

Special Committee on Voter Confidence

(Working Session)

December 22, 2022, at 1:00 P.M.

The Special Committee on Voter Confidence working session started at 1:09 p.m. in the State Archives Research Room. Committee member Olivia Zink joined the meeting on the phone; all other members were in attendance. Around a dozen members of the public were also present.

Co-chair Brad Cook explained the Committee had been advised by legal counsel that specific votes on the report that were made during the last working session should be recorded in the draft minutes from the 12/13 working session. The minutes will be tabled for approval until SOS staff reviews the recording and updates the minutes accordingly.

Co-chair Cook explained the purpose of the final meeting was to verify the report draft with all the changes sent in by the Committee and vote to adopt it.

Co-chair Richard Swett said he felt the report was ready to adopt with the incorporated changes.

Committee member Douglass Teschner noted some of the changes he had suggested had not been incorporated.

Committee member Amanda Merrill suggested making one change related to accessing voter information. The Committee agreed on changing the wording slightly. Several other changes were made.

Committee member Andrew Georgevits moved to adopt the report with the amendments made. Member Merrill seconded it. In a roll call vote, members Georgevits, Merrill, Swett, Cook, Teschner Olivia Zink, and Jim Splaine voted in favor of adopting the report. Committee member Ken Eyring voted against its adoption.

Co-chairs Brad Cook and Richard Swett thanked the Committee members for their work and noted the report contains testimony of differing opinions given during the Committee's listening sessions. Co-chair Swett said the report has led to a productive conversation and hopes it will be a useful document for the Secretary of State. Member Merrill also expressed her appreciation for her fellow Committee members and Secretary Scanlan.

Member Eyring explained why he didn't choose to sign the report. He expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve on the Committee and praised his fellow members and Secretary Scanlan and his staff. Mr. Eyring said while he agrees with many aspects of the report, he felt every concern expressed at the listening sessions should be included. He will submit his own report to Secretary Scanlan next week.

Mr. Georgevits moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Teschner seconded it, all voted in favor. None opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.