Davidson County Election Commission

November 26, 2012

The Davidson County Election Commission (DCEC) met at 3:00 p.m. on November 26, 2012 in the Metro Office Building. Commissioners Lynn Greer, Patricia Heim, Steve Abernathy, Eddie Bryan and AJ Starling were present. DCEC staff members present included Administrator of Elections (AOE) Albert U. Tieche, Joan Nixon, Bill Hyden, Courtney Mott, Lionel Barrett, Tom Cunningham, Gaye Hudson, Bobby Medley, and Kelley Harrison. Nicki Eke of the Metropolitan Department of Law was also in attendance.

Chairman Lynn Greer convened the meeting.

Approve September 13, 2012 meeting minutes: Commissioner Eddie Bryan made a motion to approve the September 13, 2012 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abernathy and passed unanimously.

<u>Certify November 6, 2012 Elections:</u> Commissioner Abernathy made a motion to certify election returns of the State General Election as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Starling and passed unanimously. Commissioner Bryan made a motion to certify election returns for the Metropolitan Charter Amendments as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abernathy and passed unanimously. Commissioner Starling made a motion to certify the election returns of the City of Goodlettsville, City of Forest Hills and the City of Belle Meade. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abernathy and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Abernathy Presentation: Commissioner Abernathy requested the floor and it was granted by Chairman Greer. He recognized the following poll workers for their diligent work and their outstanding leadership abilities: Ann Smith, Milton Cavender, George Dunn, Charlene Damron, Ralph Hatcher and Patti Jones. It was recommended by Commissioner Abernathy that the above mentioned workers meet with the DCEC staff and share their ideas and suggestions on how to make the voting process better for our customers, the Davidson County voters. He additionally discussed a variety of topics relating to the November 2012 elections including the numerous duties of the Officers of Elections and the time consuming process of provisional balloting and handing change of address voters on Election Day. Councilman Fabian Bedne shared with the Commissioners his experience with voters with limited English proficiency and his desire for translated ballot materials.

Administrator's Reports:

- Votes are still in the process of being manually posted
- Change of address (COA) forms are still being processed
- December 18, 2012 Mid-Winter Session TACEO meeting in Red Boiling Springs, TN

Any old/new business: Chairman Greer reported that the State Election Commission voted at its November meeting to conduct a review of the Davidson County Election Commission. He indicated that no notice of such possible review was included in the meeting agenda of the State Election Commission. Furthermore, Chairman Greer asked Nicki Eke to send a letter to Coordinator Goins noting that it is the opinion of the Metropolitan Department of Law that such act by the State Election Commission was a violation of the Sunshine Law.

Set date for next meeting: The next scheduled meeting was set for January 15, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Adjourn: With no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned.

Lynn Greer, Chairman

A J Starling, Secretary

Patricia Heim, Member

Steve Abernathy, Member

Eddie Bryan, Member