

## DAVIDSON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

May 3, 2019 9:30 a.m.

The Davidson County Election Commission (DCEC) met on May 3, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the Green Hills Conference room at Metro Southeast. Commissioners Jim DeLanis, AJ Starling, Emily Reynolds, and Jesse Neil were present. Commissioner Herzfeld was not in attendance. DCEC staff members present included: Administrator of Elections (AOE) Jeff Roberts, Joan Nixon, Reid Lovell, Jeremy Greene, Carolyn Stewart, John Hite, Renee Bordelon, Lisa Pierce, Rick Brown, Courtney Mott, Bobby Medley and Kelley Harrison. Also present was Nicki Eke of the Metropolitan Department of Law.

Commissioner DeLanis convened the meeting.

### **Approve Minutes from April 9, 2019 meeting**

**Motion stated:** Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes from April 9, 2019 as presented.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Starling

**Outcome of motion:** Passed unanimously

### **Appoint Poll Officials for August 1<sup>st</sup> election**

**Motion stated:** Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to approve all active poll officials to be utilized for the August 1<sup>st</sup> election.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Starling

**Outcome of motion:** Passed unanimously

### **Appointment of Interim Republican Machine Technician**

AOE Robert s recommended appointing Jeremy Greene on an interim basis and to adjust his salary as described in the HR manual.

**Motion stated:** Commissioner Neil made a motion to approve the appointment of Jeremy Greene as Interim Republican Machine Technician.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Reynolds

**Outcome of motion:** Passed unanimously (by Republican Commission members)

**Motion stated:** Commissioner Starling made a motion to compensate Jeremy Greene's salary coinciding with Reid Lovell's salary before his retirement.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Neil

**Outcome of motion:** Passed unanimously

Commissioner Reynolds read aloud a Resolution honoring Reid Lovell, upon his retirement, for his valuable service to the Davidson County Election Commission during his fifteen (15) years as Machine Technician.

**Motion stated:** Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Neil

**Outcome of motion:** Passed unanimously

### **AOE Evaluation**

Due to Commissioner Herzfeld's absence only the vacation portion of the AOE evaluation was discussed.

Chairman DeLanis reported that AOE Roberts currently receives three (3) weeks of vacation time and the previous two (2) AOE's received four (4) weeks of vacation time.

Discussion ensued among the Commissioners.

Motion stated: Commissioner Starling made a motion to approve one (1) week additional vacation time for AOE Roberts.

Seconded by: Commissioner Reynolds

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

### **Discuss Rank Choice Voting**

Chairman DeLanis stated there's a proposed amendment to the Metro Charter to add Ranked Choice Voting on the August 1, 2019 election ballot. Also, an opinion by the DCEC regarding Ranked Choice voting was requested by two (2) Councilmembers.

Bobby Medley did a demonstration explaining Ranked Choice Voting. Metro Councilman, Dave Rosenberg, requested permission to make a presentation to the Commission on the benefits of Ranked Choice Voting. Permission was granted and Councilman Rosenberg did make a presentation on behalf of Raked Choice Voting.

Discussion ensued among the Commissioners.

**Motion stated:** Commissioner Neil made a motion for AOE Roberts to submit a letter to Metro Council on the issue of Ranked Choice Voting similar to the letter on that issue that he submitted in 2018.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Reynolds

**Outcome of motion:** Passed with a vote of 3 - 1

### **Lock ballot bags and boxes**

This agenda item was performed by the Commissioners.

### **AOE Report**

- ES & S contracts had been signed relating to new voting equipment.

### **Public Comment**

Councilman Dave Rosenberg (see above).

### **Set date and time for next meeting**

The date and time for the next Commission meeting was set for June 6, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

### **Adjourn**

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

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Reynolds

**Outcome of motion:** Passed unanimously

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AJ Starling, Acting Secretary