

14:18:53 From Ron Goggans : getting audio feed back
14:19:34 From Katy Cutshall : ppiēcuch needs to mute herself. talking in the same room causes the feedback.
14:21:28 From Vicky Turner : Or go into audio settings - advanced - suppress persistent background noise - aggressive, etc. Fiddle with those settings
14:25:00 From Ruth Larson : interesting that they are switching headsets and right next to each other -
14:25:42 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Yes Ruth, they are not following any social distancing at all which is quite disturbing
14:26:11 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Nor are they following any sanitation practices
14:26:20 From Ruth Larson : my concerns exactly
14:26:38 From Kyri : No masks.
14:27:06 From Vicky Nawoichyk : This is why I am so concerned that the Elections will not be safe
14:27:20 From Vicky Turner : But if patricia is speaking and we are in speaker view, her window is biggest. Deborah's is small
14:27:35 From Darryl Perry : if you right-click on dcornett, you can select "pin video" to see what they're doing
14:27:54 From Kyri : Thanks.
14:27:58 From Vicky Turner : thanks darryl
14:36:46 From Public Listener : it takes hours to open up the mail,they are clueless
14:38:18 From Todd Rainier : Important to not that Tricia is speaking of the request for absentee ballot, not the completed ballot.
14:40:25 From John Lisle, Moderator Ward 8 Nashua : the checking of the accuracy of the actual absentee ballot is not checked until election day when the ballot outer envelope is opened by the Moderator
14:41:03 From Christine Seibert : Why can they not do a drop off box
14:43:07 From Christine Seibert : What is the point of voter verified? Do the ones getting just dropped off not count the same?
14:43:07 From Vicky Turner : The voter ID number is a unique identifier. It follows them wherever the move in New Hampshire.
14:45:41 From Vicky Turner : Goes into a separate bin at the post office
14:48:33 From Vicky Turner : Christine, there is a requirement that a designated agent can drop off no more than 4 ballots. A drop box would not guarantee that that is being done.
14:51:32 From Vicky Turner : I think that 4 ballot thing has to be dropped this year, so drop boxes are allowable.
14:51:46 From Public Listener : voters forget to identify themselves on their returned ballot envelope if they just "drop off"
14:54:38 From Nicole Bottai : Thank you Kathy
14:56:35 From Christine Seibert : Thank you, maybe that is something we could add to the instruction sheet the clerks send out with the applications and ballots?
14:57:04 From John Lisle, Moderator Ward 8 Nashua : Do not forget the time on election day to process AV
14:58:19 From oliviazink : Can anyone process absentee ballots or does state law require that you are a clerk or deputy clerk?
14:58:22 From Christine Seibert : Have drop off times for returns into one

box and volunteers at a safe distance to ask those doing so to make sure they have put their name on their envelope?

14:58:44 From Katy Cutshall : Re: identifying oneself on a returned ballot, in my town ballot envelopes come with return address label affixed with voter's name

14:58:54 From Kyri : Do clerks process the applications and send out the registration packets before they get the ballots? Or do they wait until they have the ballots?

15:00:08 From Judith to Orville Fitch(Privately) : Hi Buddy! Nice to see you> I'm a Cornish voter. Do you think the small number of Cornish election officials can handle this process? Judith

15:00:13 From Louise Spencer : It seems like it would be helpful for the Secretary of State's office to do a step by step audit of the election manual and evaluate the process from start to finish, pinpointing where the bottlenecks and risks are and determining what can be addressed through administrative procedural changes and what requires a statutory changes.

15:00:21 From Public Listener : Return labels are only placed on mailed ballots, there is no return label if the voter picked their ballot up at the office , went home to mark their ballot and came back and "dropped off".

15:00:30 From bonniewinonamackinnon : Yes. The absentees are a huge amount of work for the clerks before the election. Durig Election Day they are take a huge amount of time and effort for he moderators! Absentees need to be checked ion out loud just like a =n in person voter !! Otherwise they cannot be challenged.

15:00:33 From Louise Spencer : I agree with the Chair that this analysis is needed.

15:01:13 From Louise Spencer : It is very confusing to understand what is done by habit and tradition and what is actually required by law.

15:01:14 From Public Listener : We are sending and receiving Sept/Nov absentee ballot requests now

15:01:18 From Katy Cutshall : "Return labels are only placed on mailed ballots, there is no return label if the voter picked their ballot up at the office , went home to mark their ballot and came back and "dropped off"." Well, that process can be changed. Just put a label on all.

15:01:49 From oliviazink : The Governor signed an emergency order suspending election 2020 requirement you must change party affiliation in person by June 2; now you have to sign a form and send it in by that date. See the full Executive Order here -

<https://www.governor.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt336/files/documents/emergency-order-43.pdf>

15:01:53 From Kyri : Louise, I think you put your finger on it: habit, tradition, statute.

15:03:19 From bonniewinonamackinnon : Senator Sherman: Dueling statutes are part of our world <g>.

15:03:32 From Louise Spencer : It seems that the Secretary of State's office should already be able to answer many of these questions.

15:03:51 From Public Listener : single label print is not cost effective, you cannot tell ElectioNet to start the printing of the return label for example on the fifth label down , right column

15:04:27 From Louise Spencer : A thorough audit of the procedure manual

and corresponding statutes should be completed asap.

15:07:15 From Darryl Perry : Olivia, thank you for that. Meanwhile Gov Sununu says he's "not even looking at" granting petitioning relief claiming "There could be even a conflict of interest issue there. Because it would be looking at making a judgment call on somebody that may be potentially running against me in the future," adding, "If they have to take it to a court, take it to court or deal with somebody else."

<https://www.wmur.com/article/nh-primary-source-sununu-not-even-looking-at-relaxing-ballot-petition-requirements-despite-pandemic/32466737>

15:08:55 From Melanie Levesque : If someone mails a ballot they do not show an ID. The checks are with the voter ID#

15:09:21 From Kyri : Many states have drop boxes for absentee ballots. They have worked out the security issues.

15:09:31 From Christine Seibert : I know someone who works in a nursing home and this is an issue with family members and employees working there who receive patients ballots who have dementia and such

15:09:37 From Kyri : Some consultation there would be good.

15:09:56 From Christine Seibert : Why don't we use the national guard for some of this stuff.

15:10:52 From Vicky Turner : Emergency Order 43 allows people to change party affiliation by mail. However, the form they are using requires a witness. In addition, I have not been notified of this as a Supervisor. Is the form even available on the SoS website? The order is dated 13 May.

15:11:13 From Christine Seibert : They also have PPE and can go into nursing homes or watch a dropbox during drop times

15:12:29 From Kyri : There are positive examples of states using technology well. For example, CT.

15:12:41 From bonniewinonamackinnon : Re: National Guard: statute requires that election workers be registered voters in the town in which they serve. National Guard really cannot be Inspectors of the Elections unless there is a change in law.

15:12:47 From Melanie Levesque : RI and VT also

15:13:39 From Judy Strakalaitis : The executive order does not address voter registration now. The suspension of voter registration and changes for the past 2 months increases the difficulty for non-enrolled party candidates in getting signatures, if that is not waived. Supervisors reject signatures if the name or address does not match the checklist. People who may have wished to register still are not able to. That means if signatures are required, the rejection rate will be higher. Maybe not significantly but that's not the point. Every person qualified to vote needs to be able to register during SOE. Every registered voter has a right to sign nomination papers. The inability to make changes to registrations will lead some signatures to be rejected.

15:14:08 From Judy Strakalaitis : To Kyri

15:14:16 From Kyri : There are better examples of experiences with election technologies than Iowa and motor voter.

15:14:27 From Kyri : Those are extreme.

15:15:43 From Judy Strakalaitis : To Kyri's point on the EO. We received it from the Municipal Association a couple of hours ago. Thanks Stephen Buckley! Nothing through official channels yet. But I am sure it is because SOS officials are busy at this committee work session.

15:15:48 From Christine Seibert : Many of our workers at the armory live locally here in manchester which is one of the cities that will need the extra help

15:16:53 From Judy Strakalaitis : Rhode Island is amazing. Focus on security and access to the franchise.

15:17:15 From Kyri : Same as CT, Judy

15:17:49 From Louise Spencer : And yet ERIC would have been a very simple first step using electronic and DMV data to clean up our voter rolls.

15:18:08 From Kyri : People are certainly talking about cybersecurity now.

15:18:36 From Christine Seibert : Using DMV data is the way Pennsylvania just recently did this with.

15:19:18 From Judy Strakalaitis : Checklist is vulnerable. Nightmare scenario is discovering it has been hacked and needing to register so many more people at the polls on top of the usual high same-day numbers and the Covid concerns. Aargh.

15:19:19 From Melanie Levesque : The NH DMV is willing to deliver the files needed for Online Voter Registration, Automated Voter Registration and Eric. This can be done. Unfortunately not time for this election but we can be ready for the next. We need Secure Accurate Modern Registration Technology!

15:19:21 From Christine Seibert : They do not do everything on the site but you can change parties, request absentee applications and ballots, etc.

15:19:51 From Louise Spencer : It is unfortunate some of these solutions were not embraced sooner.

15:20:19 From Vicky Turner : I agree, Louise.

15:21:39 From Louise Spencer : It seems critical to update the website and make it as user friendly as possible. It is many generations out of date. I certainly hope the committee will invite election security and web design experts to give a presentation here about what measures could be taken now.

15:21:56 From Judy Strakalaitis : DMV RECORDS ARE ALREADY LINKED TO VOTER DATABASE. When we enter a new voter, the data DMV has for name/address comes up. Very helpful for us to verify names when writing may not be legible.

15:22:18 From Kyri : Most people don't know this, Judy.

15:23:00 From Kyri : The USPS is a little uncertain these days, as well.

15:23:09 From Judy Strakalaitis : Yes. That's why I capped it. I am making it LOUD.

15:24:02 From Judy Strakalaitis : The link from DMV is one-way. As it would be with automated registration and updates from DMV. Quality of records we receive will be better than currently.

15:24:24 From Kyri : Nobody votes online, right?

15:24:32 From Vicky Turner : Right

15:24:37 From Christine Seibert : no

15:24:43 From Judy Strakalaitis : Can town clerks scan barcodes on the envelopes? I am pretty sure that they must find the individual

15:24:47 From Christine Seibert : not that I am aware of

15:25:00 From bonniewinonamackinnon : Not in this state. We do not have online voting, thanks to the heavens!

15:25:02 From Vicky Nawoichyk : If we are so concerned about hacking, we need to start protecting all state & local government systems through a VPN.

15:25:18 From Kyri : I don't think there is any state with online voting is my point.

15:25:45 From Vicky Turner : If we are concerned about hacking, we should

be auditing our counts.

15:25:51 From Louise Spencer : Yes it would be helpful Ms. Hanna to have forms available, downloadable and transmissible online. The data would be entered manually rather than automatically in the same way that it is now.

15:25:51 From Christine Seibert : you are right kyri

15:26:13 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Security of IE is the worst and the only browser we are able to use. I am not sure why you have so much faith in the system when it is a dinosaur as is the browser we are forced to use

15:26:22 From Kyri : Ms. Hanna brought it up and Mr Cook has brought it up several times.

15:26:33 From Judy Strakalaitis : find the individual's record in electionet and then copy and paste the voter ID into the tracking system. If barcodes were added, processing would be simplified. With the volume we expect, it needs to be a one-step process to track mail out and return of absentee ballots.

15:27:06 From Christine Seibert :
<https://www.pa.gov/guides/voting-and-elections/>

15:27:12 From Christine Seibert : good example

15:28:21 From Vicky Nawoichyk : We should expand anything thru the end of 2020 to account for ALL elections

15:28:34 From Vicky Nawoichyk : we will be in the same situation come November

15:28:51 From Kyri : This is an emergency

15:29:30 From Darryl Perry : My boy cat was VERY interested in Dave Scanlan's nature background

15:30:19 From Louise Spencer : But could the HUVA application form be adapted? It is much simpler.

15:31:43 From Vicky Turner : Witness requirement is a major drawback to this party switch process.

15:31:48 From bonniewinonamackinnon : Dave is in a different wonderful place every day. Must be nice to be able to still travel to find a great background for these cyber meetings. I'm a wee bit envious.

15:31:48 From Vicky Nawoichyk : How do we announce this to the public? The witness is an major issue

15:32:29 From Christine Seibert : Can someone post the link to this?

15:32:46 From Judy Strakalaitis : This executive order is causing confusion among supervisors already. It is basically doing away with the limitation of party affiliation to get a specific ballot for this primary but in a roundabout way.

15:32:52 From Vicky Nawoichyk : How are you announcing the party change information? We are mandated to host a session and post in 2 public places our sessions

15:33:31 From Judy Strakalaitis : The exec order does not address voter registration now and at the June 2 session.

15:33:38 From Kyri : governor.nh.gov

15:33:48 From Kyri : for the EO, Christine

15:34:18 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Nor does it state where we are posting our corrected checklist to public locations that are closed until the 31st

15:35:51 From Christine Seibert : should i get a notary or just sign a fake signature? just kidding.

15:36:11 From Judy Strakalaitis : The form/affidavit basically blames

supervisors/clerks. That the voter submitted something and we lost it. Same excuse people always offer when they discover they have been registered in the party they chose 12 years ago by voting in a primary. And it is why we take the Return to Undeclared to the polls to show the signature is blank. And still some accuse us of impropriety when they are staring at the blank line next to their name.

15:36:31 From Kyri : That's good question. How do you get a witness signature while social distancing. There's a contradiction in this EO.

15:37:01 From Jean Lightfoot : That was my thought exactly, Judy. They never ask the people who actually do the job before they do these things!

15:37:51 From Judy Strakalaitis : I understand why they are being indirect but it promotes distrust in the integrity of elections, in my opinion.

15:37:58 From Louise Spencer : Please do make the formal request Chairman - currently, some voters are currently unable to register to vote. What about someone who wants to run for office but is not yet registered (as they must be in order to get on the ballot)?

15:38:01 From Todd Rainier : If we (clerks/supervisors) received the form after June 2nd, we should compare it to the statement received by the voter on election day to validate. If not, no go. Order does not seem to specify that though.

15:38:14 From Jean Lightfoot : That is just crazy. We have all the records and can always go back and see. If the Supervisors made a mistake, we can find it - if the voter made a mistake we can find it. Why do we even bother with party affiliations at all?

15:38:35 From Judy Strakalaitis : And voters will also expect to be able to change affiliation at the polls at future primaries. It sets a precedent.

15:38:49 From Jean Lightfoot : It sure does, Judy.

15:39:06 From Kyri : Some states have open primaries so the party change isn't necessary

15:39:20 From Vicky Nawoichyk : What if we get the party change after June 2nd. Do we notify or send back the form? How will the voter be notified that we did not accept/receive the document

15:40:16 From Christine Seibert : What if after the presidential primary they didn't change back to undeclared, in which case you have to wait until after this (the state primary election) to be able to change back to undeclared if you wanted to or forgot to?

15:40:20 From Jean Lightfoot : Clearly, Mr. Yen doesn't know what happens in a non-pandemic situation, and yet, this order was issued with no communication to the people who do the job on the line.

15:40:33 From John Lisle, Moderator Ward 8 Nashua : what about 5 days parties have to fill ballots after filling period?

15:40:40 From Jean Lightfoot : Welcome to our world, Mr. Cook.

15:41:55 From Judy Strakalaitis : Hopefully it will lead to open primaries. The hybrid we have is confusing for many voters. The worst part of any election is explaining to infuriated voters that they cannot get the ballot they want. They feel disenfranchised.

15:42:14 From Louise Spencer : Are people currently able to register to vote in all towns and cities? What about someone who is not yet registered to vote, wants to register and wants to run.

15:42:32 From Judy Strakalaitis : It PARTIALLY addresses the immediate concern. It does not address voter registration during SOE or at June 2 session.

15:43:38 From Vicky Turner : Louise, without access to registration forms, I would say the answer is no.

15:43:45 From Louise Spencer : Registration must be addressed immediately!

15:43:53 From Judy Strakalaitis : Thank you, Ms. Hanna! We need answers now. People are being told that everything is on hold.

15:43:58 From Kathy Seaver : You can register to vote in my community, however, I have heard this is not the case in 100% of communities, One community specifically has covid19 issues and is not available for any transactions.

15:44:30 From Darryl Perry : Please note that Point 7 only applies to candidates filing for the R&D Primaries, and DOES NOT apply to minor party and independent candidates filing for the general election

15:44:41 From Louise Spencer : Thank you Ms. Hanna!!!

15:44:44 From Judy Strakalaitis : Every day that goes by increases pent-up demands. That increases risk to supervisors and the public dramatically. More people will need to come to June 2 session.

15:45:13 From Judy Strakalaitis : There is no form to request an absentee reg application.

15:46:39 From Judy Strakalaitis : Darryl, if signature requirements are not waived, the suspension of voter registration and changes during SOE means it is more likely that signatures you can collect cannot be certified by the supervisors.

15:47:10 From Vicky Turner : I have tried to provide information to voters in my town via the election page linked to our town website, but many are not aware of that. The information needs to be centralized. Something like this would be nice: <https://www.sos.wa.gov/>

15:47:41 From Judy Strakalaitis : Darryl, I want to be sure you see my comments above about certification of signatures.

15:47:42 From Darryl Perry : Judy, that's something else that we'll add to the lawsuit we're working on!

15:48:41 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Can Mr. Cook stop moving papers around or go on mute

15:48:48 From Vicky Nawoichyk : PLEASE

15:49:12 From Judy Strakalaitis : If the committee does not recommend waiving the signature requirement, perhaps the standards for certification can be relaxed so supervisors can certify signatures from voters on the CL at a different address.

15:50:11 From Todd Rainier : Absentee registration is as simple as contacting your town clerk. We mail the appropriate documents to the requestor. That needs litigation and a special form? As it is, there are many, many voters that cannot seem to locate the absentee ballot request form on town websites, or are unaware of it. The unintended consequence of another form is complicating things for voters. Is that the best idea?

15:51:21 From Connie Lane : The Committee should also ask some experienced clerks to review the form, too. They are familiar with the issues that have arisen over the years with these convoluted forms. We undertook this process in the House Election Law Committee, and I recommend obtaining comments from Rep. Bergeron, who is a former clerk.

15:52:26 From Jean Lightfoot : Kathy Seaver should be able to review it with a TC's eye.

15:52:27 From Judy Strakalaitis : Very glad to have the exec order re party changes. Now just need the second piece.

15:52:54 From AJ : What do they want to send to the Governor?
15:53:59 From Judy Strakalaitis : Is the proposed form available to us or just the committee?
15:55:16 From Judy Strakalaitis : A readability app? Cool!
15:55:36 From Vicky Nawoichyk : How are we notifying the voters about this & How are we announcing our sessions? Are we still expected to meet and take public applications on June 2nd or do they have to submit this form prior to? What if we get it post the June 2nd date?
15:55:53 From Kyri : Tests Document Readability online-utility.org
15:56:04 From Judy Strakalaitis : Thanks!
15:56:17 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Seems like you got the draft versions
15:59:16 From Judy Strakalaitis : Do supervisors need to post the checklist by May 22 when the public cannot view it? For me, that is 3000 pages I would prefer not to print and bind those sets if nobody can access it. This needs to be addressed ASAP. We have to print when no one is at working inside town hall usually. On weekends. This is the only weekend we have to do it.
15:59:54 From Louise Spencer : Thank you everyone, on committee and participants! See you next week.
16:00:07 From Vicky Turner : Bye Louise
16:00:09 From Vicky Nawoichyk : We need to make public announcements too. I need to notify paper etc ASAP
16:00:10 From Judy Strakalaitis : Where can we see the proposed changes?
16:01:06 From Judy Strakalaitis : Are other supervisors here posting the checklist this week? Small towns may not be a big deal. For me, it is hours of work and 3000 pages.
16:01:27 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Judy, I have the same questions
16:01:42 From Vicky Turner : Watermark it
16:01:43 From Judy Strakalaitis : Thanks, Brad and Dave!
16:02:04 From Jean Lightfoot : Ours is about 150 pages and we will put in Town Hall and somehow let people know to call Town Clerk to make appointment for access.
16:02:17 From Vicky Nawoichyk : IF this committee is having technology challenges we need to consider the voting public will be fgaced with the same
16:02:23 From Judy Strakalaitis : Can someone from SOS provide instructions re posting the checklist in the next week?
16:02:46 From Judy Strakalaitis : If town clerks are not letting people register, will they allow people to view the checklist?
16:02:58 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Can someon at SOS also provide language on our public announcements?
16:03:19 From Judy Strakalaitis : Yes, wording needs to consistent and accurate.
16:03:32 From Jean Lightfoot : I think we need language for next week's announcements, especially considering this latest Executive Order.
16:04:12 From Vicky Nawoichyk : And SOS needs to instruct us if we are expected & mandated to hold an open public session. Also need to know when you will provide PPE if this is expected
16:06:26 From Vicky Nawoichyk : Please be clear that the absentee new voter packets are for new voters who are new and WILL be voting absentee. This is not a registration form for people to register remotely!
16:06:46 From Jean Lightfoot : Thank you all for your serious

consideration to all these issues. See you next week.

16:07:32 From Kyri : This committee's work is not an easy job. Thank you for being willing to spend this time.

16:07:52 From Darryl W. Perry : when will this committee make recommendations?

16:09:14 From Judy Strakalaitis : People are legally allowed to registration absentee any time if they meet the requirement of an exemption. Everyone meets the disability exemption. They do not need to know now if they will vote absentee.

16:10:02 From Judy Strakalaitis : Thank you to committee members