

# Davidson County Election Commission

**May 15, 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 (attendance noted verbally): Administrator of Elections (AOE) Jeff Roberts, Joan Nixon, Bobby Medley, Courtney Mott, Lisa Pierce, 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 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)

Chairman Reynolds - Yes

Commissioner Neil – Yes

Commissioner Starling – Yes

Commissioner DeLanis – Yes

Commissioner Herzfeld – Yes

## **Approve minutes from May 1, 2020 meeting (via teleconference)**

**Motion stated:** Commissioner Starling made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2020 meeting (via teleconference) as presented.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Neil

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

Chairman Reynolds - Yes

Commissioner Neil – Yes

Commissioner Starling – Yes

Commissioner DeLanis – Yes

Commissioner Herzfeld – Yes

## **AOE Report**

- Sharing information via Twitter
- Absentee Department - preparing to have three (3) workers come and help with answering phones and inputting data
- 5/18/2020 first mailing of Absentee ballots

- DCEC allocated \$672K from the CARES Act Funds provided by the State
- Poll Officials will be contacted via email next week
- June 1<sup>st</sup> – Online poll official training
- COVID -19 mailer seems to be very helpful to voters

**Public Comment**

Debby Gould (League of Women Voters) - pleased with all plans by the DCEC, but stressed concern regarding the AB ballot request deadline.

AOE Roberts responded that the deadline is set by State law.

**Set date and time for next meeting**

May 29, 2020 10:00 a.m. (via teleconference)

**Adjourn**

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

**Seconded by:** Commissioner DeLanis

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

Chairman Reynolds - Yes

Commissioner Neil – Yes

Commissioner Starling – Yes

Commissioner DeLanis – Yes

Commissioner Herzfeld – Yes

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Tricia Herzfeld (Secretary)