

Davidson County Election Commission

June 20, 2013

The Davidson County Election Commission (DCEC) met at 3:00 p.m. on June 20, 2013 in the Davidson Conference Room of the Metro Office Building. Commissioners Ron Buchanan, Jennifer Lawson, Tricia Herzfeld, A J Starling, and Jim DeLanis were present. DCEC staff members present included Interim Administrator of Elections (IAOE) Joan Nixon, Bill Hyden, Bobby Medley, Carlatina Hampton, Jeremy Greene, and Kelley Harrison. Nicki Eke of the Metropolitan Department of Law also was in attendance. Members of the public and representatives of agencies of the Metropolitan Government were in attendance as well.

Chairman Buchanan convened the meeting.

Executive Session: The Commission, IAOE Nixon, and the commission's attorneys went into a private executive session for one (1) hour in the Donelson Conference Room. Once they returned, the meeting reconvened.

Minutes to be approved (April 19th, April 26th, and May 9th):

Stated motion: Commissioner Starling made a motion to approve DCEC minutes from April 19th, April 26th, and May 9th as presented.

Seconded by: Commissioner Lawson

Outcome of motion: Pass unanimously

Discuss the main office moving to Metro Southeast (MSE) and proposed DCEC satellite location:

DCEC counsel, Ms. Eke, advised the DCEC that it could retain outside legal counsel to advise it as to these issues. Ms. Eke stated that she and her office would have a conflict of interest and could not advise the DCEC as to these issues in view of the fact that legal action against the Metro Government would be involved in the consideration of these issues. Ms. Eke cited the DCEC to provisions in the Tennessee Code that required the Metropolitan Government to pay for such outside counsel.

Stated motion: Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion for the DCEC to engage outside legal counsel to advise on potential ramifications, legal possibilities, and funding regarding the move.

Seconded by: Commissioner Starling

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Stated motion: Chairman Buchanan made a motion to schedule a meeting with Mayor Dean, Commissioner Starling and IAOE Nixon to discuss the move and expenses of the DCEC.

Seconded by: Commissioner Lawson

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Letter to alleged non-citizens:

Stated motion: Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion to add a footnote in Spanish on the letter to the fourteen (14) alleged non-citizens on the Davidson County voter rolls with instructions in that footnote to contact a certain number if translations are needed.

Seconded by: Commissioner Starling

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Outcome of motion: Yes-Commissioners Herzfeld and Starling; No-Commissioners Lawson and DeLanis
Yes- Chairman Buchanan
The motion passed 3-2

Discuss the search of AOE (Administrator of Elections):

Stated motion: Commissioner Starling made a motion to have Chairman Buchanan, Metro HR, and the DCEC staff working as part of the AOE search.

Seconded by: Commissioner Lawson

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Administrator's Reports:

- a. List Maintenance- Partly finished; voters with no activity prior to October 2010 have been made inactive and notices have been sent requesting a response.
Voters who have not responded from notices sent in 2008 will be purged beginning June 24, 2013.
- b. Budget Recap- (July 1, 2013 through May 30, 2013) the office will be turning in non-reoccurring funds that were unexpended during the August and November elections.

Any old/new business- None stated

Review voter registration cards:

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

Set date for next meeting:

The next meeting was scheduled for July 25, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Adjourn:

There being no further business discussed, the meeting adjourned.

Tricia Herzfeld, Secretary