



NORTH CAROLINA

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Request for Replacement of County Voting System

The Buncombe County Board of Elections ("Board"), having met on November 19, 2019 hereby seeks the approval of the State Board of Elections to replace its voting system, or a portion thereof. Before approving the adoption and acquisition of any voting system by the board of county commissioners, the county board of elections shall do all of the following:

STEP 1: DEMONSTRATION

Witness a demonstration of the recommended type of voting system plus at least one other certified type of voting system. The demonstration can take place in the county or at a site designated by the State Board.

- The demonstration should be organized as part of a public meeting with invitations sent to the county board of commissioners, the county manager, the county attorney, and the political parties in the county.
- The county board should give public notice of the demonstration and meeting, as it does for all other board meetings.
- A majority of county board members voting on the recommendation must have witnessed a demonstration. All five members of the county board of elections should be present at the demonstration if possible.

County Board member 1:	<u>Mike Quinn</u>	Demo Location:	<u>Haywood City</u>	Date:	<u>9/12/19</u>
Voting Systems Reviewed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clear Ballot ClearVote 1.4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hart InterCivic Verity 2.2	<input type="checkbox"/> ES&S Unity 3.4.1.1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ES&S Voting System 5.2.2.0			
County Board member 2:	<u>Stephen Duncan</u>	Demo Location:	<u>Haywood City</u>	Date:	<u>9/12/19</u>
Voting Systems Reviewed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clear Ballot ClearVote 1.4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hart InterCivic Verity 2.2	<input type="checkbox"/> ES&S Unity 3.4.1.1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ES&S Voting System 5.2.2.0			
County Board member 3:	<u>Jay Watson</u>	Demo Location:	<u>Haywood City</u>	Date:	<u>9/12/19</u>
Voting Systems Reviewed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clear Ballot ClearVote 1.4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hart InterCivic Verity 2.2	<input type="checkbox"/> ES&S Unity 3.4.1.1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ES&S Voting System 5.2.2.0			
County Board member 4:	<u>Elizabeth Newman</u>	Demo Location:	<u>Haywood City</u>	Date:	<u>9/12/19</u>
Voting Systems Reviewed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clear Ballot ClearVote 1.4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hart InterCivic Verity 2.2	<input type="checkbox"/> ES&S Unity 3.4.1.1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ES&S Voting System 5.2.2.0			
County Board member 5:	<u>Linda Bloch</u>	Demo Location:	<u>Raleigh Embassy Suite</u>	Date:	<u>7/29/19</u>
Voting Systems Reviewed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clear Ballot ClearVote 1.4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hart InterCivic Verity 2.2	<input type="checkbox"/> ES&S Unity 3.4.1.1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ES&S Voting System 5.2.2.0			

STEP 2: PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATION

Make a preliminary recommendation to the board of county commissioners as to which type of voting system should be acquired by the county.

- Official action to preliminarily recommend can be taken as soon as the same meeting during which the demonstration is conducted, provided the meeting is properly noticed. Alternatively, the meeting to preliminarily recommend a voting system may be noticed prior to the demonstration as long as the meeting is held after the demonstration.
- The Board can recommend by resolution, letter, presentation, or other official action.

Following the demonstration, the Board recommended:

- ☐ by resolution dated _____
- ☒ by letter dated September 25, 2019 signed by Jake Quinn
- ☐ by presentation given on _____
- ☐ by nature of an official action taken on _____

that Buncombe County adopt and acquire the:

- ☐ Clear Ballot ClearVote 1.4 Voting System
- ☒ ES&S Voting System 5.2.2.0 Voting System
- ☐ ES&S Unity 3.4.1.1 Voting System
- ☐ Hart InterCivic Verity 2.2 Voting System

STEP 3: TEST IN A REAL ELECTION

The county board must instruct the county board staff to test the proposed voting system in at least one precinct where the voting system would be used if adopted. The test must take place during an election.

- County board staff must notify State Board voting systems staff of its intent to test the recommended voting system.
- The voting systems election management system and the components of the system must undergo Logic & Accuracy testing prior to use in the test election.
- After completing canvass, the county board must determine that the recommended voting system has met the requirements for voting in that county.
- Specific to procurement of a voting system prior to 2020 primaries and elections, the test must occur on Election Day for the November 2019 election. Testing at a one-stop voting site for the November 2019 election will not be permitted.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	On <u>September 25th, 2019</u> the county board staff notified the State Board of Elections voting systems staff of its intent to test the recommended voting system.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The recommended voting system was tested during the <u>November 5th, 2019</u> election. The voting systems election management system and all of the components of the system were subject to Logic & Accuracy testing prior to use in the test election.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The recommended voting system was tested in _____ one-stop absentee voting site(s) and/or <u>12</u> Election Day precinct(s).
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Board, having completed its canvass of the election in which the recommended voting system was tested, has determined that the recommended system meets the requirements for voting in the county.

STEP 4: SBE APPROVAL

The county board of elections cannot replace any voting system, or any portion thereof, without approval of the State Board.

The Board seeks the approval of the State Board of Elections to replace its current voting system, or a portion thereof with the following voting system:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Clear Ballot ClearVote 1.4 Voting System | <input type="checkbox"/> ES&S Unity 3.4.1.1 Voting System |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hart InterCivic Verity 2.2 Voting System | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ES&S Voting System 5.2.2.0 Voting System |

The Board proposes to adopt and acquire the voting system's election management system (EMS) and the following components of the system:


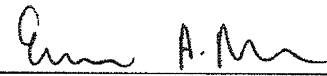
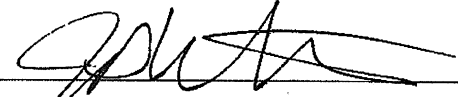

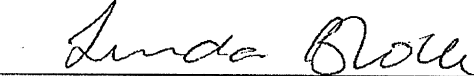
Component Type	Model	Quantity
Precinct Ballot Tabulator (PBT)		
Central Ballot Tabulator (CBT)		
Ballot Marking Device (BMD)	Express Vote	107
BMD Printer		
Ballot on Demand (BOD) Printers		

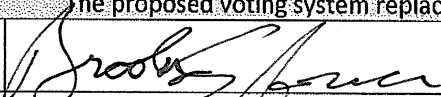
The Board proposes to use the Express Vote ballot marking device and its accessible peripherals to meet ADA requirements to allow for accessible voting.

STEP 5: ADOPTION AND ACQUISITION OF NEW VOTING SYSTEM BY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The board of county commissioners, with the approval of the county board of elections, may adopt and acquire only a voting system of a type, make, and model certified by the State Board for use in some or all voting places in the county at some or all elections. The board of county commissioners may decline to adopt and acquire any voting system recommended by the county board of elections but may not adopt and acquire any voting system that has not been approved by the county board of elections. Following SBE approval, the County Board understands that it may then proceed to ask its Board of County Commissioners for the approval and funding to acquire the recommended voting system.

Along with this request, the Board is submitting the proposed vendor contract to permit the State Board of Elections to review and approve the terms of the vendor's contract.

Board Chair		11/19/19 Date
Board Secretary		11/19/19 Date
Board Member		11/19/19 Date
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State Board of Elections use Only	
The proposed voting system replacement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IS <input type="checkbox"/> IS NOT approved.	
Approved by: 	Date: 12/6/19