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COMMISSIONER PATON: Second.

COMMISSIONER MEYER: Second.

February 23rd, 2017.

Commissioner Kimble to approve the minutes of meeting.

COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: I move that we approve the minutes for the February 23rd, 2017 election cycle are now closed, and so I think that's -- have -- all of our pending complaints for 2016's next month.

2017-2018 cycle, and Sara and Gina will be presenting research coming up on voter education needs for the participation in the political process. We have some Inspire Arizona Day at the Capitol to encourage may have already known about this. Gina was at the hard work to build out the voter education functions that we have, and Gina's leadership in building partnerships around the state has been important and crucial. And I think -- and she's increasingly recognized as an expert even in the legislative process on how, you know, the processes of voter education work.

And Alec, in the meantime, has -- you know, has been the backbone of that process in making sure that we get things where they need to -- get when they need to get there, keep our -- our site timely, up to date. And I think that's something we've gotten recognized for having very good information that's readily accessible and up to date. So we're very, very happy to make that announcement.

Gina was at a -- and I think you already -- may have already known about this. Gina was at the Inspire Arizona Day at the Capitol to encourage participation in the political process. We have some research coming up on voter education needs for the 2017-2018 cycle, and Sara and Gina will be presenting at the Election Officials of Arizona workshop early next month.

The last thing I wanted to mention is we have -- all of our pending complaints for 2016's election cycle are now closed, and so I think that's -- that is good. And I guess that's all I have to highlight unless commissioners have any questions for me.

CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioners, any questions for the director?
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1 (No response.)
2 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Thank you, Mr. Collins.
3 What I want to say and make a comment on is
4 I'd like to congratulate Gina Roberts and Alec Shaffer
5 for their promotion in the department. Since I have
6 been on the Commission, Gina Roberts has always done an
7 excellent job in all areas that she has been working
8 on. So I congratulate her.
9 And continue the good work, Gina.
10 Alex -- Alec Shaffer has also been a very
11 good employee. He's always done work, I think, above,
12 beyond the call of duty. And so I'd like to
13 congratulate him for the promotion also.
14 And, Alec, continue the good work, also.
15 Thank you.
16 So why don't we go to the next agenda item,
17 and that is discussion and possible action on the
18 Interagency Service Agreement with the Arizona
19 Secretary of State's Office.
20 MR. COLLINS: Yes. Mr. Chairman, there are
21 two sort of sub items here, one we'd like to finish.
22 And then Secretary Reagan is here in the audience,
23 along with her IT -- director of IT services and other
24 staff to talk about the second part.
25 So the first part has to do with the -- an

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1 Unless you have questions for me and Mary that would
2 require an executive session, I don't really have
3 anything else to say about it. I think it accomplishes
4 what the Secretary's office seeks which is to get this
5 closed out, move on to the next thing. And I think
6 it -- it is what it is. So unless anyone has questions
7 about that, that's -- that's Item IV-A, and that's
8 about all I have to say about it.
9 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Any questions,
10 Commissioners?
11 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Chairman?
12 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Yeah, Commissioner Kimble.
13 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Collins, so am I
14 right in understanding that we are out $87,500?
15 MR. COLLINS: Right now -- I'm sorry.
16 Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Kimble, right now there's
17 $87,500 at the -- that the Secretary of State's Office
18 has essentially -- has authorized to transfer to us.
19 We are -- we're waiting to get your authorization to
20 accept that transfer in the state financial system. So
21 we are not out. We will be receiving $87,500. It's
22 a -- it's a -- it's a refund, if you will.
23 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Okay. So just to be
24 clear, we signed this agreement and agreed to pay some
25 money up front. We paid that money up front. We're
1 $175,000, but in a -- in a sense, you know -- you know, the amount of time and effort and energy it would take to go through an account for how that was spent and deal with the breach issues which get into issues related to, you know, our reporting requirements which were -- and reports that we require and were paid and those kinds of things, all become complicated.

8 It's good enough -- and expensive. I mean, it's just more -- it's just more money -- you know, man hours and money to track all that stuff down. So our view is it is a reasonable thing to -- you know, I think it's reasonable for the Commission to conclude that there was a material breach. I also think it's reasonable for the Commission to accept the 87.5 remainder as sufficient to terminate the agreement and allow Staff to accept that money.

25 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Well, I guess my question is basically have we received $175,000 worth of services for the $175,000 we paid?

1 So the answer to your question is there were some services. I don't know whether we got full value because part of the service was the building of the 941(D) reporting system. That was taken off-line. So it was done and then it was taken off-line. You know, that was not part of the agreement. The agreement wasn't to build it and then take it down, but that having been said, I think this is a reasonable resolution.

10 You know, I think the Commission should recognize that under the terms of the ISA that there was a material breach but we should take the money that's there back and -- and call it good because there's just nothing to be gained by, in our view, pursuing this any further.

16 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman, thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioner Chan?

21 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I'm actually grateful for coming to our meeting.

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1 acceptable to ask her if she would be able to answer a question because to me that is very troublesome. I know the item on our agenda is intended to, you know, kind of put to bed this ISA, but I am very troubled by the fact that your office took these reports off-line.

6 And I don't know what the reason was for that and why they haven't been put back.

8 CHAIRMAN TITLA: I'd like to welcome the honorable Secretary of State Reagan here. Thank you for coming to our meeting.

11 SECRETARY REAGAN: And thank you for having me.

13 CHAIRMAN TITLA: And so thank you for answering some questions.

15 SECRETARY REAGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

16 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Thank you.

17 SECRETARY REAGAN: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Chan -- first of all, welcome.

19 Congratulations.

20 First of all, I'm kind of going to back up a second, if I may, to your point, Commissioner Kimble. By the time I was sworn in, that $175,000 that you are talking about was already spent. We -- when we looked at the program, we figured that if we were to continue spending additional dollars on it, it would be a waste of time and energy and potentially money.
1 just because it's outdated for what we want to do. So 
2 by the time we started working on it, we thought 
3 there's a lot newer technology out there than 
4 continuing to spend money on that program. 
5 And that's kind of what that -- giving that 
6 money back is meant to do because in looking at things 
7 that all the other states are doing and what we would 
8 like to do going forward, we would prefer to -- 
9 basically, that's where the See the Money program came 
10 from to kind of start over from the original ISA that 
11 was done prior to my administration. 
12 To answer your question, I am of the 
13 agreement with you, Commissioner Chan, that those 
14 reports -- any reports that are public information 
15 should all be in one place, especially if we build a 
16 program like See the Money which is going to start to 
17 aggregate everything. So it doesn't do the public any 
18 good to have something aggregated and be adding up what 
19 campaign spending is in Arizona and then leave out 
20 other public information that perhaps you are 
21 receiving. 
22 That should all being added together, and 
23 that is what going forward I'm hoping See the Money 
24 does is -- and I -- and you have my commitment on what 
25 we're building now. Regardless of whether you decide 

1 our relationship as well to -- to get those back 
2 because in my understanding -- and, obviously, I wasn't 
3 here -- they were shut off without telling us. 
4 And I don't know what all has been done as 
5 far as our staff communication, but I know our Staff -- 
6 it's important to our mission to have those and they 
7 were not turned back on and, therefore, we had to go 
8 forward with something else that we cobbled together. 
9 SECRETARY REAGAN: Correct. 
10 COMMISSIONER CHAN: And to me that is a 
11 waste of government resources to -- to turn something 
12 off that was available and force our Commission to put 
13 something together in the meantime. That is -- it just 
14 doesn't make sense to me. 
15 So we may be going a little bit afield of 
16 what the item is that we're discussing on the agenda, 
17 and I'm not opposed to making a motion to try to close 
18 this out. I would be interested in what the other 
19 commissioners -- if they have anything else to add, but 
20 that's kind of where I stand. 
21 SECRETARY REAGAN: Mr. Chairman, 
22 Commissioner Chan, thank you for your comments. And 
23 just to address probably the big elephant in the room, 
24 yes, there has been friction and staff -- my staff has 
25 not worked as well with your staff as could be and 

1 to help pay for the product or not, we're still going 
2 to be putting those reports into the new system 
3 because, again, regardless of what decisions were made 
4 before or why, because of attorneys or friction or who 
5 knows, that's not the direction I want to go. 
6 And so we're building everything in mind 
7 with having everything in one place, and that's simply 
8 a matter of public policy and, quite frankly, it's 
9 something exciting that our agency and the Commission 
10 can work on together. 
11 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Thank you, Madam 
12 Secretary and Mr. Chairman. May I follow up? 
13 I am very happy to hear you say, you know, 
14 about the friction and moving forward together. I 
15 think from my perspective as a Commissioner, I -- 
16 those -- those reports are very important to us, and I 
17 understand, I think, what you've stated. 
18 SECRETARY REAGAN: Uh-huh. 
19 COMMISSIONER CHAN: But that's something 
20 that I think is -- we are required by our Act to 
21 collect that data, to provide the reports. And I think 
22 we've had to cobble something together to try to 
23 address it because you shut off our reports, and I 
24 think we would very much appreciate having those back. 
25 I think that is something that would go a long way in 

1 perhaps even vice versa, but that's no reason for me to 
2 continue that trend. So I am taking control of this 
3 project and I want to do it in what is, again, the best 
4 way for the public. 
5 And we have a dynamite plan and we also 
6 think that there's a lot of value that your Commission 
7 can add to this program if we collaborate with you. 
8 We've already taken some of the suggestions that 
9 your -- that your staff has made on ways to make it 
10 easier. 
11 So going backwards at this point and 
12 figuring out why, when, how, where -- I'm more 
13 interested in going forward and doing a dynamo project 
14 which we're just about there. So I appreciate your 
15 consideration of closing out the last ISA. It's hard 
16 to come in the middle of something. 
17 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman, Secretary 
18 Reagan, would you be willing to turn on the reports 
19 again for us in the meantime? 
20 SECRETARY REAGAN: We're -- Mr. Chairman, 
21 Commissioner Chan, we're certainly willing to do a 
22 number of things and to look at a number of things. 
23 The biggest problem that we have right now with our 
24 current system is that when things are being sent out 
25 from the Commission Staff, we want it to look like it's
Secretary Reagan was saying as well. Let's move think it makes sense to -- and really with what record I agree with Director Collins' position. I

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I have with me my chief information officer, Bill Maaske, who is going to give a presentation, a slight overview of what it looks like. And then, of course, any questions you have technical, go to him.

Anything you have policy related or any other questions that you have, I'm certainly -- I'll stick around to make sure that you have that opportunity to ask. And I just want to say we have looked at nearly every state and what they have and what they use, and there's nothing like this on the market. So it would be really, really great, I believe, or it will be very great for Arizona to actually be a leader in something like this. And there's a lot of national groups that are watching to see when this is done because they're thrilled about it too.

It's -- if we're going to talk about transparency, we need to be talking about all of the spending in the state, not just portion of it here or there. So hopefully you'll like what you see and we'll hear from you after your presentation.

MR. MAASKE: Thank you, Secretary.

Mr. Chairman and Commissioners, I'm Bill Maaske. I'm the chief information officer for the Arizona Secretary of State. I was told I had an hour and a half for this presentation. Is that -- is that correct?

COMMISSIONER MEYER: You might be the only one here at the end.

MR. MAASKE: Right. Thank you so much for your time and your consideration and for taking the time to do this. I'm just going to give you a very, very quick background on kind of how we came to some of the decisions before I actually show you this.

The first thing that we really did was we tried to identify the audience for what this product is going to be used for and by, and we identified three key players, the first one being those people that are just kind of casual users. These are, you know, my mom who's semi-interested in campaign finance, but she doesn't really know what she's looking for. She doesn't know specifically who's running. She doesn't know who's playing in this game and all that kind of stuff.

The second audience member would be your candidates or your political people. These are people that play in the political areas. Typically when they go to the website and they look for campaign finance stuff, they know specifically what they're looking for. They want to do deep dives in the data. They want to be able to extract all of the data out so that they can, you know, peruse through it kind of at their leisure.

And then the third -- the third audience member would be your opponent, you know, somebody that I'm interested in. And even though the website may not give them all of that data in that format, they can take it all and go and play with it kind of on their own.

So we identified the casual user as kind of the lowest common denominator, and we really
1 wanted to come up with something that would meet the
2 needs of them because as the Secretary stated, when we
3 did a survey of all of the other states, I can tell you
4 that -- and we did a lot of city surveys too. I can
5 tell you that where most of them fell down was for the
6 casual user.
7 So myself going to another state and trying
8 to figure out what I'm looking for, since most of them
9 were open-ended searches where I would land on a page
10 that would say what do you want to search for? And I
11 would have to type something in. Like, literally there
12 was nothing to choose from, and I had no idea who was
13 running, what their cycles looked like, what their
14 offices looked like in that state.
15 So we wanted something very different than
16 that experience. So what we -- what we tried to do was
17 to come up with something that would give users data
18 from the get-go. So we wanted you to land on this
19 thing and say I want to look at candidates, for
20 example, and then have something substantial to view
21 without having to make a lot of suggestions. At the
22 same time, we need to meet those other audiences, also,
23 right? So we need to be able to drill down. We need
24 to be able to do deep dives in the data and -- and
25 allow, like, the media people to be able to extract

1 data at will.
2 So I'm just going to tell you that what
3 you're going to see today is done in a wireframe tool,
4 and this is a tool that we use in our design process.
5 So this is not a finished-looking website. This is
6 really a concept, and -- and we use wireframe just so
7 that we don't get too caught up in the look, right? So
8 this is really a functional design, not an artistic
9 design of what this website is going to look like.
10 Guaranteed it's going to look fantastic once it's done.
11 If I can get my mouse to move. I cannot.
12 COMMISSIONER CHAN: And Mr. --
13 Mr. Chairman -- if I may, Bill -- just having worked
14 with Bill at the Secretary of State's Office, I would
15 say I have no doubt that in Bill's hands it will look
16 fantastic.
17 MR. MAASKE: Thank you.
18 I cannot get this mouse to work.
19 MR. COLLINS: It's magic.
20 MR. MAASKE: Do I have --
21 MR. COLLINS: I think someone will have
22 to --
23 MR. MAASKE: Do I have another option?
24 MS. ROBERTS: We might just have to move
25 you.
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MR. MAASKE: Thank you, Commissioner Chan.

Yes, absolutely. So we actually have a strategy, kind of a technical strategy -- and I'm going to try not to get into all the details -- where we can normalize name and address data. So, for example, address data can be normalized by passing it through like a USP address system and then hashing that value so that -- so that we're searching on what the normalized address is rather than what it is they put it in.

So, for example, if you put the wrong ZIP code for the address, it would still get normalized correctly because -- because we can kind of correct those errors. We can do the same thing for names. So we can -- we can get the Jim, Jimmy, James, you know, whatever -- whatever connotation of that is because it all normalizes to James. So I think we have a pretty good solution for taking care of that.

COMMISSIONER CHAN: Okay.

MR. MAASKE: Thank you. That was an excellent question. And I do want this to be interactive, so please feel free to interrupt me at any time.

Okay. I'm just going to dive into our elections overview. So you'll see now since I've
gotten -- kind of gotten off of that landing page, that there are -- there's kind of a menu bar up at the top. That will get me to all of those things that are available on that menu page.

So this is the overview page. We decided to get kind of graphical here. We've defined three different types of graph. We wanted the system to -- as you went from area to area, to feel very similar. So once you've done something in one place, that it's very apparent when you go to another place you're going to see very, very similar things.

So we've only identified three types of graphs that we're going to use. This one is kind of this box graph that's at the top. It's actually called a tree map, and that is a really good representation of who's the largest, right? So this is kind of a largest to smallest.

So in this particular instance, it's showing me contributions by amount. And so the contributors that are the largest contributors for the selected stuff that's on the side here, the filters that are on the side, will be in the upper left quadrant and then the smaller ones will be on the lower right quadrant. The ones that are large enough to put text on, there will be text on that says what they are.
I can also select more on any transaction to kind of transactions that meet the currently selected criteria. This grid would represent all the just click the little X and it's no longer applied. Show up here. If I want to get rid of a criteria, I Code. As I add criteria over here, the criteria will transactions by occupation, employer, city, state, ZIP candidate that I can filter in a lot more extensive candidate I can also look at their data view. This will give you all of the detail about the committee, who their treasurer is, right, who the -- who the candidate is, what their address is, all that kind of good stuff. And then this would also be where you would actually be able to still view the pdf reports. We kind of bury in pdf reports which we kind of do on the -- on our current website. And that's because we feel like you should be able to get most of this data and most people can get this data by extracting it from the website itself without actually drilling into the pdf's, but the pdf system will still be very similar to what it is today.

Questions so far?

Okay. We want all of this information to be shareable, so I can share basically any page here. And so if I click on "Share," I'm going to get something that gives me the option to share it on typical social media things or just to grab a link that I can email to somebody or do whatever I want to do with it.

Additionally, we're talking about giving the ability to embed specific charts or grids, and what that would allow you to do is, for example, if you were a newspaper, you could click this particular chart that you thought was interesting. You could say I want to embed this. You would get a little URL that you can embed -- you can put that on your website and then that chart, which would be kept up to date as things change over time, would appear on their website. So anybody can do that with -- pretty much any of our data should be embedded.

PACs, parties and organizations are very similar to candidates. Actually, let me talk about some of these other charts really quick. So each -- whether you are looking at a candidate, PAC, party or whatever, the types of charts that you get are going to be slightly different. A lot of them are going to have contributions, except for maybe organizations. So we really wanted to represent this data in multiple ways. So this shows me all of the top contributors. This shows me contributors by...
COMMISSIONER MEYER: How does all this question.

COMMISSIONER MEYER: Mr. Chairman, a basic
and keep drilling down and drilling down.
that I had clicked on in the previous thing. So I can
keep doing that forever and ever throughout this system
and keep drilling down and drilling down.

SECRETARY REAGAN: -- any place?

MR. MAASKE: Absolutely. Absolutely.

So, yeah, you can click on anything pretty much
anywhere in this system. So if I wanted to see the
individual contributors that were represented in this
pie chart, I could -- I could click on that, and then
it would show me who the individual contributors were.
And basically what that would do is it would take me to
the contributor's tab and then it would set the filter
to the -- to the contributor type, receiver type here
that I had clicked on in the previous thing. So I can
keep doing that forever and ever throughout this system
and keep drilling down and drilling down.

Sorry. Back on candidates real quick.

COMMISSIONER MEYER: Mr. Chairman, a basic
question.

MR. MAASKE: Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER MEYER: How does all this
information get put into this system and how is it kept
accurate and updated?

MR. MAASKE: Thank you, Commissioner Meyer.

So the -- kind of the back end to the system is our
campaign finance reporting system, right? So this is
the public phasing site that allows us to report on the
campaign finance system that we currently have. We
have upgrades that we are anticipating making to that
existing system. One is to make that
multijurisdictional which today it is not
multijurisdictional. So that's one of our big focuses
this year.

We have a huge punch list of other items
that we would like to make. Fixing how names are put
into the system is very high on that list and trying to
keep those as accurate as possible. So that is a
system that candidates, committees, PACs, organizations
and people doing ballot measure expenditures will be
using to report into the system.

COMMISSIONER MEYER: But does it have to be
manually entered by someone, or is it somehow gleaned
from the -- whatever format the reports are uploaded
in?

MR. MAASKE: So -- so the system is mostly
a manual entry system.

COMMISSIONER MEYER: It is?

MR. MAASKE: Yeah. Well, I'm sorry. We
don't manually enter it. So your committees, your
candidate, committees or PACs or parties or
organizations have a web interface that they go into.
They sign in. They enter all their data into the
system that candidates, committees, PACs, organizations
keep those as accurate as possible. So that is a
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years that we've had electronic reporting.

COMMISSIONER KIMBLE:: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioner Kimble?

COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Following up on
Commissioner Meyer's question, will this require any
dramatic change in training for political candidates or
their treasurers or any of the inputters?

MR. MAASKE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and
Commissioner Kimble. I don't believe that it's going
to require -- we haven't finished figuring out what
features are going to be in what we're calling Campaign
Finance 4, which is just a version number for our
campaign finance system which would come out at the
same time that See the Money would come out which would
be January 1st of 2018. So we haven't completed that
list, so it's kind of hard for me to specifically
1 answer that question.
2 There's one particular thing that we'd like
3 to do in the system which we think will improve
4 their -- their experience that would be a substantial
5 change in the way that it works, but I don't think that
6 it would -- it would require substantial training from
7 their -- from their perspective.
8 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: So would someone who
9 has a volunteer treasurer who, you know, is not that
10 sophisticated in many of these races would be able to
11 figure this out on their own without -- without a
12 huge -- I don't know -- training session or something?
13 MR. MAASKE: Yeah. I think -- I think
14 specifically -- the short answer is if they've used our
15 existing system I don't think they're going to have any
16 problem using the new system. We definitely want to
17 put a new face on it, and everything that we intend to
18 do for it is to make it easier for them, not to make it
19 harder for them. So I don't anticipate any substantial
20 training issues from a -- from a committee data entry
21 perspective.
22 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Thank you.
23 MR. MAASKE: And then to go back to
24 Commissioner Meyer's question, we do have a bulk data
25 import. We tend to save that for those big, like,

1 super PAC or mega PAC committees that file in multiple
2 states and so they file with different jurisdictions.
3 And they use their own software to enter the data and
4 then they provide a bulk feed into our system. So they
5 don't -- they don't manually enter it into our system.
6 They give us a bulk feed.
7 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Any further comments?
8 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Thank you.
9 MR. MAASKE: You bet.
10 Am I doing okay on time?
11 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Yeah. Yeah, I think we're
12 doing okay.
13 MR. MAASKE: Thank you.
14 I'm going to gloss over PACs, parties and
15 organizations. I'm just going to click on them just to
16 show you that they basically look the same as
17 candidates, except that some of the charts and stuff
18 change what it is that they show, but substantially all
19 of this works the same. There's a data view on every
20 single one of them. This is going to show me PACs
21 versus showing me candidates, right?
22 Organizations, pretty much the same thing.
23 Propositions, pretty much the same thing. You get a
24 data view that's going to show you these were all the
25 propositions. This was the money spent in support or

1 opposing this proposition. I can drill down on pretty
2 much anything.
3 Contributors, again, more or less of the
4 same style except that I can -- I can now filter these
5 things by things that are contributor specific.
6 There's also a data view on contributors that's going
7 to show me all of the contributors, the number of
8 entities that they contributed to and the total amount.
9 These would be aggregate amounts by contributor and
10 then I can drill down further into that to find out
11 specifically who they've contributed to.
12 COMMISSIONER MEYER: What's the -- what are
13 the choices of the drop-down menu for contributor
14 type -- we're not that far along yet -- on the left
15 there? I'm just curious.
16 MR. MAASKE: Yeah. So contributor types
17 would be your individuals, your personal money, your
18 PACs, parties, organizations. That would be the type
19 of contributor.
20 COMMISSIONER MEYER: It's got all of those
21 different categories?
22 MR. MAASKE: Correct. And those are
23 existing categories in our system today. So most of
24 what you're seeing here is based on existing data
25 that -- you know, we don't have to do large

1 architectural changes in order to make most of this
2 stuff happen. We have -- we have all of this data.
3 Expenses, again, pretty much the same
4 thing. And then I'll show you really quick the
5 advanced search which looked a lot like the detailed
6 candidate search that we saw earlier. This allows me
7 to look and add various criteria, so if I want to look
8 specifically by -- by name or I want to look by who the
9 filer was or I want to look by specific amounts or any
10 combination thereof.
11 The way that we architected this is such
12 that you can add -- you basically add a filter at a
13 time and then you see the results and that's to avoid
14 people being able to put in three or four criteria only
15 to exclude all of the results, right? So that's
16 another problem that we found in a lot of other state
17 systems was it was a very open-ended search. There's
18 20 input fields and I could put data in all of those if
19 I wanted to and then click search, and the odds of
20 actually getting all that criteria right is zero,
21 right?
22 So it's very frustrating from a user
23 perspective, and so we really tried to come up with a
24 way to make that more interactive. So if they add one
25 criteria, they get the result immediately and they know
that this is a good project that you're working on and

CHAIRMAN TITLA: Okay. If not, I think

Thank you.

Commissioners? Comments?

I think I've exhausted everything aside
doing here versus Committee 1 when it's put together.

can just kind of scroll down to see what Committee 2 is
their contributions by contributor type and then you

and she also indicated that we can follow the money
here. And I think that under the Clean Elections Act,

a lot of citizens of the State of Arizona want to know

where the money comes from and they want to follow the

money.

So if this project that you're working on

can promote transparency and the citizens of the state

of Arizona can follow the money and then they can find

out who the money is coming from and you are saying

lines on it as there are people that I've selected, and

this would show their income and expenses over time

with multiple people on -- sorry about that -- multiple
people on the same chart. I talk with my hands. It's
not good when there's microphones in the room.

Contributions, same thing. This is going
to be a bar chart that shows kind of all of them
stacked up, same thing with the expenditures.

Then we get into charts that don't do very
well when you try to put -- layer them on top of each
other. So what we've done is we've carved out a
section for each committee in this case that you're
comparing. So you can compare their contributions and
their contributions by contributor type and then you
can just kind of scroll down to see what Committee 2 is
doing here versus Committee 1 when it's put together.

I think I've exhausted everything aside
from showing you more of the same. So if there's no
more questions --

CHAIRMAN TITLA: Any questions,

Commissioners? Comments?

COMMISSIONER MEYER: Nothing from me.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN TITLA: Okay. If not, I think

that this is a good project that you're working on and
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1 So I wish to thank you and the Honorable
2 Secretary Reagan for bringing this project to us and
3 I'm sure the commissioners will look at it and ask
4 questions as we go forward here.
5 So I appreciate it. Thank you.
6 MR. MAASKE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
7 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Mr. Chairman, one more
8 question, if I could.
9 CHAIRPERSON TITLA: Chairman -- I mean,
10 Commissioner Meyer.
11 COMMISSIONER MEYER: And this could be a
12 question for you, sir, or perhaps for Secretary Reagan.
13 You know, this all looks great and is very exciting,
14 and I guess we already had a project like this that we
15 had to abandon in the middle.
16 What assurances can you provide the
17 Commission that we're not going to have a repeat of
18 what happened with the 2014 campaign finance software?
19 MR. MAASKE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and
20 Commissioner Meyer. I think that's a fair question. I
21 can tell you that the Secretary has made it very clear
22 to me that we will succeed on this project. I will
23 also tell you that I intend to retire with the
24 Secretary of State's Office and I don't feel that that
25 may happen if we don't succeed with this project.

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1 MR. MAASKE: Yeah. Well, there was just an
2 article that came out and, I think, yesterday that
3 deals specifically about -- about -- about what
4 happened. And I think that it pretty much told us the
5 story, and that was that we went with a third-party
6 provider that, you know, put some pretty good resources
7 in front of us and -- and wowed us. And when it --
8 when it came time to actually -- to actually do
9 something with that, we just -- we just didn't feel
10 that it was the right solution, that their company had
11 some issues with the staff and, you know, things
12 dissolving.
13 The people that were originally on that
14 project were no longer available on that project, and
15 so we just really felt like in order to do what we
16 wanted to do, taking us back inside and doing this as
17 an internal project. And I think the Secretary was
18 actually trying to do me a favor in her first year in
19 her administration which was to let's get somebody else
20 to do this because I've got a million things for the
21 internal staff to work on.
22 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: So are we basically
23 starting from ground zero again?
24 MR. MAASKE: I wouldn't say we're starting
25 from ground zero. I mean, like I said, we have -- we

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1 have tremendous people on this project. I think that
2 our design is somewhat different than what had been
3 designed in '15-'16, but I think it's also far superior
4 to what had been designed then because of the input
5 that we got.
6 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: So part of the
7 proposal is asking the Commission for $200,000 to help
8 develop this and there's -- there's a time line about
9 it will go beta on this date; it will go live on
10 January 2nd, 2018.
11 What happens if these deadlines are not met
12 as far as the Commission is concerned? Would we get
13 some of our money back? What assurance do we have that
14 this is going to be a wise use of taxpayer money?
15 MR. MAASKE: So the -- thank you for that
16 question. The payment schedule is based on
17 deliverables, right? So the first payment is based on
18 basically the signoff on the design of the system. The
19 second payment is based on basically a working
20 prototype of the system. The third deliverable is
21 based on going beta and then the fourth deliverable is
22 go live of the system. So you would not be paying us
23 until we had demonstrated that we had something to
24 deliver.
25 Now, some of those things are early
I think you've said that this is what your office is
ask one more question before we do that?
COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Before we've -- can I
CHAIRMAN TITLA: Okay. Is that a motion?
executive session to discuss this with our attorney.
COMMISSIONER CHAN: So, Mr. Chairman, I
guess I would move that the Commission go into
executive session to discuss this with our attorney.
CHAIRMAN TITLA: Okay. Is that a motion?
COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Before we've -- can I
ask one more question before we do that?
MR. MAASKE: Sure.
COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: So, Secretary Reagan,
I think you've said that this is what your office is
1 So the other thing -- so it would help speed that up to the beta phase, your help. The other thing your help would help with is something that Bill didn't touch on and that is -- well, let me first of all say that this -- that See the Money is going to be multi-language. It's also very important that it's mobile friendly. If you're creating anything now that is not mobile friendly, then it's kind of silly, but we also have a lot of things on our wish list, things that we know are going to happen Version 2.

2 And I want to say that if done properly, this should be a program that is never completed and it's constantly being added to. And the way that Bill is building this and the way that the source codes that we have for this project is with the specific intent that we are always adding on to this. For instance, lobbying -- lobbyists' filings right now, that's -- if there's any lobbyists in the room they know that that is not an easy system. It's not searchable. It's not searchable.

3 The ability to add that on in future years is a big goal of mine. The ability to connect with the Corporation Commission -- let's say you run into one of those organizations on the tab that is one that doesn't report their contributors. Well, there's still a lot of information you can get from those -- about those groups. You can get their Corporation Commission filings. You can get federal filings. The ability to link in with all of those so that the user gets it all at, you know, with, well, as few clicks as possible without having to leave the site and go log into a federal site.

4 The possibilities for all this project is endless and we want to continually be adding things. Now, because I've added so much stuff to it already, which is part of the reason why it's been held up, Bill has kind of put a hold on me and said that's going to be Version 2, Michele. So that will be Version 2. Your contribution would help further get some of that stuff done quicker if we had an additional coder.

5 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: And, Mr. Chairman, Secretary Reagan, I assume also this would also go a long way to something that Commissioner Paton and Commissioner Meyer have referred to and that's improving the working relationship of our two organizations.

6 SECRETARY REAGAN: Yes. Mr. Chairman, today -- and, you know, believe it or not, your executive director and I have a very good working relationship and are able to talk and able to communicate. We don't always agree, but I believe that there may be more friction between our two -- more friction reported than there actually is when we all sit down and speak with each other.

7 So I don't want you to feel like you're being held hostage, like if you don't contribute to this project there's going to be friction. You know, I'm here today because I don't want the next two years to be like that.

8 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: I understand that. I appreciate it. I agree with that. On the other hand, next week the Governor's Regulatory Review Commission has another meeting in this a year-long thing that's been going on and it's been triggered by your office which opposes some of our rules and some of the things we've done. So, you know, I kind of think this has to go both ways. I can see some real benefits in working with you on this -- on this. I would hope it would go beyond this, though, if we become financial partners in this.

9 I am very frustrated by this year-long pointless fight we've gotten into with the Governor's Regulatory Review Council that is only because of your office's objections to what we have done. And I don't think there's a quid pro quo here, but that's another thing that enters into my mind about do we want to do business with you.

10 SECRETARY REAGAN: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner, that's a fair question to ask. I would be asking that. Do you want to do business with somebody who has had you in and out of court, quite frankly, and -- and I can't promise that all those things are going to go away. What I can promise is that this project is a good project for the public good. I'm committed to this project, and it is an area that we can work together on. I want to work with you on this.

11 I want to know if there's certain things that your candidates need or certain types of information that is going to be public information, can it be aggregated into our system. The more data that we get and the more groups that we work with is only going to make this program more powerful.

12 So I don't feel like I can even comment on the GRRC situation, you know, what they're going to do, not do. I can tell you that if you look at our behavior since session has started, we have not been down at the legislature seriously advocating for your demise, which is a bit of a turnabout from the last
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| 1 couple of years.  
2 I personally do not philosophically believe  
3 in public financing of campaigns. That's not going to change, but that doesn't mean that I'm going to not work with you because the law says that those types of campaigns exist. And I'm going to make sure that if there's information on those campaigns, it needs to -- it should be all in one place and available to the public.  
9 So that I don't think I'm serving the public as well if I'm not accepting the right that  
12 Clean Elections has, your Commission has to do the work that the people have charged it to do. I might not like some of that work, but, you know, it's my duty to understand that it's the law.  
16 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: I would hope that we can have a higher bar than you're not advocating for our demise.  
19 SECRETARY REAGAN: Well, I meant that in a -- in a kinder way, but there are -- Mr. Chairman,  
21 Commissioner Kimble, we do have -- you know, there obviously are a lot of bills at the legislature were your commission or your mission is going to be different than mine if you don't or if you do agree with the public financing system.  
25 So, you know, I'm trying to be very honest by saying -- and it's no secret. I was in the legislature for 12 years. I'm not a fan of public finance systems for campaigns, but that doesn't mean that I can't be a fan of the Commission. I see the difference in that because I do believe you do have a mission that was given to you by the public and I have to recognize that. So I'm trying to separate the two in my mind, and I'm trying to have that be reflected in the types of bills we're at the legislature either opposing or supporting. We're in our own lane.  
12 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Thank you.  
13 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman?  
14 CHAIRPERSON TITLA: Commissioner Chan.  
15 COMMISSIONER CHAN: If I may with Secretary Reagan, you know, I appreciate your comments to  
17 Commissioner Kimble. I appreciate Mr. Kimble's questions to you about, you know, our past, anyway, before I came here. I always feel like I have to acknowledge, you know, because I haven't lived through it like all the other commissioners have, but I think from my perspective it's difficult to think about our agency mission.  
24 I mean, you mentioned public funding and a philosophical difference about it. And I get that, but |
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| 1 this Commission, I think, is truly one of the only independent agencies in Arizona. And I think our mission is way more than just public financing of candidates which is important, but it's also about trying to promote and grow integrity in elections through transparency and it's also about voter education.  
8 And, you know, I asked Staff to provide me some information about your office's position on some of our -- the Commission's actions and, you know, I see a headline: Michele Reagan to election's panel: Tread lightly on dark money rules. So I personally feel like issues like that where the Commission is getting burned, it makes it -- it does make it hard to have some trust moving forward.  
16 And, frankly, I know our Staff has met with your Staff about even legislative things that staff has agreed to and then when your staff goes back to your office, suddenly things change with the agreement. And so that -- those things concern me because I feel like we need to be able to trust your office's word when we're having meetings. And I know an ISA is a written agreement, but, for example, the ISA we just agreed to end, that was a written agreement. And we had to basically say, okay, the Secretary of State's Office is in breach, but we're going to move forward now.  
2 So those are my concerns moving forward with something as huge as this. And I do not disagree with the fact that this is going to be a complete dynamite, this system. And I do think it's good for Arizona, but I just want to say for the record that those are -- those are my concerns.  
8 And I think they're very serious concerns, especially after, you know, your office has already spent almost half a million dollars on a product that right now I don't know that there's anything to show for it. So it is important. I know Bill basically gave his personal assurance, which I feel bad that a staffer has to do that, but -- and obviously you've given us your personal assurance, too, but as I mentioned, I just -- it is very difficult seeing what's happened in the past and moving forward with something this huge to not worry that we're going to get burned.  
8 So I just -- I guess that's not really a question.  
21 SECRETARY REAGAN: It's okay.  
22 Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Chan, thank you for your comments. And you mentioned a couple of things. The first thing that you mentioned was that your mission is a lot larger than public financing. I completely 100 |

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1 percent agree with you. It is a lot bigger than that.  
2 It is voter education. It is the integrity of the  
3 election system, and on those -- those points, I  
4 completely stand in agreement with you on that.  
5 That's one of the reasons why I'm  
6 passionate about wanting to work together on this  
7 project. It's not all about money. It's because --  
8 again, it's the right thing to do for the voters.  
9 And -- so we don't disagree on that.  
10 And regarding the breach of contract, all I  
11 can say is that was not something that -- I came into  
12 that in the middle. That was not something that I  
13 wrote or got a chance to write. You and I didn't write  
14 that, basically. And when we looked at it, it wasn't  
15 going to be a product that was going to be worth --  
16 like I said, it was already outdated. And so, yes, you  
17 know, we halted that project and so let's give them the  
18 remaining money back. So thank you for voting to  
19 accept that money.  
20 I do realize you're being asked to have a  
21 little bit of trust here and -- and you might say is it  
22 warranted? I'm trusting you by showing you this  
23 project and by working with your staff trying to get  
24 input into areas that we perhaps have missed.  
25 And regarding money that was spent prior to

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1 this project -- because we've been working on this for  
2 well over a year and we did have an outside group  
3 working on it. There were a lot of reasons why that's  
4 not the product that we're using, but I don't consider  
5 that wasted, that it was completely wasted. We got  
6 the -- a lot of the design, a lot of the development of  
7 the system, a lot of the coding for the different  
8 graphs that you are seeing right now came from that  
9 original group.  
10 And we have the source code of what they  
11 wrote. So just because it's not done yet and just  
12 because we think we can do it better doesn't, in my  
13 mind, mean that that was a complete waste. I wish I  
14 had had more internal IT staff at that time because I  
15 would have had them do it versus sub it out, but, you  
16 know, just -- again, we have to start at some place to  
17 move forward and work together and I think that this is  
18 a good starting place.  
19 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman, Secretary  
20 Reagan, you did mention working together and I think  
21 having our Staff maybe participate because it is  
22 important for our offices to work together. And I just  
23 want to bring up, you know, I think at the beginning of  
24 the Minessa project, I believe the deputy secretary had  
25 told Tom that one of our staffers could participate and

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1 that never happened.  
2 And so that -- I just want you to  
3 understand where I'm coming from, you know, my  
4 understanding of how things have gone. And I would  
5 expect, I guess, if we're going to -- and that's also  
6 something we can discuss in our executive session, I  
7 guess, terms of the contract, potentially, at some  
8 point, but I think, you know, if there's going to be a  
9 sign of good faith it would be and would have been,  
10 frankly, allowing our staff to participate as was  
11 offered in the, you know, initial -- and maybe that's  
12 water under the bridge, but I think there is a lot of  
13 baggage here that -- that is weighing heavily on my  
14 conscience, I think, as we move forward.  
15 SECRETARY REAGAN: Mr. Chairman,  
16 Commissioner Chan, understood, and thank you for -- for  
17 airing that. And, again, your staff is going to be  
18 included in this project whether you choose to  
19 financially contribute or not. I'm saying it right  
20 here right now because you do things a little  
21 differently than we do and in order for this system to  
22 work for all candidates regardless of how they're  
23 running, they need to be included in that.  
24 So you have some very talented staff. I  
25 have some very talented staff. We are not doing the

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1 public any favors by not allowing them to work together  
2 going forward, and so that is part of the plan and will  
3 be part of the plan regardless, again, of what you  
4 decide to do today.  
5 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Thank you,  
6 Mr. Chairman.  
7 Thank you, Secretary Reagan.  
8 SECRETARY REAGAN: Thank you, Commissioner.  
9 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Any more comments by  
10 commissioners?  
11 COMMISSIONER PATON: Yes, if I may. I'm  
12 just hardened by your appearance and, you know, I've  
13 had a stressful last year dealing with all this stuff,  
14 and I appreciate you coming to us instead of just  
15 some -- some person that you don't see and son on.  
16 This is -- you know, I can visually see what you -- I  
17 get your excitement about it. And when I hear  
18 transparency, that makes me feel really good about it.  
19 And I'm kind of getting your excitement, actually. So,  
20 you know, I just appreciate having you here and telling  
21 us about this.  
22 SECRETARY REAGAN: Thank you.  
23 Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Paton, let me just assure  
24 you that your last year was hard, but it was not nearly  
25 as crazy as mine. So I think I have you beat there,
but let me give you something to really think about
what's exciting about this project because this is
something that, again, we don't see in any other state.
And so I'm going to leave you with this as you go into
each congress session.
Right now if you want to look up, let's
say, a lobbyist -- so I'm going to pretend you're --
you're a lobbyist. So Commissioner Meyer is a lobbyist
and he gives money and he gives to all different --
contributes to all different people around the state,
but if you go pull him up you're only going to see if
he contributed to statewide officers or legislative
candidates. Under this system you're going to see who
Commission Meyer is really influencing.
Is he trying to influence through
contributions a justice of the peace candidate, like my
dad in Maricopa County? Is he trying to influence a
mayor in a city? Right now if you really want to get
an idea of the kind of money he's spending, you need to
go to 91 different jurisdictions, cities and towns and
15 different counties and the state system. A lot of
those cities are not online. They are all on paper
because they're -- some of them are small.
So go to those 91 places and then the 15,
in many cases, stand in line, pay for copies, tape them

up on the wall and get out your calculator and add it
to see what he's really doing around the state. We can
obviously fix all of this by putting it in through one
portal. The benefits to the public is huge, but the
benefits to the cities and towns right now that have it
on paper that would love to be able to be in an online
system like this is huge too.
So this is something that has a lot of
people excited around the state, as I mentioned. My
fellow secretaries of state are excited to see this
because many of them are thinking of, you know, what
can they do better and what can they use from this?
And so I guess I will just say I am very happy to see
you getting excited about it too.
CHAIRPERSON TITLA: Okay. I think we've
spent enough time on this, but regarding, you know, the
Clean -- Citizens Clean Elections Act, I think as
commissioners and the people out in the public and the
honorable Secretary Reagan, sometimes we forget what
the people voted us in for. And for the commissioners,
the citizens of the state of Arizona spoke.
And in the Clean Elections law, this is
what they said: The people of Arizona find that our
current election financing system allows Arizona
elected officials to accept large campaign
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1 give me authorization to go forward and work with the
  2 Secretary's office to get those, you know, more
  3 nettlesome issues resolved and then bring the
  4 finalized, say, back to you when it's something that we
  5 think is a good product that deals with some of the
  6 cost issues and the -- and the guarantees and those
  7 kinds of things in a way that addresses the financial
  8 obligations of the Commission as well as the policy
  9 interests of the Commission.
  10 So I just wanted to make sure all of the
  11 Commission understood -- understands what the Staff
  12 recommendation is, and that's all. So if you want to
  13 move -- if you want to go into executive session --
  14 CHAIRMAN TITLA: On the agenda it says
  15 discussion and possible action related to the Secretary
  16 of State's proposal for a See the Money authorization
  17 of Commission Staff.
  18 So, Commissioners, do you wish to go into
  19 executive session to discuss this further, or do you
  20 wish to just defer to the executive director so he can
  21 come back to us maybe next month or in a couple of
  22 months with further information?
  23 Commissioner Chan?
  24 MR. COLLINS: If you want to, that's fine.
  25 It's your.

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1 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Okay.
  2 MR. COLLINS: It's your right.
  3 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Chairman, I'd still
  4 like to move to go into executive session, if we could.
  5 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Okay.
  6 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I'm sorry. I know
  7 we've been spending a lot of time on this.
  8 CHAIRMAN TITLA: There's a motion to go
  9 into executive session by Commissioner Chan.
  10 Is there a second?
  11 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Second.
  12 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Second by Commissioner
  13 Kimble.
  14 All in favor say aye.
  15 (Chorus of ayes.)
  16 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Opposed?
  17 (No response.)
  18 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Abstain?
  19 (No response.)
  20 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Okay. The motion passes
  21 unanimously. We will go into executive session.
  22 Why don't we take a five-minute break also
  23 before we do that. Is that okay?
  24 (Whereupon, a recess was taken in the
  25 proceedings.)

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1 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Mr. Chairman, so
  2 moved.
  3 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioner Kimble
  4 seconds.
  5 Discussion?
  6 (No response.)
  7 CHAIRMAN TITLA: All in favor say aye.
  8 (Chorus of ayes.)
  9 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Opposed?
  10 (No response.)
  11 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Abstain?
  12 (No response.)
  13 CHAIRPERSON TITLA: Motion is carried
  14 unanimously.
  15 Director, you have your direction?
  16 MR. COLLINS: Yes.
  17 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Okay. Why don't we go to
  18 the next item on the agenda, Item V, discussion of rule
  19 amendment proposals approved by public comment on
  20 February 23rd, A: A.A.C. R2-20-702, Sub B.
  21 SECRETARY REAGAN: I guess I'll say hey.
  22 Thank you. I'm not sure exactly what you voted on, but
  23 I appreciate it.
  24 MR. COLLINS: We voted to move forward.
  25 SECRETARY REAGAN: Thank you so much.
  26 Okay. I'll be back if you need me.
  27 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Okay.
  28 MR. COLLINS: Yes.
  29 CHAIRMAN TITLA: A is A.A.C. R2-20-702, Sub
  30 B-1, Option A, ban on expenditures to political parties
  31 and political party accounts.
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1. with clean elections funding; 2. Option B, limit on 
2. expenditures to political parties of clean elections 
3. funding to voter information and political event fees; 
4. 3, Option C, restriction of expenditures to political 
5. parties for campaign expenditures an additional 
6. documentation requirements. 
7. Executive Director? 
8. **MR. COLLINS:** Mr. Chairman, we noticed this 
9. for discussion for two purposes. One, just to update 
10. you, we have not received a heck of a lot of public 
11. comment yet. I'll probably be putting out some more 
12. emails respecting getting folks aware of the rules. We 
13. also noticed this for an opportunity to ask questions 
14. of the Attorney General's Office, and there are -- and 
15. Joe Larue and Kara Karlson are here. 
16. As I had noted you, this isn't your only 
17. chance to talk with them. We just thought it would 
18. be -- long story short, we weren't able to get them the 
19. rule drafts originally early which we would typically 
20. like to do and -- I guess there's some technical 
21. difficulties with live streaming, but I think we're 
22. recording this regardless. 
23. **Bottom line, if you would like, you have** 
24. those -- you have an opportunity to ask some questions 
25. in executive session. It's not your only opportunity 

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1. **CHAIRMAN TITLA:** The motion is carried. So 
2. we go to the next item. 
3. **Is that VI then?** 
4. **MR. COLLINS:** That's -- I believe that's 
5. correct. VI is the GRRC item. 
6. **CHAIRMAN TITLA:** Okay. 
7. **MR. COLLINS:** Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, 
8. a quick update again. This is really for any further 
9. questions you may have. We have three items. We have 
10. the 5-Year Report which has been scheduled for the 
11. Commission to be at and to be examined, potentially to 
12. be voted on at the study session. I think it's March 
13. 28th, I want to say, and then the following Tuesday 
14. would be the action agenda. 
15. **Commission -- or the council, rather, voted to,** 
16. **quote/unquote, postpone its purported, quote/unquote,** 
17. expiration order of our no longer extant rules to 
18. June 7th. That's the status quo. We've also received 
19. some communication. You've all received the 
20. communication from Counselor Sundt. If you have 
21. questions about that now would be the time. If not, we 
22. can move onto the next item. 
23. Again, it's -- it's really if anyone has 
24. any questions about where this leaves us in terms of 

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1. **to do it. So if you do not feel like talking about** 
2. that today, you know, review the materials you have. 
3. We have two more meetings inclusive of the next -- the 
4. meeting that the rules will be eligible for action. So 
5. we just wanted -- and the AG's office was nice to 
6. enough to accommodate getting us something early for 
7. you to think about, but you don't need to -- if you 
8. don't have questions today, we can move onto the next 
9. item. 
10. **CHAIRMAN TITLA:** What are the wishes of the 
11. Commission? 
12. **COMMISSIONER MEYER:** Mr. Chairperson, I 
13. move that we forego discussing those today; that we 
14. take all the comments at once at our next meeting. 
15. **CHAIRMAN TITLA:** Okay. Motion by 
16. Commissioner Meyer to table this item until next time. 
17. **Second?** 
18. **COMMISSIONER CHAN:** Second. 
19. **CHAIRMAN TITLA:** Second by Commission Chan. 
20. All in favor say aye. 
21. (Chorus of ayes.) 
22. **CHAIRMAN TITLA:** Opposed? 
23. (No response.) 
24. **CHAIRPERSON TITLA:** Abstain? 
25. (No response.) 

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1. **timelines and et cetera. That's just -- that's fair** 
2. game. And any other -- any other questions you may 
3. have, if you have questions for Mary that are legal per 
4. se, you know, we might -- you have the option to go 
5. into executive session. If you don't, then, again, 
6. that would be something we can move on from. 
7. **CHAIRMAN TITLA:** Any questions by the 
8. commissioners on this issue? 
9. **COMMISSIONER KIMBLE:** Mr. Chairman? 
10. **CHAIRPERSON TITLA:** Commissioner? 
11. **COMMISSIONER KIMBLE:** Mr. Collins, I just 
12. want to clarify. So at the upcoming executive session 
13. of GRRC on Tuesday and at the subsequent meeting which 
14. is -- what? The next following week? 
15. **MR. COLLINS:** Correct. 
16. **COMMISSIONER KIMBLE:** -- they're going to 
17. decide whether to accept version -- I don't know what 
18. this is -- 35 of our rules. So is that going to happen 
19. at these upcoming meetings? 
20. **MR. COLLINS:** Mr. Chairman, Commissioner 
21. Kimble, the item that was on the agenda for the study 
22. session and the session -- the action session is the 
23. 5-Year Rulemaking Report. The council's options remain 
24. to accept the report or return the report. It is 
25. unclear to me, based on Mr. Sundt's comments at our
Discussion and possible action and final next item.

CHAIRMAN TITLA: Okay. There's a motion to the next item.

COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: I move we move on to the next item.

CHAIRMAN TITLA: What are the wishes of the Commission? To go into executive session? Discuss

Second?

COMMISSIONER MEYER: Perfect attendance?

CHAIRMAN TITLA: Any questions on the audit, Commissioners?

COMMISSIONER MEYER: Do we send a fruit basket to the candidates that have perfect --

COMMISSIONER PATON: Perfect attendance?

CHAIRPERSON TITLA: Any more comments, Commissioners?

COMMISSIONER PATON: A gold star.

MS. LARSEN: We should. We really should.

COMMISSIONER MEYER: Do we have --

MS. LARSEN: Good morning, Chairman,

Chairperson.

Sara Larsen.

Before you you should have a summary memo regarding the audits, the general election audits. They are underway. We have -- let's see. We have about seven -- six of them before you today. The others I anticipate will be on our April agenda. They're fairly clean audits. There are some minor findings, but they were really documentation issues. So the bank accounts and the campaign finance reports did match up.

We did have one candidate, Barbara McGuire, who just had a reporting error. A general election expenditure was reported on a report that was late, but it was reported. She had the documentation for it. So it was just a minor error of reporting.

One candidate, Cara Prior, mistakenly utilized funds for personal expenditures and this was well after the election, but once it was brought to her attention that those were campaign funds that she had utilized, she did return that money to the Commission. So that was alleviated.

We had two candidates who had absolutely no findings. So all their documentation, campaign finance reports and bank accounts were completely clear.

If you have any questions about any of the candidate audits, I'm happy to address those.

CHAIRMAN TITLA: Any questions on the audit, Commissioners?

COMMISSIONER MEYER: Any questions on the audit, Commissioners?

COMMISSIONER PATON: A gold star.

MR. COLLINS: And, Commissioners --

Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, it's my view that you can make a group motion to approve all of the audits. You don't -- you don't need to move them one by one as long as the record is clear that you're moving to approve all the audits.

CHAIRPERSON TITLA: Is there a group motion?

COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman, I would move that we approve all of the --

CHAIRPERSON TITLA: Motion by Commissioner Chan -- group motion.

Second?

1:00:31-12:01:54

1 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Second.
2 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Second by Commissioner Meyer.
3 All in favor say aye.
4 (Chorus of ayes.)
5 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Opposed?
6 (No response.)
7 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Abstain?
8 (No response.)
9 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Motion carries unanimously.
10 We go to Item VIII, discussion and possible action of the 2017 legislative agenda and items including update on bills affecting Clean Elections, elections general and administrative law.
11 MR. COLLINS: Mr. -- Mr. Chairman,
12 Commissioners, you have Mike's summary of where most of the bills we're tracking and are in the process. You also have a supplemental memo from me on HB 2304 which we spent some time on last -- last month. There's a proposed committee amendment that's being heard today sometime probably -- well, it's not been heard yet, but it's supposed to be heard simultaneous with this meeting.
13 Our recommendation is we maintain our position as against that bill because even with the committee amendment which purports to take Clean Elections out of this particular measure, there remain questions about specifically a clause in Title 19 that says, "Notwithstanding other law, a voter's email may not be released for any purpose." It's not clear to me what that impact will have on Clean Elections, and Gina and I have spent some time trying to figure out what it's going to mean.
14 Additionally, that is -- essentially runs contradictory to the State's public records policy as identified in the -- in the memo, and generally our Commission has been -- in the interest of transparency been fairly -- I would say we take a point of pride of being very responsive to public records requests. And so it's a little -- that's a little awkward.
15 And then finally, there's a provision of the National Voter Registration Act that provides, at least according to the U.S. Department of Justice summary -- and this is pretty much verbatim from the statute -- that states must keep and make available for public inspection for a period of at least two years all records concerning the implementation of programs and activities for the purpose of ensuring accuracy and currency official as to eligible voters.

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1 Now, I have not drilled down on what "all records" mean; however, the bill sets this up as something that voters will fill in through ServiceArizona which is exclusively a voter registration system. And so it is very, very difficult for me to understand how the "notwithstanding any other law a voter's email shall not be released" can run concurrently in a voter registration system in view of the National Voter Registration Act mandate.
2 There may be an answer to that question.
3 We don't have it yet, and I'm uncomfortable going to a standard of neutral based on a law that seems to be at least intentioned with the express terms of the National Voter Registration Act given that the National Voter Registration Act is designed to allow the public to ensure that voter registration material -- records are handled in such a way that the right to vote is secured.
4 So for those reasons -- there's no action required by the Commission to continue the policy -- the decision you made last month. I just wanted to brief you that that's why, notwithstanding some changes to the bill, I believe it's appropriate to maintain a negative stance.
5 I also will tell you that there is many, many more twists and turns left in the process, including whether or not this purported amendment makes it on the floor, whether or not a substitute amendment is brought and whether or not there's a conference committee, all of which is easier and clearer to the legislature to stay negative rather than try to go neutral and then be positive and then negative and then neutral.
6 It's just -- it's just quite simple to communicate there are problems and unanswered questions with this bill and we ought to -- we ought to -- we ought to stand pat with our position. And I think that's the right thing to do, and there's no action required by you to do that because we've already voted to take a negative position on the bill.
7 Lastly, I would just add that we're reaching the part of the session where things will move fairly quickly. Our understanding is that budget talks are moving. Once the budget is done, then there will be a mad dash to complete the session. At that point, we will be in a position where we will probably be communicating with you-all more via email about things that we cannot foresee happening but that might have an impact on the Commission.
8 So just sort of a heads-up that that's --
that's happened at the end of every session, pretty much. And that may require, for example, some, you know, emergency telephonic meetings if it gets serious, but we don't have anything on the horizon. But it's just to make you aware that that's -- we're reaching that time of year.

So with that, I don't have anything else to report and I don't require any action to continue with -- with the direction I received at the last meeting.

CHAIRMAN TITLA: Thank you, Mr. Collins.

Any questions by the commissioners on this item?

COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRPERSON TITLA: Commissioner Kimble.

COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Tom, a question about SB 1158, the issue dealing with the judges.

MR. COLLINS: Sure.

COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Are we making any ground in trying to get lined -- I see at one point some language was agreed to, and is that in it now?

MR. COLLINS: That is a good question.

Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Kimble, the language that made 1158 livable for us as a bill was added in a floor amendment in the Senate. 1158 has not yet been scheduled for a hearing in the house judiciary and public safety committee. This week is the last week for committees, other than appropriations, to issue bills. I haven't checked -- I think they meet tomorrow. No, that can't be right. They must meet today.

MR. BAKER: They meet today.

MR. COLLINS: I hadn't seen that amended onto their agenda. So as far as I know, it's not gotten to hearing. Separately, obviously, there are other issues we have with AOC that we're working on, but it's unclear what the fate of that bill is. And as part of our legal issues with AOC, we are -- we will be asking AOC what's up with the bill in a -- in a -- in some correspondence that we're working on.

So the bottom line is that right now if -- I think I'm right that if it doesn't get heard in the committee this week, it's effectively dead unless they get it reassigned to the appropriations committee or get a special meeting of the judiciary committee.

COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN TITLA: Any further questions?

Comments?

(NO response.)

CHAIRMAN TITLA: If not, let's go to the next item, Item IV, public comment.

Is there any public comment from anyone from the public?

(NO response.)

CHAIRMAN TITLA: If not, let's go to adjournment.

Is there a motion to adjourn?

COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: I move we adjourn.

CHAIRMAN TITLA: Motion by Commissioner Kimble to adjourn.

Second?

COMMISSIONER CHAN: I second that motion.

CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioner Chan.

All in favor a aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

CHAIRMAN TITLA: Opposed?

(NO response.)

CHAIRMAN TITLA: Abstain?

(NO response.)

CHAIRMAN TITLA: Motion carries unanimously.

Thank you, Commissioners. We are adjourned.

(Whereupon, the proceedings concluded at 12:10 p.m.)
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