

Minutes of the Davidson County Election Commission

April 14, 2011

The Davidson County Election Commission (DCEC) met at 1:00 p.m. on April 14, 2011 in the Metro Office Building. Commissioners Lynn Greer, Eddie Bryan, Patricia Heim, A.J. Starling, and Steve Abernathy were present. DCEC staff members present included Administrator of Elections (AOE) Albert Tieche, Joan Nixon, Lionel Barrett, Pat Novotny, Tom Cunningham, Bobby Medley, and Kelley Harrison. Also present was Nicki Eke of the Metropolitan Department of Law.

Chairman Lynn Greer convened the meeting.

Approve minutes from March 31, 2011: Commissioner A.J. Starling made a motion to approve minutes of the March 31, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abernathy and it passed unanimously.

Elect DCEC Officers for Chairman and Secretary: Commissioner Greer called for nominations for Chairman. Commissioner Bryan nominated Commissioner Starling and Commissioner Abernathy nominated Commissioner Greer. Nominations ceased and votes were cast.

Commissioner Greer- 2

Commissioner Starling-2

The tie breaking vote was for Commissioner Greer. Commissioner Greer was elected Chairman. The floor opened for nominations for Secretary. Commissioner Heim nominated Commissioner Starling. Commissioner Starling was unanimously elected Secretary.

Early Voting times: In accordance to TCA 2-6-103 early voting times must include a Saturday open until 4 p.m. and three (3) weeknights until 7 p.m. Discussion ensued among the board members. Commissioner Abernathy made a motion to be open from 8-4 on three (3) Saturdays (with the exception of Belle Meade United Methodist Church-not open on July 16th). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Starling and unanimously passed. Commissioner Abernathy made a motion to be open Monday through Friday from 8-4:30 except 3 week nights. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Heim. Commissioners Greer, Heim and Abernathy voted yes while Commissioners Starling and Bryan abstained from voting. Commissioner Heim made a motion to be open July 19th, 26th and 28th from 8-7 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abernathy and the motion unanimously passed.

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Discuss Belle Meade early voting site: Commissioner Bryan made a motion to move the early voting Belle Meade location to Belle Meade United Methodist Church from Belle Meade City Hall. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Heim. Chairman Greer suggested AOE Tieche send a thank you letter to the Belle Meade City Hall for their years of service to the Election Commission.

Lakewood update: Due to Lakewood II election not being contested, AOE Tieche announced that the regular Lakewood election scheduled for June 7, 2011 will not be held and a letter was sent to the candidates regarding the cancellation of the election.

List Maintenance: AOE Tieche informed the board that 11,000 voters were purged in February and according to the law the list maintenance must be completed by May 6th. There are 18, 879 inactive voters that will be mailed “confirmation cards”.

Discuss Re-districting: AOE Tieche broke down re-districting into series of tasks:

1. Petitions- 111 petitions were issued-24 were for non- district offices (mayor, vice-mayor, council at large); 87 were for district offices and of those 15 candidates will have to pick up “new” petitions and 4 candidates will need more signatures (due to re-districting). All of the candidates have been notified in writing regarding their respective petitions.
2. Candidate requests- lists of registered voters in the “new” districts are not available at the present time. The DCEC expects to have the list on May 26, 2011 at the latest. Candidates were issued maps of the “new” districts.
3. Precinct assignment- being drafted by Planning Commission according to legal requirements.
4. Updating data base – being worked on by Planning Commission, Metro IT department, and the DCEC.
5. Issuing new voter cards- planning to issue new cards only to those registered voters who were affected by the re-districting (prior to Early Voting)

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Administrator's Reports:

- TACEO Conference June 5th – 8th
- Online Poll Official training demo Friday, April 15, 2011 at 9 a.m.
- Received 25 resumes for Poll Recruiter position
- Council Budget Hearing- May 26, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

Any old/new business: None stated

Set date for next meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for May 26, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

Review registration cards: Commissioners stayed and reviewed registration cards

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Greer

Lynn Greer, Chairman

Eddie Bryan, Secretary

Patricia Heim, Member

A. J. Starling

Steve Abernathy, Member