

Minutes of the Davidson County Election Commission

August 12, 2011

The Davidson County Election Commission (DCEC) met at 2:00 p.m. on August 12, 2011 in the Metro Office Building. Commissioners Lynn Greer, Patricia Heim, Steve Abernathy, Eddie Bryan and A.J. Starling were present. DCEC staff members present included Administrator of Elections (AOE) Albert U. Tieche, Joan Nixon, Lionel Barrett, Pat Novotny, Bobby Medley and Kelley Harrison. Nicki Eke of the Metropolitan Department of Law was also in attendance.

Chairman Lynn Greer convened the meeting.

Approve minutes from June 20, 2011 meeting: Commissioner Bryan made a motion to approve minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Starling and passed unanimously.

Approve minutes from July 1, 2011 meeting: Commissioner Bryan made a motion to approve minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abernathy and passed unanimously.

Certify August 4, 2011 Metro General Election: Commissioner Heim made a motion to certify results as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bryan. The floor was opened for discussion and attorney, Joe Johnston, who represents Ken Jakes and Donna Crawford (council at large candidates) went over a filed complaint letter regarding council at large computations. Commissioner Greer referenced Metro Charter section 15.02 stating the total votes cast for council at large shall be deemed to be 1/5 of the aggregated number of votes received by all candidates. After discussion ended, the motion passed unanimously.

Berry Hill 2012 Election date: Commissioner Heim made a motion to call Berry Hill City Election set for March 6, 2012. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Starling and passed unanimously.

Debrief Early Voting and Election Day (successes and areas for improvement): Chairman Greer stated election went "extremely well". Commissioner Starling stated some areas of concern: campaign workers entering polling locations using the restrooms and the determination of the 100 foot boundary.

Discuss exclusion of birthdays on voter lists: Discussion ensued but no action was taken.

Discuss early voting schedule for Run-Off election: Commissioner Starling made a motion to open only one (1) site DCEC office with no satellite locations for twelve (12) days: August 26 - September 10 (*being closed on September 3rd and September 5th for the Labor Day holiday*). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bryan and passed unanimously. Commissioner Starling made a motion to approve a five (5) member team for the Early Voting Run-Off election: Ralph Hatcher-Officer; Billy Law-Machine Operator; Frances Larry-Computer Operator; Lola Cunningham-Machine Operator and Edna Hatcher-Greeter. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bryan and passed unanimously.

Discuss AOE benefits: Chairman Greer apologized to the board for not informing them of the vacation package he and AOE Tieche negotiated during the first of the year. Metro provides for 10 vacation days per year for newly hired employees during the first five (5) years of employment. Chairman Greer offered twenty (20) vacation days with immediate vesting on January 1 each year. Chairman Greer

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asked the board to confirm the offered agreement. Commissioner Starling made a motion to honor initial agreement offered by Chairman Greer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abernathy. Discussion ensued and comments were made by all board members. Chairman Greer called for the vote and both Commissioners Bryan and Heim voted no and Commissioners Starling, Abernathy and Greer voted yes. The motion passed 3-2.

Administrator's Reports:

- Complaint regarding a group not disclosing who paid for advertisement in the Tennessean was rescinded
- Copies of letters to chairmen of both political parties advising them of options calling primaries in 2012

Any old/new business: Commissioner Heim made a motion to approve Run-Off Election sample ballot as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Starling and passed unanimously. Commissioner Heim made a motion to approve subset of August 4, 2011 Election Day workers. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Starling and passed unanimously.

Set date for next meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for September 21, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

Review registration cards: Commissioners reviewed voter registration applications for accuracy in accordance with state law requirements.

Adjourn: There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Lynn Greer, Chairman

A. J. Starling, Secretary

Patricia Heim, Member

Eddie Bryan, Member

Steven Abernathy, Member