

The Louisiana Voting System Commission
June 29, 2022 Minutes

The June 29, 2022 meeting of the Louisiana Voting System Commission was called to order at the Louisiana State Capitol Building, John J. Hainkel Jr. Room, Baton Rouge, Louisiana at 9:00 a.m.

Secretary Ardoin called the meeting to order, and Patricia Daigle was acting secretary.

The following members were present:

Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin; Sherri Hadskey, Commissioner of Elections; State Senator, Sharon Hewitt; State Senator, Gerald Boudreaux; State Representative, Sam Jenkins; State Representative, John Stefanski; Michael Lunsford; Lillian Dejean, appointee of the governor; Misti Cordell, appointee of the Attorney General; Bridgett Hanna, Clerk of Court, Ascension Parish; Albert Dale Clary, Designee of The Cyber Innovations Center; Dr. Michael McClanahan, NAACP, Louisiana State Conference President, and appointee of the governor; and Steve Raborn, Clerk of Court, East Baton Rouge Parish.

Ms. Bridget Hanna made a motion to adopt the minutes from the February 23, 2022 meeting and Senator Hewitt seconded the motion. With no objection from the commission, the February 23, 2022 minutes were adopted into the record.

First Assistant, Secretary of State Nancy Landry gave an overview of the purpose and responsibility of the Voting System Commission.

Chairman Ardoin announced that the purpose of the meeting would be to discuss and vote on the final recommendation of the commission. The chairman asked that anyone in attendance with comments fill out a white witness card. Comments were limited to three minutes.

After hearing public comments the commission discussed the options for recommendations on how a voter makes their selections, the tabulation of ballots, how ballots are printed, and voting for disabled voters.

Ms. Lillian Dejean informed the commission that she did not plan to vote on the proposed recommendations because she does not feel that the options are accessible for individuals with disabilities.

The first item put forward for discussion was the method in which a voter makes selections. Available options were hand marked paper ballots and ballot marking devices. Mr. Albert Dale Clary made a motion that the commission recommend both hand marked ballots and ballot marking devices. The motion passed by majority with 7 voting yes and 4 no.

The second item for discussion was the tabulation of ballots. Options available were scanning or hand counting of the ballots. Representative Stefanski made a motion that the commission recommend scanning of the ballots. The motion passed by majority with 10 voting yes and 1 no.

The third item for discussion was the method for printing of ballots. The options available were to have the ballots preprinted and stored for use on election day or printing ballots on demand.

Representative Stefanski made the motion that the commission recommend printing of a full faced ballot on demand. The motion passed with 9 voting yes and 2 voting no.

The fourth item for discussion was regarding the printing of ballots. Options available were to have the ballot marking device print a full faced ballot or a ballot summary. Senator Hewitt made the motion that there be a choice of either or. The motion passed with 10 voting yes and 1 no.

Chairman Ardoin announced that the final recommendations would be sent to all commissioner within 48 hours.

Senator Hewitt made the motion for adjournment. The June 29, 2022 meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

