

DAVIDSON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

“SPECIAL CALLED” MEETING

JUNE 18, 2015

The Davidson County Election Commission (DCEC) met on June 18, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in the Antioch Conference Room at Metro Southeast. Commissioners Ron Buchanan, Jim DeLanis, Jennifer Lawson, Tricia Herzfeld and AJ Starling were present. DCEC staff members present included Administrator of Elections (AOE) Kent Wall, Joan Nixon, Bill Hyden, Meredith McKay, Nancy DeKalb, Lisa Pearce, Courtney Mott, Bobby Medley and Kelley Harrison. Nicki Eke of the Metropolitan Department of Law was also in attendance.

Chairman Buchanan convened the meeting.

Review and Approval of the Voting Machine Ballot, August 6, 2015 Election

Motion stated: Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion to approve the machine ballot for the August 6, 2015 Election as presented.

Seconded by: Commissioner Lawson

Metro attorney, Nicki Eke, noted that the words “Metropolitan Charter” should be added before the word “Amendment” on the ballots. Discussion ensued among the board.

Motion stated: Commissioner Starling made a motion to amend the original motion on the table to add the words “Metropolitan Charter” before the word “Amendment” on the ballots.

Seconded by: Commissioner Lawson

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Review of DCEC Operational Options as a Result of June 16, 2015 Metro Council Final Vote on the FY’16 Budget

The board was presented a letter from Councilman Bill Pridemore, Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, explaining the Committee’s Amended Budget vote on June 12, 2015, for all Metro Departments and the DCEC. That amended budget included additional funding for the DCEC.

Chairman Buchanan noted that the Council knows that the necessary DCEC funding was not included in the Amended Budget and that any short-fall would be addressed via a Supplemental Budget Request later in FY’16. With the additional funding provided by the amended budget and the promise by Metro Council of supplemental funding later in FY’16, if needed, the Commission could avoid the staff reductions and also maintain Early Voting sites at the level it proposed in its Budget Request.

The Council’s amendment to the Mayor’s budget proposal means that the Commissioners’ resolution during the “Special Called” meeting on June 3, 2015 was now moot.

Motion stated: Commissioner Starling made a motion to re-instate the original Early Voting schedule as originally approved.

Seconded by: Commissioner DeLanis

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Review Voter Registration Cards

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

Motion stated: With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by: Commissioner Starling

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Tricia Herzfeld, Secretary