

Davidson County
UT-TSU Agricultural Extension Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 23rd, 2020 11:00 AM
Ag Extension Office, 2nd Floor
1417 Murfreesboro Pike

Members Present: Mr. Mark Kerske- Chair, Mr. Ed Smith, Ms. Sylvia Ganier, Dr. Thelma Sanders-Hunter, Ms. Sherri Smith,

Members Absent: Mr. Will Nesby, Mr. Bobby Edwards

Special Guest: Mr. Alex Dickerson – Metro Legal Council, Wanda Hadley – Metro HR Talent Acquisition Specialist

Mark Kerske called the meeting to order at 11:05. A quorum was present for the transaction of business.

Poll to agree to conduct virtual meeting – Mark Kerske: There was a motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Sanders-Hunter to approve the Ag Board to meet through online platforms, such as zoom, as the board's business is deemed essential. The motion was approved. The reading of the minutes from the previous meeting were not read because it was not considered essential.

Board Orientation for Conducting Interviews – Jim Stewart: Mr. Stewart reviewed the rules of the meeting and interview questions with the board at the start of the meeting. He gave the board the time limit for the meeting and how to effectively ask the candidate questions. Wanda Hadley gave an orientation to the board for conducting interviews.

Interview of County Extension Director Candidate – Board: Miss Elizabeth Sanders was the candidate interviewed for the position. The board asked her a series of questions pertaining to her classes, qualifications, and experience with extension. To end the interview, the board asked if she had any questions for them. She asked them how they would like to be involved more with extension and the board was able to provide answers.

Discussion of Candidate Interview and Qualifications – Board: The Board discussed strengths and weaknesses of the candidate. The board was highly impressed and satisfied with the knowledge and experience that Miss Elizabeth Sanders had shown.

Recommendations for Appointment – Board: Ed Smith recommended her for appointment and Mark Kerske seconded. Unanimous vote of yes to appoint her to the Count Director position. Appointment is scheduled for June 1, 2020.

Close/Adjourn – Mark Kerske: Mark Kerske motioned to end the meeting, and Thelma Sanders-Hunter seconded it. The meeting was adjourned.