

# Electronic Driver's License Task Force

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Video Conference

**James R. Thompson Center  
Room 9-035  
100 W. Randolph St.  
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Room 207  
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## Meeting Minutes

### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

Amy Williams called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. and the members introduced themselves: Amy Williams, Secretary of State's Office (proxy for Mike Mayer); Senator Karen McConnaughay; Representative John D'Amico; Representative Steve Andersson; Sgt. Joe Hutchins, Illinois State Police. Representing the Governor's office, Hardik Bhatt and his proxy, Mike Wons, participated by teleconference. Ms. Williams welcomed everyone, provided a summary of Senate Joint Resolution 11 and an overview of the Task Force's duties.

### **II. Election of Chairperson**

Ms. Williams opened the discussion to nominations of a chairperson. Representative D'Amico nominated Senator McConnaughay and Senator McConnaughay nominated Representative D'Amico. Ms. Williams recommended that Representative D'Amico and Senator McConnaughay be adopted as co-chairs. The members agreed with this recommendation.

### **III. Iowa Presentation**

Ms. Williams introduced Paul Steier, Director of the Iowa Department of Transportation, Bureau of Investigation and Identity Protection, who presented via video conference. Mr. Steier reviewed his PowerPoint presentation and took questions afterward.

See attached PowerPoint.

Ms. Williams asked for a ballpark cost to Iowa to implement their pilot program. Mr. Steier stated that MorphoTrust covered a lot of the costs in-kind because they have a vested interest in mobile driver's licenses. Currently Iowa DOT's costs have been \$50,000, but that is nowhere near full cost. Currently, they have seven phones with the reader application that will be returned afterward with the potential to have 100-150 Iowa DOT employees on the pilot program.

Senator McConnaughay asked if Iowa has any estimates on the cost for a rollout to the public. Mr. Steier responded that they do not and it would be hard to quantify because the

vendors have no idea of that cost since the program is not fully developed. He added that security and privacy measures would be significant. Hardik Bhatt offered that they would not need all of the options finalized before rolling the program out and, instead, they could do it in phases. Mr. Steier agreed and said they envision people being given the option for the mobile driver's license when they get a license, so that it could be phased in. Mr. Bhatt mentioned that the federal government is advertising mobile passports and asked if that is a similar program. Mr. Steier said that he did not know enough about the passport program to tell.

Senator McConnaughay asked how the Iowa program was started and whether there was legislative action that prompted it. She also asked what level of support/interest they have had from their legislature. Mr. Steier said there was no legislative action taken, but rather, it was done strictly through their department and Director, Paul Trimbino. As for the Iowa legislature, he believed most legislators thought now is the time to do this during the rollout last December, although a few legislators who had law enforcement backgrounds strongly voiced some concerns.

Representative D'Amico asked what happens to drivers who get pulled over from out-of-state if this is enacted into law in Iowa. He also asked if the driver would have to give law enforcement his or her phone. Mr. Steier stated that was a good point and that is why drivers would still have to have the plastic card driver's license. He mentioned there are lots of concerns with crossing state lines and that is why national standards are so important.

Senator McConnaughay asked why Iowa is testing facial verification vs. fingerprinting. Mr. Steier said that a thumbprint is the ideal goal and more reliable, but Iowa's laws do not allow for that. He also mentioned that the iPhone 5c does not support thumbprint technology and they already have template technology for facial recognition.

Mike Wons from the Governor's office then asked some technical questions. He asked if Iowa is hosting the program internally. Mr. Steier said, yes, that they are hosting internally. Mr. Wons asked if the app is a native or webpage mobile app. Mr. Steier said he was unsure, but it might be a native app. Mr. Wons also asked if the Iowa DOT owns the source code after the app is completed. Mr. Steier said they will not and that MorphoTrust has the proprietary for it.

Sgt. Joe Hutchins from ISP asked how TRACS is syncing up. Mr. Steier said they have not tested that yet, but since the app has a 2D barcode, they believe it will be pretty straightforward. Sgt. Hutchins also asked if the intent is for a driver's license to be pulled off the app all together if their license is suspended or revoked. Mr. Steier said it is not and that the app would instead force the driver to refresh/update and switch the driver's license to an ID card. Sgt. Hutchins then asked if they considered stamping "suspended" or "revoked" on the driver's license image. Mr. Steier said they considered this option, but since the information is coming from the source that should be sufficient. He added that their concern is that some entities (such as a restaurant for purposes of serving liquor) might not accept that form of identification even as an ID only if "suspended" or "revoked" are stamped on the image.

Mr. Bhatt stated that this will be good for the next generation and asked if Iowa has done a return on investment (ROI) analysis? Mr. Steier stated they do not have an official ROI at this point because it is still early and they are not sure what the costs will be in order to do an ROI. Mr. Bhatt stated that an ROI would be critical as Illinois considers this and said it would be good for Illinois to do an ROI to see if it makes fiscal sense to move forward with this.

**IV. Recommendations for Discussion at Next Meeting**

Senator McConnaughay asked Illinois Secretary of State's office staff if there were any recommendations on what should be discussed at the next meeting. Ms. Williams stated that it would be helpful to do a request for information (RFI) prior to the next meeting and have a discussion regarding any responses we get at the next meeting. Senator McConnaughay said she would like to hear from law enforcement regarding their concerns, as well as how this fits on the national level related to homeland security. She also recommended the Task Force hear from the Illinois Retail Merchants Association (IRMA) on their thoughts for electronic driver's licenses. Representative Andersson mentioned the privacy concerns that were raised during the PowerPoint presentation and recommended the Illinois State Bar Association be invited to the next meeting. Ms. Williams will contact the Illinois State Bar Association and submit an RFI. Sara Meek (SOS staff) will contact IRMA and Sgt. Hutchins will work on having someone available at the next meeting from law enforcement.

**V. Public Comment Period**

There were no comments.

**VI. Next Meeting Dates**

Senator McConnaughay offered November 10<sup>th</sup> as the next meeting date in Springfield since both legislative chambers will be in session. Sara Meek will check members' schedules and reserve a meeting room and then notify members with a confirmed date.

**VII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.