

Special Committee on Voter Confidence Draft Minutes

(Working Session)

December 1, 2022 at 2 p.m.

The meeting began at 2pm in the Welch Room of the Baker Free Library in Bow, according to notice. All members were in attendance, along with four members of the public.

Co-chair Brad Cook moved to approve the draft minutes from the 11/16 working session. Committee member Andrew Georgevits seconded it, all voted in favor. None opposed.

The Committee went through the latest edits made to the report since the last working session. Several updates were made to the “Findings” and “Recommendations” sections.

There was discussion on how to appeal to leaders when it comes to reinforcing public confidence in the election system within the report and how to word the conclusion.

Committee member Ken Eyring said there are a lot of things NH does well when it comes to elections. He said the system is run on a local level with statewide guidelines, noting problems arise when these guidelines aren't followed. He suggested including several bullet points within the report on why New Hampshire's election system instills confidence.

The Committee went through the draft findings and recommendations in the report. Topics of discussion included harassment of elections officials, ballot-counting devices, and post-election audits. There was also discussion on ways absentee ballot procedures could be improved.

Some members suggested holding one more working session to finalize the report. Co-chair Dick Swett requested Committee members send any final edits to the report to both co-chairs to incorporate in the draft prior to the next working session.

The Committee decided to schedule another working session on December 13th at 1pm in the State Archives Research Room.

Committee member Georgevits moved to adjourn the meeting, co-chair Dick Swett seconded it, all voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.