

submitted to the designated representative will be responded to. No requests for additional information or clarification to any other County office, consultant, or employee will be considered.

## NEVADA BUSINESS LICENSE REQUIREMENT

The selected Proposer, prior to doing business in the State of Nevada, must be appropriately licensed by the Office of the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 76.100. Information regarding the Nevada State Business License can be located at [www.nvsos.gov](http://www.nvsos.gov).

Additionally, if the Proposer is a corporation, LLC, LP, LLP, or LLLP, or non-profit corporation based out of state, it must be registered as a foreign business entity equivalent in Nevada, in active status, and in good standing with the Nevada Secretary of State.

Award of any Contract is contingent on a Proposer having and holding an active and valid Nevada State Business License. The successful Proposer must satisfy this requirement within five (5) business days of issuance of the Notice of Intent. If a Proposer is unable or unwilling to adhere to this requirement, the County will deem the Proposer to be non-responsive, and the County will proceed to negotiate with the next most qualified firm, and so on, until a Contract, that is acceptable to the County, is negotiated.

To apply for a Nevada State Business License or to file appropriate formation documents with the Nevada Secretary of State's office, please visit [www.nvsos.gov](http://www.nvsos.gov). Business licenses can be obtained immediately by applying on-line; however, paper applications may take several weeks to process.

## INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The awarded Proposer must maintain, for the duration of its Contract, insurance coverage as set forth in in the Attachment D - Insurance, Hold Harmless and Indemnification. Work under the Contract shall not begin until after the awarded Proposer has submitted to the County acceptable evidence of the required insurance coverage. Failure to maintain any required insurance coverage or alternative method of insurance acceptable to the County in its sole discretion will be deemed a breach of contract. Minimum Insurance requirements are found in Attachment D - Insurance, Hold Harmless and Indemnification.

Washoe County adheres to NRS 41.035, Limitation on award for damages in tort actions.

## SELECTION PROCESS

First, the Proposers Proposal will be reviewed by the County's designated representative or delegated County staff to verify the Proposal has been submitted correctly pursuant to the Section titled Evaluation Factors. Proposals that are not submitted correctly may be deemed non-responsive at the sole discretion of the County. The County's designated representative will also verify that all proposing Proposers are not on the State of Nevada, Federal, or County debarment and suspension lists.



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## **06/09/2023 – Agenda Item 2**

In review of the assessment report of Washoe County's Registrar of Voters, there are many missing facts that need your consideration before any action should be taken towards the proposed phase II and its recommendation to the Board of Commissioners. Many facts than one can squeeze into 3 minutes!

I was one of the community members that met the Elections Group on March 14<sup>th</sup> in the Manager's conference room. Due to time constraints, I was not able to share much input. I did submit through email a few responses to the limited questions they asked others in our meeting. However, as this report reveals, there is much more that **could** have been provided IF the appropriate sources had been consulted.

Election Worker manuals have always been a living document. It's not that none exist, it merely takes someone to update them according to the latest election laws that change in every legislative session. Technology Services has years of backups of all county documents. This is merely a matter of requesting them.

As a member of the Registrar's Poll Worker Administrative Committee in 2019, we updated the training program and the forms we used in the polling locations. We also trained poll workers for the 2020 general election. No one from this group or anyone from the Registrar's office has contacted any committee member for any information or assistance in processes or documentation. Much of this institutional knowledge can be retained through an Election Citizen Advisory Board which the Board of Commissioners can create through WCC 5.427. I have requested this board be created since my email to the board of commissioners in March of 2021.

In regards to the electronic pollbooks, Washoe County implemented an outside vendor solution in the 2018. You might remember the signature tablets? This "solution" actually injected a whole new set of signatures for every voter who cast a ballot in 2018 because, as you know, a signature on a tablet does NOT "match" one on a piece of paper. But, this was tolerated in the name of "progress," right?

Of course, 2019 brought "same-day" registrations and the Washoe County Registrar demanded the vendor enable the pollbooks to register new voters, to which they would not do. Therefore, the Registrar reverted back to the legacy system developed by the Technology Services department. All the money spent on the signature tablets in 2017? Down the drain. Plus the

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challenge of collecting another set of signatures on paper for the database. Good thing that database keeps all signatures a voter has ever used!

Electronic registrations also brought electronic provisional ballots which is why Washoe was the only county to report zero provisional ballots in 2020. This violated several election laws stipulating processes to be similar across all counties in the state and all voters to have equal access to voting systems.

Rather than throw good money on yet another "solution," how about reviving the tablets and return to registering voters on PAPER with a PAPER provisional ballot like our statutes stipulate?

## WCC 5.427 Establishment of Boards

The board of county commissioners may establish by resolution citizen's advisory boards. The resolution by which a citizen's advisory board is created shall specify the specific purposes for its creation, the number of members of the board, the categories of membership on the board and the board's geographical area of responsibility.

Very little information can be found on The Elections Group. Their website is sub-standard. Little to no information about other Voter Registrar offices they had a contract with. Who referred this group to Eric Brown and when? Did Eric Brown send out the Required Request for Proposal? It has been requested, but not provided. **This needs an audit!**

No NV business license can be found for this group. The group may need a City of Reno business license also, since working out of the County Complex. State law requires that every person or entity doing business in the state of Nevada obtain a business license

Because of this 85 page, \$100,000 report, it proves this group has done business in Nevada and Reno. If there is no business license the law reads that: "Any person or entity conducting business in this State without an active Nevada business license may incur penalties and fines from \$1,000 to \$10,000 in addition to the business license fee."

If it is confirmed by the Audit Committee, there is no required business licenses, then Washoe County needs to report this to the proper authority who enforces business licenses. The Elections group may incur penalties and fines. An **audit needs to be done** about the business licenses issue.

If this group did not get the proper business licenses, how can we trust their \$100,000, 85 page report? How can the Audit Committee prove this report can be trusted? How are you going to confirm their recommendations are valid?

Chris Piper who signed the report was fired from his post as the Virginia Elections Commissioner early in 2022, as well as fired from a Virginia Ethics Committee for an ethics issue prior to that. Then he took a position with The Elections Group after he was fired in Virginia in 2022.

Was it disclosed to the Audit Committee or the County Commissioners that on May 23, 2023, Chris Piper has accepted a position as Executive Director with the Virginia Public Access Project in Virginia?

Eric Brown hired TEG in about December 2022 without a vote by the County Commissioners. This **needs to be audited**. Per NRS only the County Commissioners or their authorized Representative can have an expenditure up to \$100,000. In Washoe County, it was changed to \$300,000, but that needs **audited**, as it violates the NRS which stipulates up to \$100,000 by the Representative which is the Purchasing Agent.

Because of it was being uncovered that the TEG contract is for \$600,000 and need a vote of the County Commissioners, Eric Brown broke the contract into two phases. Phase I at \$100,000, **which needs to be audited**, as to whether this could be done. Having been exposed, Brown put it on the Commission agenda on March 23, 2023.

The vote on March 23 was a tie vote, and therefore retaining TEG was defeated due to tie vote. There was no prevailing vote as required per 7.2 of the County Procedures to put TEG back on a future agenda. But it was put on the April 11th agenda! How was that possible? **This needs to be audited.**

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It ultimately passed because the newly appointed Commissioner Republican Andriola voted with the two Democrats and Republicans Clark and Herman voted No to sign the contract with TEG. No where in the contract does it allow to have the contract voted on for each phase. **This needs to be audited.**

Chris Piper signed the 85 page, \$100,000 report before the Audit Committee today. However, TEG was working at the County Complex before the contract was signed. Was that contractually legal? **This needs to be audited.**

We don't know who the TEG people are. It is said of TEG founder, Jennifer Morrell, that if Jennifer Morel is involved, guard your ballots. That is a concern for the 2024 elections. No one from TEG ever did a presentation at the three or four meetings TEG was on the agenda in March and April.

Research about TEG shows this is not a very established group. The group has not been around that long and have been fired from contracts they had in AZ and GA. **This needs to be audited.** Their website is poorly designed, As voters, we do not have confidence with the group that their recommendations are valid to restore fair, honest and secure elections in Washoe County. We do not want them to have records on county records which is allowed in the contract. **This needs to be audited.**

In 2022, Election Integrity was on the County Commissioner agenda for more than one meeting. The Chambers was packed with residents and voters speaking on Elections Integrity regarding the problems with the 2020 elections.

Commissioner Jeanne Herman brought forward a proposal on Elections, but it was never put on the agenda. We don't need this out of state leftist Elections Group to take control of Registrar of Voter office or our 2024 elections. We need Commissioner Herman's Election proposal to be implemented.

Also, what we need is a qualified, experienced ROV manager, which we do not have. The current manager needs to be replaced. Tracy Thomas is well qualified for the position of ROV manager and many volunteers stand ready to help. Eric Brown said at a Commission meeting recently, that Election volunteers are "dangerous" and should not be used.

He provided no evidence volunteers are "dangerous", which was an unfair and unfounded inflammatory statement. Manager Brown seems to forget he works for the people of Washoe County. Perhaps he needs to be reminded the elections belong to the voters of Washoe County, and we have a right to choose our election process and how we vote; not Manager Brown or the ROV Manager. The County Commissioners are to listen to those they were elected to represent and enact what the majority requests after reasonable debate and evidence.

What is dangerous is The Elections Group which that does not have a credible, established track record. Their 85 page \$100,000 report is also dangerous as some of what is recommended would be dangerous and promote elections that are contrary to upholding our Constitution and Freedoms. What is also dangerous is the Electronic Voting System and Dominion voting machines, which have been proven are to be risky to use, and put our sacred right to vote, at risk.

We ask that the current ROV manager be replaced, and paper ballots and hand counting replace the Electronic Voting system, which is legal under AB 321. The law provides that each county can vote by whatever method they chose. It just takes a vote of our County Commissioners to implement.

Many countries, like France, tried the Electronic Voting systems and machines, and found there was too much voter fraud. These countries have returned to paper ballots and hand counting of the ballots. Their elections are much more secure, fair and honest.

Do what audits you need to do. However, be assured proper audits will confirm what you have heard today. Most of us would be willing to provide whatever documentation based on research and evidence, you may need to conduct a proper audit.

Please do not recommend this report be implemented, or TEG Group be hired. Please recommend the 2024 election be by paper ballots, hand counting of the ballots and no Electronic Voting System. Please conduct the audits requested in my comments. Please recommend a new Registrar of Voter Manager be hired.

It is imperative Washoe County restore fair, honest and secure elections in Washoe County for 2024, and beyond. We implore that the Audit Committee help to make this possible.

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Date: June 9, 2023

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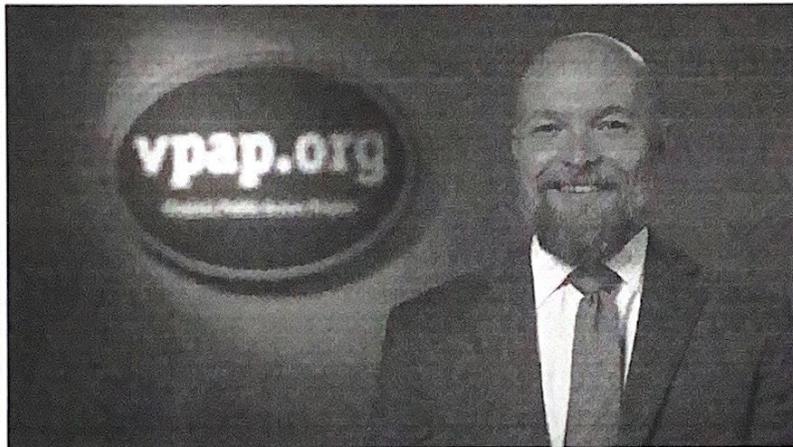
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**Chris Piper tapped as VPAP's new executive director**

*May 23, 2023*



The nonpartisan Virginia Public Access Project (VPAP) has named Chris Piper, a former Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Elections, as its next executive director.

Piper will succeed VPAP's founder David M. Poole, who is retiring on June 30 after 26 years.

"When the Board of Directors undertook the task of finding a new executive director for VPAP, we knew we were facing a daunting task to replace the quarter of a century of excellence and trust that David Poole established," said Bill Leighty, chair of the VPAP Board of Directors.

Vice Chair Abby Farris Rogers said that Piper's experience in campaign finance and elections vaulted him ahead of more than 150 applicants. "The Board is confident that we have found the right leader to advance VPAP's nonpartisan mission," she said.

Chris will bring 20 years of experience in campaign finance, elections and government ethics. He has been the head of two state agencies – the Virginia Department of Elections and the Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council – that provide the bulk of data that VPAP collects and analyzes.

He will report to VPAP's bipartisan Board of Directors and lead its staff as the organization pursues its mission of elevating public understanding of Virginia politics by organizing and presenting information in ways that are easily accessible and free of partisan bias.

Chris said he looked forward to meeting with donors and other stakeholders to move VPAP forward. "I will do all I can to sustain VPAP's

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fiercely non-partisan brand," he said. "Together, we can build upon this indispensable institution that is trusted across the political spectrum."

David Poole praised the VPAP Board of Directors for a well-run succession plan.

"I've worked with Chris for two decades," Poole said. "I am confident in his ability and his passion for the work. He's a natural fit for a leader to build on what we've started."

Throughout his career, Chris has championed making government data more accessible to the public. He helped oversee the implementation of the current electronic filing systems that state agencies use to collect campaign finance reports and candidates' personal financial disclosures. Under his leadership, VPAP will continue finding innovative ways to collect, match and code public data in ways that open a unique window into Virginia politics.

**[You can see Chris's LinkedIn here.](#)**

Something you won't find on his resume: As a teenager, Chris followed bands like the Grateful Dead cross-country. But he put roots down in Richmond after attending Virginia Commonwealth University. Chris, his family, and their two rescue dogs live in the West End of Henrico. In his spare time, he is probably on a run. The avid long-distance runner, triathlete, and certified running coach has completed twelve marathons and a half-Ironman triathlon.

News articles:

**[Former Virginia elections commissioner Chris Piper named new head of VPAP](#)**

By Graham Moomaw, Virginia Mercury

**[Chris Piper, former elections commissioner, to lead VPAP](#)**

By Andrew Cain, Richmond Times-Dispatch

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