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Due to a technical issue, the first 0:52 seconds of the webinar recording do not have audio. During the first 0:50 seconds, Commissioner Kosinski called the meeting to order and introduced Resolution 25-14 to upgrade the KNOWiNK PollPad 4.0.1 Electronic Poll Book System for iOS 18.5/18.6/18.6.2. Commissioner Kosinski then asked the staff for background on the resolution. Amy Connolly began explaining the need for the resolution which is primarily related to upgrading software in order to support new iOS requirements.

Amy Connolly: ...functionality. Notably, this update will no longer support 6th Generation iPads. Every KNOWiNK county has either already upgraded their system or has indicated to Ops that they have a plan to upgrade. So those are—I'm happy to entertain any questions if you have any.

Commissioner Kosinski: I have a question about the attestations that we got, and I'm just curious what those are. So, we received an attestation from a vendor that there's nothing significant on the change here. I guess my question is, are these attestations verified by the staff?

Amy Connolly: There is functional and security testing that's conducted when these are brought before the commissioners.

Commissioner Kosinski: So let me just ask what the purpose of the attestation is by the vendor.

Jude Seymour: You're talking about the attestations; the iPad OS updates. So no updates—

Amy Connolly: So not for this, Commissioner, or for the smaller updates? The de minimis changes, or for this, that we're asking for approval for?

Commissioner Kosinski: Well, no, I guess I'm trying to understand. So, in connection with getting this notice today to do the upgrade, we receive these attestations. I'm just trying to understand what the relationship is of those two items.

Jude Seymour: Commissioner, are you referring to the email that I sent to all the commissioners regarding the Tenex attestations?

Commissioner Kosinski: Yes.

Jude Seymour: Okay. All right. So we send attestations from the vendor when the underlying system is not being changed, when the application itself, but it's only the underlying OS system is being changed. So the vendor doesn't have any control over when Apple pushes updates. Having said that, we do have our security team review whether or not the security enhancements that are provided by Apple in the update will at all interfere with the security posture of the application, and the vendor attests to the fact that nothing about their application will change as a result of a county's decision to upgrade. And as a reminder, they're not under an

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obligation to upgrade to these versions. It's just that allows them to be supported in the case where they purchase new—we ran into this issue a couple of years ago, where the county had purchased new iPads. They came with a preloaded version; it was past the version that was approved for use by the Board. And we set up a new policy with the commissioners at that time to allow these de minimis attestations to be sent to you and reported out at the next meeting.

Commissioner Kosinski: So the Tenex is merely a de minimis upgrade, but the KNOWiNK is something more substantial.

Amy Connolly: Yes. So, Commissioner, with Tenex, there's been no update to the application itself. So the actual interface that poll workers and voters interact with, no change or update to that in that instance. In this instance, there are actual application changes provided by the vendor. So the attestations that were provided by the vendor were simply referring to operating system updates. Not application updates.

Commissioner Kosinski: Okay, fair enough. Thank you.

Amy Connolly: Thank you.

Commissioner Kosinski: Are there any other questions? Or I'd entertain a motion to approve.

Commissioner Casale: So moved.

Commissioner Kosinski: A motion. Is there a second?

Commissioner Bagnuola: Second.

Commissioner Kosinski: I have a second. All in favor, aye.

Commissioner Casale: Aye.

Commissioner Bagnuola: Aye.

Commissioner Kosinski: Aye. That's three in favor. So that's unanimous, and it's approved. I believe that's the only business to come before the Board in public session. But there is a request for an executive session. Is there anything else to come before the Board in open session by anyone? Commissioners? Staff?

Hearing nothing, then I think we would go into executive session to consider matters relating to enforcement. Is there a motion to go into executive session?

Commissioner Casale: So moved.

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Commissioner Kosinski: Second?

Commissioner Bagnuola: Second.

Commissioner Kosinski: Hearing second, all in favor, aye.

Commissioner Casale: Aye.

Commissioner Bagnuola: Aye.

Commissioner Kosinski: Aye. We're all in favor, so we're going to go to executive session. I do not anticipate coming back into public session. But we will go into executive session now for matters relating to enforcement.

Raymond Riley: Just to clarify, any action taken during executive session will be reported out in the minutes.

Commissioner Kosinski: It definitely will be reported out in the minutes, correct. Okay?

Commissioner Bagnuola: Okay.

Commissioner Kosinski: Then we'll see you in executive session.