



EAC QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

NEW EAC RESOURCES

The EAC recently published [Best Practices: Chain of Custody](#) to provide state and local election officials with up-to-date best practices, checklists, and sample forms for implementing and maintaining chain of custody procedures. This report outlines items election officials should consider when developing or revising their chain of custody procedures for physical election materials, voting systems, and the use of third-party auditors for conducting audits and electronic discovery.

The EAC also updated the [Glossary of Election Terminology](#) with nearly 1,300 terms and phrases used in the administration of elections in the U.S. The purpose of the glossary is to provide election officials with a comprehensive resource of common words and phrases used in the administration of elections. If you have recommendations for terms to add or terms that are used differently in your state or jurisdiction, please let us know by emailing clearinghouse@eac.gov with the subject line "Glossary Recommendation."

New EAC Blog: [What is hash validation and why should election officials care?](#)



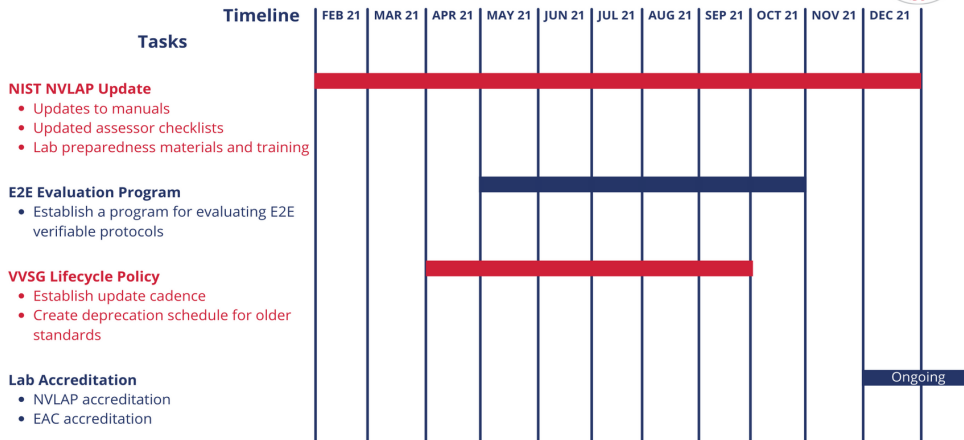
THE CENTER FOR TECH AND CIVIC LIFE SUMMER SCHOOL

The deadline to complete the no-cost election specific cybersecurity training from the [Center for Tech and Civic Life \(CTCL\)](#) has been extended through Summer 2021. Please visit the [CTCL website to access the free training](#). You may be able to earn continuing education credits for this training. For questions on earning credit, please contact your state or local election office. To date there have been over 1,000 total participants from 46 states, Washington D.C., and three territories who have completed the training.

2020 EAVS UPDATE

The EAC would like to thank the states and territories for their diligence during the 2020 EAVS data collection period. The 2020 EAVS comprehensive [report](#) and [datasets](#) will be available in August. After the final report is released, preparations for 2022 EAVS will begin and include an after-action review of 2020 survey administration, a working group focused on enhancing Section A, and the public comment period for the 2022 questionnaire. **The EAC will be hosting a virtual roundtable on the 2020 EAVS report and a new report on lessons learned from the 2020 elections on August 17 from 1-3 p.m. ET. More information will be available on the [EAC's event page](#).**

VVSG 2.0 Implementation Tasks and Timelines



GRANTS UPDATE

The 2020 Annual Grants Expenditure Report is now available on [our website](#).

CARES ACT GRANTS UPDATE

- Approved annual reports for CARES and Election Security grants have been posted to [our website](#).
- Mid-year reports were due on April 30, 2021 and are currently under review.
- Final CARES reports for the mid-year reporting cycle were due no later than June 29, 2021.
- For states and territories preparing to close out their CARES grants, closeout instructions and the EAC Closeout Webinar can be found on our website.
- The EAC Office of the Inspector General recently released the [FY 2021 Audit Work Plan](#) which includes audits of the following states' HAVA grant funds:
 - Arizona, California, Delaware, Indiana, Georgia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Washington

TESTING AND CERTIFICATION

The EAC welcomes Testing and Certification Director Jonathon Panek. He attended the State University of New York at Buffalo and received a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering with a minor in computer science engineering. He is a career-long tester with 15 years of experience in the gaming industry working on compliance testing of slot machine hardware, software, accounting systems, and online gaming platforms for domestic and international markets. Prior to joining the EAC, he was a test manager at SLI Compliance where he oversaw EAC test campaigns, hardware testing, and assisted with state voting systems and e-poll book projects.



Testing and Certification met with voting system manufacturers and Voting System Test Labs (VSTLs) to present the [VVSG 2.0 implementation](#) and next steps. Additionally, the Testing and Certification department continues to work on the VVSG Lifecycle Policy. The goals of the draft policy are to: establish an update cadence for VVSG, allow for periodic updates to address necessary minor changes, create a clear deprecation schedule for older standards and allow future versions to maintain backward compatibility. [The lifecycle draft](#) was recently circulated to the EAC Boards for feedback. Once the EAC has further refined the draft, the EAC will request feedback from the public.

Lastly, the EAC is working with NIST on an end-to-end protocol evaluation program and to discuss updates to the [NVLAP Handbook 150-22](#) for voting system testing criteria.

THE EAC WELCOMES NEW SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT TEAM

This year the EAC established a new Clearinghouse department consisting of five Subject Matter Experts (SMEs). The new SMEs include local election officials from across the country, and a SME solely focused on accessibility. The team of SMEs have over 50 years of combined experience, among these professionals are graduate degrees, certifications, and awards for innovation. Prior to joining the EAC, they have pioneered election audits, used creative ways to educate voters, and have garnered the respect nationally of fellow election administrators with their achievements. Meet some of the EAC team members.

Are you interested in joining the EAC? Learn more about current [EAC job postings](#).

MEET THE TEAM

Courtney Mills – Senior Advisor to the Executive Director

Courtney Mills serves as a Senior Advisor to the Executive Director of the EAC. Courtney brings over a decade of experience working in elections and program management to the EAC. She has previously worked in private consulting, developing policy portfolios focused on election law and democracy reform, training attorneys on election law, and providing program design and management for nonprofit organizations and legislators. She has worked closely with election officials and the nonprofit community in the development and implementation of election laws and has an extensive background drafting bills and amendments to improve election administration across the country. She has a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and a J.D. from William & Mary Law School, where she studied in the school's Election Law Program. She is licensed to practice in Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Tina Barton -- Senior Program Advisor to the Executive Director

Tina previously served as the Rochester Hills City Clerk and has been an election administrator for 16 years. She holds a master's degree in management and leadership and a bachelor's degree in business administration. Tina is a certified Master Municipal Clerk. In 2019, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson appointed her to the Michigan Election Security Commission. Tina's office received a 2018 Clearie Award for Election Innovation. She was the first Clerk in Michigan to conduct a Risk Limiting Audit pilot. She is the Past President of the Oakland County Clerks Association and the past Director of Education for the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks. She has been married to her husband Mark for over 30 years; they have two married adult children. Tina spends her free time with her family, her dogs, and mentoring at-risk youth.

Ben Jackson – Senior Election Subject Matter Expert, Accessibility

Ben first got involved with elections in 2010 as an intern for the Electoral Reform Society during their Vote For a Change campaign. The purpose of the campaign was to pass a (UK) constitutional amendment for more proportional representation. Since 2010, he has worked for a political mail firm and conducted election monitoring for two presidential and three midterm elections. He was a federal disability policy fellow for the Association of University Centers on Disability for two years. Immediately prior to joining the EAC, he was a staff attorney at Disability Rights Maryland and was the primary attorney on the Help America Vote Act grant work. He was tasked with ensuring electoral accessibility from voter registration through ballot casting.

Kammi Foote – Senior Election Subject Matter Expert

Over the past 14 years, Kammi administered over 20 elections in Inyo County, California, serving the past decade as the elected County Clerk-Recorder & Registrar of Voters. She was appointed to leadership positions in the California Recorder (CRAC) and Elections Officials (CACEO) statewide professional associations, including as Legislative Co-Chair and on the Board of Directors for both organizations. She was a regular speaker about election integrity nationally and testified in the California legislature to inform public policy decisions. She lives with her husband and two adult children in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada, where she enjoys hiking, photography and giving back to her community through various altruistic nonprofit organizations.

Steven Daitch – Senior Subject Matter Expert

Steve served as the Elections Coordinator for Ottawa County, Michigan for seven years. In this role, Steve was responsible for serving 23 local city and township clerks, including providing ballots, programming election equipment, and training election workers. Customer-focused communications were also an important part of this role, and Steve was responsible for providing information to voters about voter registration, absentee voting, election security, post-election audits, and results certification. Steve recently graduated with a Master of Public Administration degree in election administration from Auburn University.

Kimberly Smith -- Senior Election Subject Matter Expert

Prior to joining the EAC, Kimberly was the Deputy Director of the Defiance County, Ohio Board of Elections. While at the Board of Elections, Kim managed all aspects of local, state, and federal election administration including overseeing the voter registration process; conducting poll worker training; and programming, testing, and auditing voting equipment. Additionally, she led an effort to conduct one of Ohio's first risk-limiting audit pilots. Kim received an A.A.S. in architectural engineering technology from Owens Community College, a B.A. in political science from Bowling Green State University, and a J.D. from Vanderbilt University Law School.

Tegan Landry -- Senior Content Editor and Graphic Designer

Tegan lives near Denver, Colorado. She has a bachelor's degree in media communication and graphic design, a master's degree in arts leadership and cultural management, and is now working on her second master's in business intelligence. Writing is her biggest passion, with four published novels and another in the works. In this role, she will blend her years of education and experience in communication, writing, and design to help the EAC effectively get information to the people who need it.

EXECUTIVE ORDER INFORMATION

On March 7, 2021, President Biden signed [Executive Order 14019: Promoting Access to Voting](#). The EAC is working closely with the General Services Administration (GSA) and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) providing technical support on Sections 5 and 7 of the order, respectively. Expanding upon the existing relationship between the agencies, the EAC is providing support to GSA. GSA staff are developing a plan to modernize and improve the user experience of vote.gov to serve as a trusted source of information on critical election information. Examples of topics they are working on include registration and voting information in numerous languages. The EAC is also supporting NIST's efforts to analyze barriers to private and independent voting for people with disabilities. These efforts include meetings and discussions with the EAC's Subject Matter Expert on Accessibility, and other EAC staff.

EAC STANDARDS BOARD AND BOARD OF ADVISORS ANNUAL MEETINGS

On June 17, 2021 and June 23, 2021, the EAC Standards Board and Board of Advisors convened for their annual meetings respectively. EAC leadership provided both boards with a general update and discussed a variety of topics including: VVSG 2.0, Grants, EAVS, National Poll Worker Recruitment Day, and heard considerations for a potential e-poll book certification program. Recordings of the Standards Board and Board of Advisors meetings are available on the [EAC's YouTube channel](#).

EAC INTERVIEW SERIES

The EAC launched the 2020 Elections Lessons Learned video series to highlight best practices and lessons learned in election administration from the 2020 elections. The series is available now on the [EAC YouTube channel](#), and more videos with state and local election officials will be added. Subscribe to the [EAC's YouTube channel](#) to stay updated on series like this one and other series including:

- [26th Amendment Conversation](#)
- [AAPI Heritage Month](#)
- [Military Appreciation Month](#)
- [Serving Voters with Disabilities series](#)
- [Clearie Award Best Practices](#) - Also, the blog Celebrating Election Officials' 2020 Efforts Through the EAC's Clearinghouse Awards is available on [the EAC's website](#).

LOCAL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL ESTABLISHED

On June 8, 2021, the EAC established a new Federal Advisory Committee, Local Leadership Council. This board will advise the EAC on how best to fulfill the EAC's statutory duties and be an additional source of expert analysis and recommendations on local election administration topics. The EAC will appoint 100 members with leadership experience (two from each state), after soliciting nominations from each state's election official professional association.

The EAC is planning on contacting the various state professional associations for these nominations in the coming weeks. Additional information will be available on [eac.gov](#).

