



Approved Minutes - 2024 Annual ERIC Board of Directors Meeting

February 7, 2024 | 12:30 - 4:30 pm ET

Washington Grand Hyatt, Washington, D.C. | Zoom| Onsite Meeting Location: Penn Quarter

Chair Brater called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. ET. He welcomed board members including the newest board members, J. Scutchfield from Kentucky, B. Giampola from New Jersey, and J. DeMarinis from Maryland.

Secretary Maeda called the roll. A quorum was present. See attached attendance roll call documentation.

1. Approval of minutes from prior ERIC meetings

M. Tassinari moved to approve the September 28, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes and the December 8, 2023 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes. K. Sullivan gave the second. There was no discussion. Motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

Chair Brater said the board needed to reapprove the July 28, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes because a technical procedural error was made during the original approval. M. Tassinari moved to approve the July 28, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes. J. Marks gave the second. There was no discussion. Motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

2. Election of 2024 ERIC Officers and Committee Members

Chair Brater described the bylaw procedures for electing new officers and presented the Executive Committee's recommended slate of officers for 2024. Chair Brater presented the following motion:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 6, part (d) of the ERIC Bylaws the Executive Committee has nominated a slate of candidates to serve as the 2024 Officers of the ERIC Board, Board Member representatives on the Executive Committee, and the Board Member representative on the Finance Committee. I therefore move the Board of Directors elect the Executive Committee's recommended slate as follows:

Officers

Blake Evans, GA – Chair
David Maeda, MN – Vice Chair
Stuart Holmes, WA – Treasurer
Jonathan Marks, PA – Secretary

Board Member representatives on the Executive Committee

Ryan Cowley, UT
Mandy Vigil, NM

Board Member representative on the Finance Committee

Monica Evans, DC



J. Choate gave the second. Outgoing Chair Brater thanked the Executive Committee and ERIC staff for their service. Brief discussion and additional remarks followed.

Secretary Maeda conducted a roll call vote of the board. There were 24 yes votes and 0 no votes. The motion was adopted. See attached roll call documentation.

3. Eligible but Unregistered Reports

S. Hamlin described the process for evaluating a state's request to be exempt from the EBU requirement, as documented in the materials he sent out. He and Chair Brater evaluated the three requests that were now before the board consistent with the documented process.

Vermont

W. Senning provided information about Vermont's EBU exemption request. He responded to questions from board members related to automatic voter registration and measuring outreach efforts. W. Senning left the meeting. Board members discussed Vermont's request.

B. Evans moved the board grant Vermont's request for an exemption to the EBU requirement. R. Cowley gave the second. There was no further discussion. Secretary Maeda conducted a roll call vote of the board. There were 22 Yes votes and 0 no votes. The motion was approved. W. Senning rejoined the meeting.

Alaska

C. Beecher presented information about Alaska's EBU exemption request. She responded to questions from board members about the Permanent Fund Dividend and motor voter opt in process. C. Beecher and staff left the meeting. Board members discussed Alaska's request.

J. Scutchfield moved the board grant Alaska's request for an exemption to the EBU requirement. B. Evans gave the second. There was no further discussion. Secretary Maeda conducted a roll call vote of the board. There were 23 Yes votes and 0 no votes. The motion was approved. C. Beecher and staff rejoined the meeting.

Colorado

J. Choate presented information about Colorado's EBU exemption request. He responded to board members' questions related to automatic voter registration and the state's voter registration education efforts. J. Choate left the meeting. Board members discussed Colorado's request.

J. Scutchfield moved the board grant Colorado's request for an exemption to the EBU requirement. J. Marks gave the second. There was no further discussion. Secretary Maeda conducted a roll call vote of the board. There were 21 Yes votes and 0 no votes. The motion was approved. J. Choate rejoined the meeting.

S. Hamlin and E. Haas presented information about potential improvements to the EBU process. Members discussed the potential improvements.

Chair Brater called a recess at 2:52 p.m. ET. He called the meeting back to order at 3:01 p.m. ET.



4. Voter Participation Reports

S. Hamlin said there are concrete steps being taken for transparency purposes to show how states are using ERIC that have not been done in the past. He said there is a deadline to request the voter participation reports that had been amended several times. The deadlines have not worked. Both the deadline for referring information to law enforcement and the deadline to wrap the investigations up, will continue to be looked at. Staff also will provide data about voters who remain registered in different states that appeared on previous voter participation reports. He said informational summaries about past voter participation reports will eventually be published. Members will have the opportunity to review/comment on the drafts.

5. ERIC Annual Reports

S. Hamlin reminded the board that one of his goals for the year is to publish a consolidated 2018-2023 annual report. The report will include information and data that will generate questions for members. The report isn't meant to compare states. He said it was important to get the report, and all the information it will provide, out to the public this summer.

6. Type 1, SOC 2 Audit

S. Hamlin and E. Haas reported on the Type 1, SOC 2 audit process, results, and next steps. E. Haas said the recommendation is to proceed with a Type 2, SOC 2, which includes observation of ERIC's controls over time, and she said there will be a public report component. S. Hamlin said it was important for board members to understand what the audit does and does not answer given the cost of going ahead with a Type 2. The current budget includes funds to start the process this fiscal year.

7. ERIC Activity, Membership and Security Updates

S. Hamlin provided an update on new member recruitment and ERIC related legislation in New York, California, Kentucky, Hawaii, and Virginia. Discussion followed.

S. Hamlin presented his plans to continue to attend relevant national conferences. He also reminded the board of a membership agreement provision stating that when a member gets an ERIC related public information request to share it with ERIC in advance of responding. There was no discussion. E. Haas reported on updates to the process for annually reviewing and updating the Terms and Conditions form for the hashing application. She noted the state's/member custodian will need to sign off on who has access to the hashing application. There was no discussion.

8. 2024 ERIC Board/Membership Meeting Schedule

S. Hamlin presented a proposed 2024 meeting schedule. Brief discussion followed.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m. ET.