide a
- 11 staff report update.
- Mr. Wagaman.
- 13 ELECTIONS ANALYST WAGAMAN: Several items from
- 14 the last meeting. We're on Item 5A and 5B from the
- 15 agenda.
- One, there was an issue at the last meeting on
- 17 public posting some of the meeting materials. Those were
- 18 posted this week. There were some delays on the staff
- 19 level, which we'd like to apologize for. But we do have
- 20 copies of both the staff report, the consultant's report
- 21 and the procedures -- the revised procedures we've
- 22 received from the vendor on our website. There are also
- 23 hard copies in the back of the room.
- 24 Two, we did receive additional public comment
- 25 from this meeting -- for this meeting in the intervening

1 week; there are copies of which in your binders, which

- 2 I've distributed. I believe only one of the items was
- 3 germane to Item No. 5. It was again in opposition to the
- 4 certification on the Diebold TS System.
- 5 There was also one additional comment as related
- 6 to Agenda Item 7. It was again about the procedures, the
- 7 process of this panel. And then there are two additional
- 8 comments which related to the Sequoia Voting System, which
- 9 is not before the panel at this time.
- 10 In the intervening week we also received revised
- 11 procedures from the vendor, as I mentioned before, to
- 12 address several of the issues raised and conditions that
- 13 were attached by the panel during the last meeting.
- To go over those items for the last meeting:
- 15 Item 1 was about a copy of the escrow documents
- 16 being received by staff that has been received. So that
- 17 condition's no longer relevant.
- 18 Item 2, which was -- the major issue was the
- 19 security issues raised in the consultant's report. The
- 20 vendor did address those procedurally on the California
- 21 procedures. There's a Section 11 in the procedures, which
- 22 I believe starts on page 35 through 37, which does cover
- 23 Items A through I in the consultant's report. If you want
- 24 to go into specifics about which items pertain to which
- 25 items in the consultant's report, we can do that.

1 Three, there is a requirement to delete a

- 2 reference on the cover page of the procedures relating to
- 3 the procedures taking precedence over California law.
- 4 That is an outdated reference. That has been removed.
- 5 There was also a change on the cover page to change the
- 6 reference of which sections of the voting -- of the
- 7 Elections Code were cited as the Elections Code had been
- 8 reorganized. So the reference to proper sections of the
- 9 Elections Code.
- 10 Four, there was a requirement coming from April
- 11 30th, a directive from the Secretary about posting results
- 12 at the polling place. That was added to the procedures as
- 13 well. I believe it was the last section of Section 10. I
- 14 believe it was 10 or 10.11. It's on page 35, I believe,
- 15 of the updated procedures.
- 16 There was a requirement regarding GEMS version
- 17 1.18.18 and 1.18.19 not being used on the same computer at
- 18 the same time. That was addressed more broadly by having
- 19 added requirements to the procedures that had no
- 20 DAO-capable program, which would cover the GEMS 1.18.18 be
- 21 used on that computer that's running, the GEMS 1.18.19.
- 22 So that item's been addressed.
- 23 The one item remaining is the issue that the
- 24 system would only be certified for use with the components
- 25 with which it was tested, so the four components we're

1 bringing before the panel. So we are back to the original

- 2 staff recommendation, which is to move forward with the
- 3 certification with the four components as tested.
- 4 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you.
- 5 Does any member of the panel have any questions
- 6 of the staff, including Mark Kyle, who's joining us by
- 7 telephone?
- 8 PANEL MEMBER JEFFERSON: The machine is not here
- 9 today? We don't have an example today, do we?
- 10 ELECTIONS ANALYST WAGAMAN: No. At the end of
- 11 the last meeting, as I recall, there was a question
- 12 whether we needed them, the vendor to be here. And so --
- 13 I believe the vendor is here. But we did not make that
- 14 request.
- 15 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Any other questions
- 16 of staff from the panel?
- 17 PANEL MEMBER KYLE: None.
- 18 PANEL MEMBER DANIELS-MEADE: I just would -- a
- 19 minor detail, but I'd like to ask another correction be
- 20 made to the cover page, to delete the inaccurate use of
- 21 the word "enhanced" when it should have been "enhance.
- 22 Should have been there -- to include additional steps
- 23 being taken by an individual election official to enhance
- 24 security and reliability for electoral processes. Just a
- 25 typo. But if we're going to adopt it, I'd like to see

- 1 that correctly.
- 2 Thank you.
- 3 PANEL MEMBER KYLE: Mr. Chair?
- 4 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yes, Mr. Kyle.
- 5 PANEL MEMBER KYLE: I think procedurally do we
- 6 want to -- before we start to hammer out a possible
- 7 motion, do we want to reopen public comment?
- 8 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yes, that's the next
- 9 order of business.
- I wanted to, first of all, determine whether
- 11 there were any Panel questions of staff.
- 12 Hearing none.
- I would like to reopen this meeting for public
- 14 comment. As you recollect, this is a continuation of the
- 15 previous meeting, which was continued until today for the
- 16 purpose of indeed hearing additional comments from the
- 17 public following a posting or making available information
- 18 which some members of the public had not received
- 19 previously.
- I would request that if you have already spoken
- 21 with respect to this item, and separate and apart from any
- 22 response to that which has been posted or otherwise made
- 23 available, that you simply stick with what you said before
- 24 and refrain from offering additional comment.
- 25 But at this time I would like to indeed open it

1 up for public comment. We could have a number of comment

- 2 cards. And I would like to begin with Andy Stephenson.
- 3 And please approach the podium and state your
- 4 name, and spell that for the record.
- 5 ELECTIONS ANALYST WAGAMAN: Mr. Chair, are we
- 6 going to be using the three-minute limit?
- 7 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: We don't have that
- 8 many people currently, I would request that you -- indeed
- 9 you keep your remarks brief, please.
- 10 MS. HARRIS: And I had a card on my own. Should
- 11 I do them both at once?
- 12 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yes, would you
- 13 please. And state your name for the record.
- 14 MS. HARRIS: Yes. My name is Bev Harris. I'm
- 15 the Executive Director of Black Box Voting, which is a
- 16 nonpartisan publicly funded consumer protection
- 17 organization for elections.
- 18 I know Andy Stevenson was here to talk about it.
- 19 And he will be -- he's actually at -- we drove about 12
- 20 hours, so he's at the copy shop copying a document for
- 21 you.
- He has uncovered some problems with quality
- 23 control that -- and the concern about quality control
- 24 problems is that when a company has them and they contend
- 25 to spill over to many different parts of the company, this

1 is very significant and it has the potential to affect 18

- 2 counties in the coming election.
- 3 What has happened is we've been interviewing
- 4 employees in Everett, Washington; Canton, Ohio; and
- 5 McKinney, Texas. And in doing so, we learned -- and they
- 6 gave us documentation also -- that all of the ballots for
- 7 the entire United States are going to be printed at one
- 8 facility. The problem is this facility is having extreme
- 9 labor difficulties, is in the process of organizing into
- 10 the Teamsters Union, and is planning a strike.
- 11 So we have 12 million ballots being printed in
- 12 one location with no real backup plan. The two backup
- 13 locations that they had selected, one of them it turns out
- 14 has legal problems and the other one doesn't have the
- 15 capacity.
- So we're simply bringing this up because we
- 17 believe Diebold should be asked to provide a Plan C. If
- 18 they don't have a plan and their employees are going on
- 19 strike and all the ballots are going to be printed in one
- 20 place, they need to come up with another plan and show it
- 21 to us, because we don't want a meltdown.
- That's Andy's. And he's going to provide you
- 23 with a document called "Critical issues," which is an
- 24 internal document from Diebold, given to us by a source
- 25 within Diebold.

1 The problems are extreme with that particular

- 2 plan. It happens to be up where we live, and so we've had
- 3 multiple employees contacting us saying they expect it to
- 4 melt down.
- 5 I'm so nervous. I'm not usually like this.
- 6 That was under three minutes.
- 7 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you.
- 8 MS. HARRIS: My heart, which is also coming on a
- 9 transcript, and I'll also give you a disk.
- 10 I know this panel had tried to get information
- 11 about the ITA certifiers and they're not very forthcoming
- 12 with what they do and what their credentials are.
- One of the things we did was we walked in to
- 14 Cyber Labs the day before the 4th of July, got a one-hour
- 15 videotape and a tape-recorded interview of Shawn
- 16 Southworth. I'll have a transcript of that for you and an
- 17 audiotape so that you can hear it. But it has some
- 18 concerns on it that relate to certification of all of the
- 19 systems from all manufacturers.
- 20 Basically what he says that I found the most
- 21 concern with was that -- and he says this in many ways
- 22 every way he can. He perceives his job to be only
- 23 checking for what is specifically outlined in FEC
- 24 specifications. If he sees a security problem and it is
- 25 not specifically in the FEC specifications, he will not

1 write it up. He couldn't have said it more explicitly in

- 2 more ways. He even said, "I don't know how many more
- 3 times I have to tell you this." There's another quote
- 4 where he says, "The vendors do not want me putting
- 5 something negative in the report. If it's not in the FEC
- 6 specs, I am not allowed to test for it."
- 7 Now, I asked him about the recent ES&S problem in
- 8 Florida where the machines were scrambling the I.D.
- 9 numbers. And he said, "It's not in the FEC specs, so I
- 10 don't have to test for it."
- 11 I asked him about wireless. He said, "It's not
- 12 in the FEC specs. I don't have to test for it."
- 13 I asked him about putting negative votes into the
- 14 system as the GEMS system allows us to do, minus votes.
- 15 He said, "It's not in the FEC specs. I don't need to deal
- 16 with it."
- 17 And I think we'll all find the transcript of this
- 18 conversation very enlightening. He's a nice gentleman and
- 19 he was extremely gracious. But you can drive a truck
- 20 through that hole.
- 21 I also said, "Would you" -- "Are you saying then
- 22 about" --
- 23 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: One minute.
- 24 MS. HARRIS: -- "what do you have to say about
- 25 people who say that the system is secure because it's been

1 looked at by ITA certifier?" He said, "I hate it when

- 2 they say that, because it doesn't mean it's secure" .
- 3 That's it.
- 4 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you.
- 5 Mr. Stevenson and Ms. Harris.
- 6 Excuse me. Mr. Jefferson, did have a question
- 7 for Ms. Harris?
- 8 PANEL MEMBER JEFFERSON: Well, yeah, I just --
- 9 because I had heard about this issue about the ballot
- 10 printing problem.
- 11 What is the primary and the secondary company
- 12 that would be used for it?
- 13 MS. HARRIS: The names are on the document. And
- 14 it should be any moment, he and Jim Archer. But the names
- 15 are on it. It says what it is. And it's basically bold
- 16 print. It's very easy to see.
- 17 PANEL MEMBER JEFFERSON: Okay. I'll wait for
- 18 the --
- 19 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you.
- 20 I'd like to call upon Kathleen Wynn please.
- MS. WYNN: Good morning.
- 22 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Good morning.
- 23 Please state your name for the record.
- MS. WYNN: Kathleen Wynn. I'm a researcher for
- 25 BlackBox Voting. But I come out of Ohio, which is --

1 we've been having some interesting things going on there

- 2 too.
- 3 And the reason that I'm here today is because
- 4 we've been following very closely what's going on in
- 5 California with regard to the electronic voting machines
- 6 as well as other issues surrounding that. And in this
- 7 case what I found, we have Board -- transcripts made
- 8 whenever the Board of Elections meets with these vendors.
- 9 And I obtained one of those transcripts where the Board of
- 10 Elections for Cuyahoga County -- and you'll get a copy of
- 11 this as well -- had a meeting with Diebold
- 12 representatives. And the thing that caught my eye that I
- 13 thought Alameda would be interested in knowing about is
- 14 that there was a section that talks about a device that
- 15 was sent to Alameda County that -- this is the Diebold
- 16 representatives discussing it.
- 17 And I thought that -- now, they're telling our
- 18 guys, "We had this device that we sent to Alameda County
- 19 that we used in the March 2nd primary." And, now, they
- 20 didn't get rid of -- it has to do with the electronic poll
- 21 book, you know, that they were trying to test. And our
- 22 concern is, number one, I thought their electronic voting
- 23 machines were the only thing that we were really concerned
- 24 about.
- Now they're trying to bring in under the covers

1 without any public discussion and -- you know, about these

- 2 electronic poll books. Now, was this authorized by
- 3 Alameda? And if so, by whom, is what we would like to
- 4 know, because we want to make certain that we know what's
- 5 going on here so we can monitor it very closely there if
- 6 that's what they're intending to do.
- 7 My big concern also is, who's going to pay for
- 8 this? Is this part of the electronic voting machine costs
- 9 or is it going to be kind of taken on by the taxpayers of
- 10 Cuyahoga County? It doesn't explicitly give us any
- 11 details regarding that. And I think that's very
- 12 important, because those of us in Ohio don't want to have
- 13 to -- number one, I'd like to discuss that, because I
- 14 think the poll book is a wonderful thing and I don't want
- 15 it taken away and put into cyberspace.
- 16 So I thought that -- I'd love to know if this was
- 17 authorized by Alameda County. And I thought you'd want to
- 18 know that this was done.
- 19 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: About one minute.
- 20 MS. WYNN: Okay. Is there any way to get the
- 21 answer to those questions, so I can take it back to Ohio
- 22 and let them know whether this was accepted by Alameda
- 23 county as something they were going to test here to see
- 24 how it worked? Because we would like to know how -- have
- 25 that discussion in our state.

1 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Mr. Clark, do you

- 2 have anything you wish to decrypt at this point with
- 3 respect to that?
- 4 MR. CLARK: No.
- 5 PANEL MEMBER MILLER: No.
- 6 But thank you for asking the question and --
- 7 MS. WYNN: So when will I get an answer to that
- 8 so I can take it back to Ohio? Is that going to be
- 9 something I'll ever get? Or is this just going to be a
- 10 question that I'm going to maintain, you know, as maybe,
- 11 maybe not? I mean we just don't seem to get a lot of
- 12 answers these days.
- 13 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: If we can provide the
- 14 answer, we will. But I can't provide an answer at this
- 15 moment.
- MS. WYNN: Okay. Thank you.
- 17 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you.
- 18 I'd like to call on Mr. March -- Jim March.
- 19 Mr. March is not currently available.
- Mr. Finley.
- 21 Mr. Finley is not --
- MR. FINLEY: I'm not going to comment at this
- 23 time. Thank you.
- 24 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: No comment from Mr.
- 25 Finley.

1 We have a number of individuals who spoke at the

- 2 last meeting.
- 3 Paula Lee.
- 4 Mr. March is not available.
- 5 MS. HARRIS: Mr. March is on his way in.
- 6 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Linda Roberts.
- 7 Does Linda Roberts -- do you have additional
- 8 comments to make? Or is it the same material offered last
- 9 time?
- 10 MS. ROBERTS: Right. Thank you.
- 11 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you. Nothing
- 12 from you.
- 13 Maureen Smith.
- 14 Are these new comments?
- 15 MS. SMITH: I didn't comment on Diebold at all
- 16 last time. I only asked questions about timing of the
- 17 meetings.
- 18 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Would you
- 19 state name for the record please.
- 20 MS. SMITH: It's Maureen Smith. And I truly do
- 21 not have any new information like the other people who
- 22 spoke here. But I'm kind of flabbergasted, and I'm
- 23 feeling we're right back almost to square one. And the
- 24 only -- the only resource we have is getting people to ask
- 25 for paper ballots, because I do believe that Secretary

1 Shelley did require that paper ballots be provided at all

- 2 precincts for people who request them. Is that not
- 3 correct?
- 4 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: That's correct.
- 5 MS. SMITH: Okay. So is there any way that this
- 6 panel and others can assure us that there will be those
- 7 paper ballots at the precincts for people who request them
- 8 and to make it known? I know in Santa Clara County, where
- 9 we've had some discussions with the registrar of voters
- 10 there, that they plan to allow people to vote even on
- 11 their sample ballots if they run out of -- oh, I can't
- 12 remember the name for the -- provisional ballots. They're
- 13 going to have provisional ballots. They're going to have
- 14 optical scan ballots. But they're only providing enough
- 15 optical scans for 25 percent of the anticipated voters.
- But they assure us that if we convince enough
- 17 people to ask for paper that they're going to have enough
- 18 paper.
- 19 Do you know if the other counties are going to
- 20 have enough paper? Because it looks like we can't trust
- 21 any of these machines.
- 22 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Each voting system is
- 23 not being recertified unless -- for use in a particular
- 24 county unless the county agrees to provide the paper
- 25 alternative pursuant to the April 30th order. So that is

- 1 occurring.
- 2 Thank you, Ms. Smith.
- 3 Dennis Paull.
- 4 Okay. Mr. March has rejoined.
- 5 Three minutes, sir.
- 6 MR. MARCH: No problem.
- 7 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Would you please
- 8 state your name for the record please.
- 9 MR. MARCH: Jim March, member of the Board of
- 10 Directors, BlackBoxVoting.Org.
- 11 There are obviously a lot of concerns with
- 12 Diebold. But I think one of the more fundamental that
- 13 this panel has still yet to address goes all the way back
- 14 to Bev Harris' first report back in late June, early July
- 15 of 2003. That is where she found multiple sets of voting
- 16 records contained within the GEMS database, the central
- 17 vote tabulation database.
- 18 That double bookkeeping problem is a classic sign
- 19 of accounting fraud when it's seen in the financial
- 20 industry. When it's seen in the voting industry in the
- 21 particular way that Diebold used it, it could be used to
- 22 feed an election officer, an election executive numbers
- 23 that are different from what are actually counted in the
- 24 votes. If they ask for data on a precinct-by-precinct
- 25 basis, they get one set of numbers. If they ask for data

- 1 on a countywide basis, they get a different set of
- 2 numbers. So one of the basic auditing methods that honest
- 3 election officials use get circumvented.
- 4 We've established that they did this. There's no
- 5 question that they did this. And Diebold has never
- 6 answered the complaint that they did this.
- 7 The problem is that concept of double sets of
- 8 books will bypass any other security measure you require
- 9 of Diebold. That concept in fact could be used to get
- 10 around Mr. Jefferson's fraud concept or the vote here type
- 11 of encrypted security. All of those security concepts,
- 12 those cryptography concepts work great unless there's a
- 13 double set of books behind the scenes.
- Now, normally if I came up here and said, "Hey,
- 15 they might use double sets of books," I'd be a real
- 16 conspiracy theorist, except that they've done that
- 17 already. They've been caught doing that. How you guys
- 18 can even consider ever trusting Diebold again, having been
- 19 caught doing that, is beyond me. It Boggles the mind.
- 20 You guys so far have ignored this double set of
- 21 books problem.
- 22 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: One minute, Mr.
- 23 March.
- 24 MR. MARCH: You guys have ignored it. And
- 25 eventually the courts will not. And I -- I don't know

- 1 what else I can say to you guys. These people can't be
- 2 trusted, not even with the best cryptography, with the
- 3 best security you throw at the system. And we know
- 4 they're planning on improving the security. I'm sure my
- 5 cohorts have already spoken to that subject. They still
- 6 can't be trusted. They -- you've got to throw them out of
- 7 the state. There's no other choice.
- 8 Thank you.
- 9 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you, Mr. March.
- 10 Those are all the comment cards I have received.
- 11 Sir.
- 12 MR. SMITH: Well, I filled one out and turned one
- 13 in.
- 14 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: I apologize for that.
- 15 Michael Smith.
- Mr. Smith.
- MR. SMITH: Yes. For the record, my name is
- 18 Michael Smith from Santa Cruz County.
- 19 I've been coming here for almost -- over a year
- 20 now to these meetings and have been deeply disturbed by
- 21 what has occurred with Diebold. Even much more disturbed
- 22 today by what we're learning from --
- 23 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Could you please
- 24 speak up so Mr. Kyle can hear you.
- 25 MR. SMITH: Even more disturbed today from what

- 1 we've learned from Bev Harris and other people.
- 2 My one big comment would be simply that Diebold
- 3 not be certified and be decertified and not be
- 4 reconsidered.
- 5 Also I'm wondering, since the paper ballots are
- 6 required as an alternative to electronic voting machines
- 7 in every precinct in California, if there is a proposed
- 8 method by the Secretary of State to send some kind of
- 9 signage or information to the voting public that when they
- 10 enter the polling place it's clearly defined that they can
- 11 request a paper ballot in lieu of an electronic voting
- 12 machine.
- 13 I'm asking the question. I don't know if that's
- 14 been addressed.
- 15 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: We'll certainly take
- 16 the question. I'm not prepared to provide the answer.
- 17 MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you very much.
- 18 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Smith.
- 19 Mr. Finley.
- MR. FINLEY: Yes.
- 21 Hi. My name is Lowell Finley. I'm an election
- 22 lawyer in Berkeley, California.
- 23 I am --
- 24 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Please speak up.
- 25 MR. FINLEY: Yes. I asked in an E-mail

1 transmission on Friday that an article and a press release

- 2 be included in packets. And I don't know if those made
- 3 it's way into your packet.
- 4 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: I believe they did,
- 5 Mr. Finley.
- 6 MR. FINLEY: The action of the Ohio Secretary of
- 7 State.
- 8 The Ohio Secretary of State at the end of last
- 9 week banned the use of any Diebold touchscreen equipment
- 10 in the State of Ohio for the November election based on
- 11 new testing that has been done for the state by the
- 12 Compuware Organization that did some testing for them a
- 13 year ago that identified numerous serious security
- 14 vulnerabilities. And I would ask that prior to any
- 15 certification vote or decision by this panel, that -- if
- 16 that has not already occurred, that you communicate with
- 17 the Ohio Secretary of State's Office and determine what
- 18 those test results revealed. They're apparently not ready
- 19 to make it fully public at this time.
- 20 But it does seem incumbent on this body to gain
- 21 the benefit of the research that's been done by another
- 22 state. I would point out that the Secretary of State in
- 23 Ohio is a Republican. It helps to make this a clearly
- 24 bipartisan issue to have consultation between states that
- 25 are headed by officials from the two major parties. And I

1 think it's significant that that action has been taken by

- 2 the State of Ohio and is something that ought to be taken
- 3 into account by this body.
- 4 Thank you.
- 5 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you, Mr.
- 6 Finley.
- 7 Those I believe are all the comment cards I've
- 8 received. If I've missed a comment card, please let me
- 9 know.
- 10 Seeing no response to that solicitation, public
- 11 comment is closed.
- 12 I would see whether, first of all, there's a
- 13 motion by any member of the Panel, and then we will engage
- 14 in a discussion.
- The staff recommendation is set forth in the
- 16 staff report. It's my understanding that indeed many of
- 17 the issues raised by this Panel last week have been
- 18 addressed by the procedures. That was based upon the
- 19 updated staff report.
- I would see if there's any motion with respect to
- 21 the staff recommendation.
- 22 PANEL MEMBER KYLE: Mr. Chair?
- 23 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Mr. Kyle.
- 24 PANEL MEMBER KYLE: Just as a point of
- 25 information to be stated for the record, that the

- 1 Secretary has been in touch with the Ohio Secretary of
- 2 State and has been communicating him this past weekend and
- 3 today in fact.
- 4 And in terms of our dealings with electronic
- 5 voting and thereby paper audit trail, we're ahead of Ohio
- 6 in terms of scrutiny, analysis and severity of
- 7 restrictions in Ohio. But we are communicating with the
- 8 Ohio Secretary of State.
- 9 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Kyle.
- 10 Did everyone hear that. Was that audible?
- 11 MR. FINLEY: I couldn't hear what you're ahead of
- 12 Ohio on.
- 13 PANEL MEMBER KYLE: Analysis, security,
- 14 restrictions, concerns and the requirements for not only
- 15 security, but every aspect of electronic voting. We've
- 16 been much more scrupulous in our scrutiny than Ohio has.
- 17 The Ohio Secretary of State just did about face on his
- 18 previous position of the last 12 months. We're glad to
- 19 see it, but they're looking at us for leadership, not vice
- 20 versa.
- 21 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Kyle.
- Did everyone hear that? Far in the back?
- Yes. Thank you.
- So is there a motion from any member of the
- 25 panel?

1 PANEL MEMBER MOTT-SMITH: Yeah, I'll move the

- 2 staff's recommendation.
- 3 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: John Mott-Smith moves
- 4 the staff recommendation.
- 5 Is there a second to that motion?
- 6 PANEL MEMBER KYLE: Second.
- 7 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: According to Ms.
- 8 Daniels-Meade, Mr. Kyle spoke first.
- 9 So it's been moved and seconded that the staff's
- 10 recommendation be accepted.
- 11 Discussion, members of the panel?
- 12 Mr. Jefferson.
- 13 PANEL MEMBER JEFFERSON: Well, I have to say I'm
- 14 extremely torn here. I take seriously all of the comments
- 15 that I have just heard. And I wish I had more background
- 16 on them.
- 17 I am concerned of course about the security of
- 18 the code and the security of the procedures. And I am --
- 19 as much scrutiny as there has been, I wish there were more
- 20 scrutiny for us. For example, we do not yet have copies
- 21 of the source code in the State of California to any of
- 22 the systems, including Diebold's. And the only scrutiny
- 23 that we've had is by one consultant, who has made a long
- 24 list of recommendations which this panel has required to
- 25 be addressed, and they have been addressed.

1 I'm sure that there's plenty more that can be

- 2 done. And over the course of the next months I expect
- 3 this office -- The Secretary of State's Office and this
- 4 Panel and the Technical Advisory Board of this Panel to
- 5 address many of the issues that are -- that have been
- 6 raised. And I take them as seriously as anyone.
- 7 Let me just leave it at that. I'm extremely
- 8 disturbed and concerned about it.
- 9 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Any other discussion
- 10 from members of the panel?
- 11 PANEL MEMBER KYLE: Mr. Chair?
- 12 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Mr. Kyle.
- 13 PANEL MEMBER KYLE: Ms. Daniels-Meade raised a
- 14 concern last week. I believe it was addressed in the
- 15 subsequent -- in this period of time, but I wanted to just
- 16 confirm that that's the case.
- 17 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: That relates to the
- 18 source code deposit?
- 19 ELECTIONS ANALYST WAGAMAN: I believe it's in
- 20 reference to depositing the code into the escrow doc and
- 21 getting a copy of those escrow documents, which we do have
- 22 now.
- 23 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: So that concern, that
- 24 condition has been addressed?
- 25 ELECTIONS ANALYST WAGAMAN: Correct.

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1 PANEL MEMBER KYLE: That's what I thought.
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- 2 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Any other discussion
- 3 from members of the panel?
- 4 Are you ready for the question?
- 5 PANEL MEMBER KYLE: Adopt this -- I'm sorry, Mr.
- 6 Chair. Again, Mark Kyle. Adopt staff recommendation.
- 7 There are no additional conditions from what I'm
- 8 understanding.
- 9 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: That is correct.
- 10 Mr. Wagaman, do you want to speak to that?
- 11 ELECTIONS ANALYST WAGAMAN: No.
- 12 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: There are no
- 13 additional conditions because they've all been addressed
- 14 in the procedures manual and by depositing of the
- 15 documents in escrow.
- 16 Ready for the question?
- 17 Lots of shaking heads previously, I assume.
- 18 So all those in favor of the motion, signify by
- 19 saying aye.
- 20 (Ayes.)
- 21 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Those opposed signify
- 22 by saying nay.
- 23 Are there any abstentions?
- 24 PANEL MEMBER JEFFERSON: One.
- 25 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: One abstention.

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1 The ayes have it. The motion is passed.
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- 2 And that will be the recommendation of this
- 3 Panel.
- 4 I believe that concludes -- we had public comment
- 5 at the last meeting, as I recollect. So that item on the
- 6 agenda has -- you said -- yes or no?
- 7 ELECTIONS ANALYST WAGAMAN: You did take a public
- 8 comment, Item No. 7. So it's up to the discretion of the
- 9 Panel whether to reopen that or not.
- 10 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Then that
- 11 concludes the business of the panel.
- 12 Motion to adjourn?
- 13 ELECTIONS DEPUTY CHIEF MEHLHAFF: Mr. Chair, just
- 14 to remind you that next Monday's meeting was cancelled.
- 15 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yes, next Monday's
- 16 meeting has been cancelled.
- 17 Next meeting of this Panel will be August 4th; is
- 18 that correct, staff?
- 19 ELECTIONS ANALYST WAGAMAN: Correct.
- 20 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: That is correct.
- 21 PANEL MEMBER KYLE: At what time?
- 22 ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: At 10 a.m. August
- 23 4th, 10 a.m., right here.
- 24 Motion to adjourn?
- 25 PANEL MEMBER MOTT-SMITH: So moved.

1	PANEL MEMBER JEFFERSON: Second.
2	ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. There's a
3	second from Mr. Jefferson.
4	All those in favor signify by saying aye.
5	(Ayes.)
6	ACTING CHAIRPERSON MILLER: The meeting is
7	adjourned.
8	(Thereupon the Secretary of State's, Voting
9	Systems and Procedures Panel adjourned
10	at 10:40 p.m.)
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