

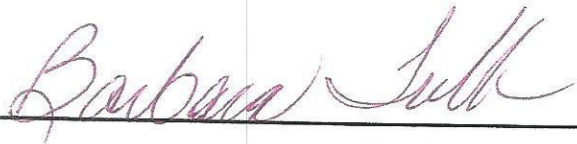
Advisory Review Workgroup

April 13, 2021

1. Meeting was called to order by Chair Lisa Koteen Gerchick at 10:18 a.m.
2. The Chairman introduced and welcomed the new citizen representative Tammy Beard of Hanover county.
3. The Proposed By-Laws were approved (version attached to last months distributed document) by the Workgroup with no opposition.
4. The group participated in a discussion on the potential focus for the project. How to determine metrics, what to measure and how the measurement would be applied are key. We received a briefing from Jackie Anderson on ways to approach the development of measures. Below is a list of discussion points from our members for determination.
 - A. · Start with defining success. Survey other states and identify a list of potential measures. Provide this list to the State Board of Elections and ask them to select what they prefer.
 - B. · Was voting easy and convenient? There are three options in VA to vote 1- Early Voting, 2- mail in Voting, and 3 in Person on Election day. Did Virginians get to vote? Is this Reportable in real time?
 - C. · We are judged by state law standards so there is core, tangible measures we can derive from what is required by law. Then, survey for the intangibles (e.g., wait time, line length).
 - D. · Measure voter perception of whether his/her vote counted.
 - E. · Need to point out issues that affect outcomes, e.g., cannot print a ballot on time if a candidate's lawsuit creates a delay.
 - F. · Measure voter perceptions. What are the hot topics on voters' minds (e.g., in 2016, hacking; in 2020, fraud). No arbitrary deadlines.
- 2 major options emerged from the discussion.
 - 1- Look at what other states have adopted.
 - 2- Begin with Measurements as outlined in the Code of Virginia.
5. A suggestion was made that a representative of the Department of Elections be included in the committee membership. This is to acknowledge that a possible outcome of the work we are doing could include evaluations of the Department's performance.
6. Lisa has polled the League of Women Voters and provided a summary of their responses. We will need to review and understand the information this may provide.
7. During the discussion, the group was reminded that the Electoral Board Members (EB's) and General Registrars (GR's) are legally accountable for conducting an Election in each locality and then reporting to the SBE. We discussed a baseline assessment of the capabilities of the localities.
8. The Risk Limiting Audit that was just conducted will provide statistical evidence of the equipment accuracy and can be used as part of our metrics.
9. After a spirited conversation, we agreed we are here to, among other things, ensure Transparency and Voter understanding VS Perceptions.

Next Step is to determine a set of measurements and an implementable measurement method.

Next Meeting: May 11, 2021 at 10:00 am



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