

Davidson County Election Commission

April 6, 2021 6:00 p.m.

The Davidson County Election Commission (DCEC) met at 6:00 p.m. in the Green Hills Conference Room at Metro Southeast. Commissioners Jim DeLanis, Ross Evans, Tricia Herzfeld, Dan Davis, and A. J. Starling were present.

DCEC staff members present included Administrator of Elections (AOE) Jeff Roberts, Joan Nixon, Lisa Pierce, Courtney Mott, Jeremy Greene, Rick Brown, Bobby Medley, and Kelley Harrison. Also present were Nicki Eke of the Metropolitan Department of Law and Bob Cooper, Director of the Metropolitan Department of Law.

Jim DeLanis convened the meeting.

Organization of Commission

Motion stated: Commissioner Davis made a motion to select Jim DeLanis as Chairman of the DCEC.

Seconded by: Commissioner Evans

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Motion stated: Commissioner Starling made a motion to select Tricia Herzfeld as Secretary of the DCEC.

Seconded by: Chairman DeLanis

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Approve minutes from March 29, 2021 meeting

Motion stated: Commissioner Starling made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 29, 2021 meeting as presented.

Seconded by: Commissioner Herzfeld

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

AOE Report

- 14,010 signatures were submitted to the DCEC by the Metro Clerk's office on 3/25/2021
- 1st verification – easily verifiable signatures
- 2nd verification – flagged signatures reviewed by a second/different staff member
- 3rd verification - flagged signatures reviewed by a third/different staff member
- 12,369 signatures verified so far
- proceeding with preparation for potential election
- potential \$800K cost for referendum election in June 2021

Discuss 4Good Government petition

AOE Roberts reported that the DCEC staff are in their final review of petition signatures submitted by 4Good Government.

Bob Cooper, Director of the Metropolitan Department of Law, explained the complaint filed on Friday, April 2nd against the Commission, and pointed out that the law recognizes the DCEC as having discretionary power to decide whether to hold the referendum.

First, the petition must satisfy the "petition requirements" stated in the Metro Charter and there must be a requisite number of verified signatures. Second, the petition must state a date to hold the

referendum election. Third, the petition must be filed with the Metro Clerk's office at least eighty (80) days before the stated referendum election date on the petition.

To hold the referendum election, the number of signatures is comprised of 10% of the total number of registered voters who voted in the preceding General Election. If the August 2020 election is used, the required number of signatures needed is 12,142; if the November 2020 election is used, then the number of signatures needed is 31,212.

Discussion ensued.

This agenda item will be discussed further at the next scheduled meeting.

Public Comments

Jim Garrett

Jim Roberts

Set date and time for next meeting

Motion stated: Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion to set the date and time for the next meeting to Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Seconded by: Commissioner Davis

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Adjourn

Motion stated: With no further election business to discuss, Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion to adjourn.

Seconded by: Commissioner Evans

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Tricia Herzfeld, Secretary