

Minutes of the Davidson County Election Commission  
October 26, 2011

The Davidson County Election Commission (DCEC) met at 2:00 p.m. on October 26, 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 Tieche, Joan Nixon, Lionel Barrett, Tom Cunningham, Pat Novotny, Bobby Medley, Carlatina Hampton and Kelley Harrison. Also present was Nicki Eke of the Metropolitan Department of Law.

Chairman Lynn Greer convened the meeting.

**Approve September 28, 2011 meeting minutes:** Commissioner Heim made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2011 meeting as presented. Commissioner Starling seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Approve List Maintenance Policy:** Commissioner Abernathy made a motion to approve the DCEC List Maintenance Policy as written. Commissioner Starling seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Report on meeting with DA regarding voter fraud:** AOE Tieche and Commissioner Greer met with DA Torry Johnson regarding those who have voted illegally or inappropriately in the last election and discussion ensued regarding said meeting. Commissioner Bryan made a motion to send a letter to DA Johnson expressing the sentiment of the board reflecting disappointment of the inconclusive results regarding voter fraud in the last election. Commissioner Abernathy seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Status of 3 lawsuits:** AOE Tieche reported to the commission that all 3 lawsuits (*contested race- Council Dist. 20; contest governing write-ins; contest challenging Metro Charter on calculations of At Large winners*) have been dismissed.

**Photo ID Education Efforts:** AOE Tieche informed the commission that the DCEC is accepting speaking engagements to explain how to comply with the photo ID law. Also, a list of upcoming speaking engagements was presented to the commission. On November 1, 2011 there will be Town Hall meetings in all 95 counties of Tennessee regarding the new photo ID law. Photo ID information has been sent out via press releases, DCEC website, DCEC out-going phone message and letters to registered voters with non-photo drivers licenses and registered voters with no TN Department of Safety ID of any kind.

**Early voting sites for 2012 election cycle:** Discussion ensued with the Commission in choosing early voting sites for the 2012 election cycle. Commissioner Heim made a motion to use only 5 libraries as satellite Early Voting sites (Bordeaux, Edmondson, Green Hills, Hermitage, and Madison) and open only last five days ( Thursday,

February 23 – Tuesday, February 28) . The motion was seconded by Commissioner Starling and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Heim made a motion for early voting hours to be from 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (*except days 6, 8 and 12 which will be closing at 7:00 pm.*). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bryan. The motion passed. Chairman Greer requested the minutes reflect that he abstained from voting.

The discussion of Early Voting sites for August and November 2012 elections was deferred to January's meeting.

**Davidson County Republican Party not holding primary with PPP:** A letter was received from the Chairman of the local Republican party indicating they are not calling a county primary but retain the choice to nominate a candidate(s) by caucus and certify same to DCEC by the candidate qualifying deadline in accordance with TCA 2-13-203(b) and TCA 2-5-101(a)(2).

**Councilmember request- Estimated savings from combining elections:**

Councilman Tygard proposed extending current Metro council terms by one (1) year and combining elections with the August/November 2016 elections. Combining both elections could equate to a savings of half a million dollars. No action taken.

**Shelby County Election Commission visit slides:** A slide presentation was presented to the commission by AOE Tieche from his visit to Shelby County on October 6, 2011.

**Electronic Poll Books bid and potential savings:** AOE Tieche and Pat Novotny went over potential savings with electronic poll books. Electronic poll books would eliminate the need for application clerks, laptops, printing alpha lists for each precinct and overtime for poll book assembly and posting Election Day votes by the staff. The election savings could be approximately \$70,000 per election. Commissioner Greer suggested AOE Tieche gather as much information as he can regarding electronic poll books. No action taken.

**Administrator's Reports:**

- Audit of August 4, 2011 election day procedures is underway. Precinct specific error reports will be created and reviewed with Officers and other poll officials as a part of 2012 training.

Commissioners were advised that an ordinance passed on first reading by the City of Oak Hill requesting the DCEC to hold the city's municipal election on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 for the purpose of electing one (1) Commissioner. The final reading is scheduled for November 17, 2011. Commissioner Heim made a motion to hold a municipal election on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 from 7 AM – 7 PM for the city of Oak Hill contingent upon passage of the ordinance on the final reading. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The first day to pick up nominating petitions is December 16, 2011 and the candidate qualifying deadline is noon March 15, 2012.

**Any old/new business:** None stated

**Set date for next meeting:** Left to the discretion of the chairman

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

**Adjourn:** There being no further business discussed, the meeting was adjourned.

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Lynn Greer, Chairman

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A J Starling, Secretary

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Patricia Heim, Member

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Steve Abernathy, Member

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Eddie Bryan, Member