

Minutes of the Davidson County Election Commission

January 6, 2012

The Davidson County Election (DCEC) met at 2:30 p.m. on January 6, 2012 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, Bobby Medley, Lionel Barrett, Betty Gilbert, Rollow Mickle, Tom Cunningham, John Rutherford and Kelley Harrison. Nicki Eke of the Metropolitan Department of Law was also present.

Chairman Lynn Greer convened the meeting.

Approve October 26, 2011 minutes: Commissioner Starling made a motion to approve the minutes of October 26, 2011 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Heim and the motion passed unanimously.

Concerns about new Photo ID Law - Betty Nixon raised concern about a voter presenting an out of state driver's license and whether such a document could serve as the basis for a challenge of residency for college students. Her specific request was for the DCEC to instruct election officials and poll watchers that such ID document not be allowed to generate a challenge of the voter on the basis that the voter was not a resident of the precinct. AOE Tieche referenced TCA 2-7-124 (a) (2) which lists reasons a voter could be challenged. Discussion ensued among the Commission including the principle for determination of residence as they relate to voter registration as delineated in TCA 2-2-122 (a)(2), (a)(3) and (a)(7). The AOE indicated he would train election officials about the procedure for challenging voters as provided in state law, but could not instruct per the specific request of Ms. Nixon.

Approve ballots for the March PPP Election: Commissioner Starling made a motion to approve both paper and machine ballots. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Heim and the motion passed unanimously.

Approve Election Day workers for March PPP Election: Commissioner Heim made a motion to approve Republican Election Day workers. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abernathy and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Bryan made a motion to approve Democrat Election Day workers. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Starling and the motion passed unanimously. The board asked if a poll worker is a member of the "immediate family" to a candidate on the ballot that he/she not be assigned for this election.

Approve Early Voting workers for March PPP Election: Commissioner Heim made a motion to approve Republican Early Voting workers. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abernathy and passed unanimously. Commissioner Bryan made a

motion to approve Democrat Early Voting workers. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Starling and passed unanimously.

Approve Nursing Home and Prison Deputies: Commissioner Bryan made a motion to approve Democrat Nursing Home and Prison Deputies. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Starling and passed unanimously. Commissioner Heim made a motion to approve Republican Nursing Home and Prison Deputies. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abernathy and passed unanimously.

Approve Absentee and Provisional counting board: Commissioner Heim made a motion to approve Republican Absentee and Provisional counting board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abernathy and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Bryan made a motion to approve Democrat Absentee and Provisional counting board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Starling and passed unanimously.

Approve Inspectors: Commissioner Starling informed the board that he will submit some names to Joan Nixon to fill vacancies for Democrat Inspectors. Commissioner Heim made a motion to approve Republican Inspectors as presented. Commissioner Abernathy seconded the motion and was passed unanimously. Commissioner Bryan made a motion to approve Democrat Inspectors. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Starling and passed unanimously.

Set EV locations/hours for State Primary and County General Election August 2: Commissioner Bryan made a motion to use 5 libraries (*Hermitage, Edmondson, Green Hills, Madison and Bordeaux*) beginning July 23rd and ending July 28th; DCEC will open July 13th – July 28th. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Heim and passed unanimously. The hours of Early Voting will be set at a later meeting.

Set EV locations/hours for State General Election November 6: Commissioner Heim made a motion to approve twelve (12) satellite locations and DCEC office open for full 14 days of Early Voting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Starling and passed unanimously. The names of locations and hours will be set at a later meeting.

Approve AOE performance evaluation form: Chairman Greer will mail each commissioner an evaluation form to evaluate AOE Tieche. After each form has been returned, Chairman Greer will tally the scores and they will become public record. The evaluation will be placed in AOE Tieche's file.

Administrator's reports:

- *Redistricting* – will be working with Metro IT Department and Metro Planning to use web based system to verify nominating petitions for state house, state senate and congressional districts

- *Budget* – we have surplus in Election budget due to not having a countywide run-off election in 2011
- *Photo ID education efforts* – there have been 23 presentations to groups and organizations; bus ads on 14 Metro buses and placards inside 30 buses began on January 6; letters sent to approximately 9,600 voters who are over 60 with no photo on driver's license
- *Poll Official training in 2012* – beginning January 30 - March 1 emphasizing implementing new Photo ID law/ video training module on website for poll officials
- *High School Supplemental changes* – AOE Tieche has been working with Metro Public Schools to appoint a teacher as a “designee” to register seniors to vote. We are waiting on reply from the schools.
- *DCEC website changes* – working on FAQ

Set date for next meeting: Next meeting date was set for February 2, 2012 at 2:00 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 adjourned.

Lynn Greer, Chairman

A J Starling, Secretary

Patricia Heim, Member

Steve Abernathy, Member

Eddie Bryan, Member