# Meeting of the State Election Commission 1:00 PM on Thursday, July 18, 2019 WV Secretary of State's Conference Room

### • State Election Commission Members in Attendance:

- o Matthew Chapman via phone
- Anthony Delligatti via phone
- o Nate Tawney, Chair
- Mac Warner, WV Secretary of State

# Others in Attendance:

- Brittany Westfall, WVSOS Elections Director
- Chuck Flannery, WVSOS Chief of Staff
- Donald Kersey, WV Chief Counsel
- Nathan Martin, WVSOS Elections Specialist
- Phil Kabler, Charleston Gazette-Mail
- Julie Archer (Citizens for Clean Elections)
- Austin Graham (Campaign Legal Center via phone)
- Bens Swartz (ES&S via phone)

### CALL TO ORDER:

- Meeting called to order by Nate Tawney at 1:03 PM
- Quorum established

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Approval of Minutes from July 5, 2019 SEC Meeting:
  - Motion to Approve made by Nate Tawney
  - Motion Seconded by Delligatti
  - Motion Passed
- Discussion and vote to approve ES&S application for certification of EVS 6.0.4.0:
  - Motion to approve by Mr. Tawney
  - Secretary Warner seconds
  - Motion passed
- Discussion to approve the following to file Campaign Finance Reports by paper:
  - o Bruner
  - Edwin and Jennifer Vanover
  - Just Courts West Virginia
  - Pleasants Co Rep Exec Comm
    - Secretary Warner moved for all to be approved
    - Delligatti seconds
    - Motion passed

### • Consideration of Public Comments:

- Chair motions to walk through, discuss comments, and document adjustments
- Secretary Warner seconds
- No comments were made on CSR 146-01

#### • Review of comments on CSR 146-03:

- Comment 1a Discussion to strike out definition of committee.
- Comment 1b Possibly add clarifying statement of definition of coordinated expenditure of electioneering communication.
- Comment 1c Leave as is.
- Comment 1d Remove "unrelated by marriage".
- Comment 1e Possibly add "may" or "shall"
- Comment 1f Leave as is.

### • Recess at 2:07:

- o Motion by Secretary Warner to recess for ten minutes
- Mr. Tawney seconds.
- Reconvened at 2:17

### • Continued Review of Public Comments:

- Comment 1f Mr. Kersey will research recommendation about whether to include ballot issues in definition.
- Comment 1g Mr. Flannery recommended put "Restricted Group" definition only in definition category.
- Comment 2a Mr. Flannery recommended a clarifying statement be inserted to say non-partisan elections in a Primary is their General.
- Comment 2b Committee agreed upon that FEC Guidance of fair market value be inserted.
- Comment 2c Committee agreed FEC language be added.
- Comment 3 Create definition for section.
- Comment 4 Strike §146-3-10.9. Committee agreed.
- Comment 5 Discussion on publishing late filers within 10 days after filing period.
  Discussion about whether to do 10 straight days or 10 business days.
- Comment 6 Clarifying candidates and committees with independent expenditure only committees.
- Comment 7a Mr. Flannery suggested the "Coordinated Expenditure" definition be taken out of definition section and placed in 146-3-14. Definition section would then refer to 146-3-14.
- Comment 7b Mr. Kersey will do more research. Going to follow statute and add FEC language.
- Comment 7c Keep as is and follow FEC. Somewhere add comment of "included, but not limited to..."
- Addressed Minor and Technical Corrections

• Going to vote on changes in next SEC meeting on Friday, July 26, 2019 at 8:00 AM.

# ADJOURNMENT:

- Motion by Chair to adjourn.
- Secretary Warner seconds.
- Motion passed and adjourned at 3:46 PM.

Minutes Taken By: Nathan Martin