

# Davidson County Election Commission

**June 12, 2020 10:00 a.m. (Via teleconference)**

The Davidson County Election Commission (DCEC) met at 10:00 a.m. via teleconference. All five (5) Commissioners: Chairman Emily Reynolds, Commissioner Jim DeLanis, Commissioner Jesse Neil, Commissioner AJ Starling and Commissioner Tricia Herzfeld were present (attendance noted via Roll Call by Kelley Harrison). DCEC staff members present: Administrator of Elections (AOE) Jeff Roberts, Joan Nixon, Courtney Mott, Lisa Pierce, John Hite, Rick Brown, Jeremy Greene, Bobby Medley and Kelley Harrison. Also present (attendance noted verbally) was Nicki Eke of the Metropolitan Department of Law.

Chairman Reynolds convened the meeting.

Chairman Reynolds stated that as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 16, authorizing a commission to meet and conduct their essential business by electronic means if the commission determined that meeting electronically is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of Tennesseans in light of the outbreak. 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 business via conference call, pursuant to Executive Order No. 16.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Neil

**Outcome of motion:** Passed Unanimously (Votes taken via roll call)

Commissioner DeLanis - Yes  
Commissioner Herzfeld – Yes  
Commissioner Neil – Yes  
Commissioner Starling – Yes  
Chairman Reynolds – Yes

## **Approve minutes from June 5, 2020 meeting (via teleconference)**

**Motion stated:** Commissioner DeLanis made a motion to approve the minutes from June 5, 2020 meeting (via teleconference)

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Starling

**Outcome of motion:** Passed Unanimously (Votes taken via roll call)

Commissioner DeLanis - Yes  
Commissioner Herzfeld – Yes  
Commissioner Neil – Yes  
Commissioner Starling – Yes  
Chairman Reynolds – Yes

### **Approve Poll Officials**

**Motion stated:** Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion to approve all the active Poll Officials to be used in whatever capacity needed for the August 6, 2020 election.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner DeLanis

**Outcome of motion:** Passed Unanimously (Votes taken via roll call)

Commissioner DeLanis - Yes  
Commissioner Herzfeld – Yes  
Commissioner Neil – Yes  
Commissioner Starling – Yes  
Chairman Reynolds – Yes

### **Proposed policy requiring AOE to consult with Chair and Secretary prior to giving testimony in any proceeding or lawsuit in which the Commission is not a party**

Discussion ensued about various aspects of such a policy. At the end of the discussion, it was resolved that Commissioner Herzfeld would draft a proposed policy and submit it to Commission attorney Nicki Eke for her legal analysis.

### **AOE Report**

- In response to the lawsuit, the Secretary of State's office updated the absentee form and it was posted to the DCEC website by 7:15 a.m. on 6.12.2020
- Absentee totals as of 6.11.2020 – 10,137 ballots have been processed/mailed
- Absentee is holding to 300-350 requests per day
- Possibly hiring more staff to assist the Absentee Department
- John Hite reported – 905 Poll Officials responded “yes” to working the August 6 election
- As of 3.1.2020, 197 people have applied online to work the polls
- Bobby Medley has contacted the public facilities for the August 6 election (via letters)  
Letters to the private facilities will be mailed next week
- School Board District 4 vacancy will appear on the November 3, 2020 ballot

### **Public Comment**

Ralph Hatcher  
Debby Gould  
Dick Williams

Set date and time for next meeting:

Friday, June 26, 2020 at 2pm (in person – adhering to social distancing practices)

### **Adjourn**

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

**Seconded by:** Commissioner DeLanis

**Outcome of motion:** Passed Unanimously (Votes taken via roll call)

Commissioner DeLanis - Yes

Commissioner Herzfeld – Yes

Commissioner Neil – Yes

Commissioner Starling – Yes

Chairman Reynolds – Yes

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Tricia Herzfeld, Secretary