

# Davidson County Election Commission

**April 9, 2020 4:00 p.m.**

The Davidson County Election Commission (DCEC) met at 4:00 p.m. via teleconference. All five (5) Commissioners: Chairman Reynolds, Commissioner Jim DeLanis, Commissioner Jesse Neil, Commissioner AJ Starling and Commissioner Tricia Herzfeld were present (attendance confirmed via Roll Call by Kelley Harrison). DCEC staff members present (attendance confirmed verbally): Administrator of Elections (AOE) Jeff Roberts, Joan Nixon, Bobby Medley, Courtney Mott, Lisa Pierce, and Kelley Harrison. Also present (attendance confirmed verbally) was Nicki Eke of the Metropolitan Department of Law.

Chairman Reynolds convened the meeting.

Chairman Reynolds noted due to the Coronavirus pandemic and keeping the safety of the Commission, DCEC staff members and the public; the meeting is to be held by via conference call. Chairman Reynolds called for a motion to conduct the meeting electronically.

**Motion stated:** Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion that the business of the Commission, identified on its agenda for the meeting, satisfied the criteria necessary for the DCEC Commission to conduct essential via conference call, pursuant to Executive Order No. 16.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Neil

**Outcome of motion:** Votes taken via roll call: Passed unanimously  
Chairman Reynolds – Yes  
Commissioner Neil – Yes  
Commissioner Starling – Yes  
Commissioner DeLanis – Yes  
Commissioner Herzfeld – Yes

## **Approve minutes from March 13, 2020 meeting**

**Motion stated:** Commissioner Starling made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2020 meeting as presented.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner DeLanis

**Outcome of motion:** Votes taken via roll call: Passed unanimously  
Chairman Reynolds – Yes  
Commissioner Neil – Yes  
Commissioner Starling – Yes  
Commissioner DeLanis – Yes  
Commissioner Herzfeld – Yes

## **Approve the ballot for August 6, 2020**

The ballot for the August 6, 2020 election had been emailed to the Commissioners to review. Bobby Medley reported there are three (3) paper ballot styles: Republican, Democratic, and General, and that the ballot format had been approved by the State Coordinator of Elections Office with the understanding that there's a possibility a candidate's name may be removed from the ballot by the State in the coming week.

Discussion ensued among the Commission.

**Motion stated:** Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion to approve the ballot for August 6, 2020 subject to any corrections by the State Election Commission.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner DeLanis

**Outcome of motion:** Votes taken via roll call: Passed unanimously

Chairman Reynolds – Yes

Commissioner Neil – Yes

Commissioner Starling – Yes

Commissioner DeLanis – Yes

Commissioner Herzfeld – Yes

### **AOE Report**

- Joan Nixon has prepared a work schedule where 1 (one) person is covering the front counter at the main office of the Commission
- All staff members must wear face masks during their work shift
- Many staff members continue to work from home
- Green Hills Conference room will be the “prep area” for Absentee voting process
- No face to face poll official training
- Training will be done by videos
- On or about May 1, 2020- Poll officials will be contacting regarding training
- Final sign off on new Voting Machine Warehouse

### **Public Comment**

Debbie Gould

Ralph Hatcher

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

Friday, April 17, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. (via teleconference). The Commission will review any required changes to the ballot as directed by the State.

Adjourn

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

Seconded by: Commissioner Neil

Outcome of motion: Votes taken via roll call: Passed unanimously

Chairman Reynolds – Yes

Commissioner Neil – Yes

Commissioner Starling – Yes

Commissioner DeLanis – Yes

Commissioner Herzfeld – Yes

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Tricia Herzfeld, Secretary

