

Davidson County Election Commission

“Special Called” Meeting

May 13, 2016

The Davidson County Election Commission (DCEC) met at 2:30 p.m. in the Green Hills Conference Room at Metro Southeast. Commissioners Jim DeLanis, Jennifer Lawson, Tricia Herzfeld, Jesse Neil, and A.J. Starling were present. DCEC staff members included: Interim Administrator of Elections (IAOE) Joan Nixon, Meredith McKay, Nancy DeKalb, Carlatina Hampton, Jeremy Greene, Courtney Mott, Lisa Pierce, John Hite, and Kelley Harrison. Also present were Nicki Eke, Metropolitan Department of Law, and Jane Madden, HR Analyst.

Chairman DeLanis convened the meeting.

Council District 1 Challenge

Chairman DeLanis addressed both parties involved with the Council District 1 residency challenge. The challenger was Lorinda McLaughlin and the candidate was William D. Mason, Jr. Each side will be given thirty (30) minutes to present their cases and once the presentations have been completed, the board will be given the opportunity to ask questions to make a final decision. The parties made their presentations.

Discussion ensued among the board.

Motion stated: Commissioner Starling made a motion to allow William D. Mason, Jr’s name to appear on the August 4, 2016 State Primary and County General Election ballot.

Seconded by: Seconded by Commissioner Lawson

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

AOE Discussion

Chairman DeLanis suggested bringing back a few candidates for a shorter second interview. Those candidates not chosen for second interviews are not necessarily disqualified from being considered for the position.

Discussion ensued among the board.

The candidates selected for a shorter second interview are as follows:

- *Robert McDonough*
- *Charles Tygard*
- *Jeff Roberts*

Approve Provisional Counting Board – Oak Hill (June 7, 2016)

Motion stated: Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion for the Oak Hill Provisional Counting Board to meet on June 10, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Seconded by: Commissioner Lawson

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Budget Hearing Recap

- DCEC Budget Hearing took place on Monday, May 9, 2016
- Suggested – Commissioners reach out to Metro Councilmembers to get DCEC budget approved

Old Business

Chairman DeLanis reported that DCEC has received the final report from Metro Finance on the credit card issue and have not responded just yet. It was suggested by Chairman DeLanis that he prepare a response letter and this matter be considered at the next meeting.

Administrator's Report

IAOE Nixon reported that State Coordinator, Mark Goins, asked her to prepare an affidavit in regards to the lawsuit about "re-calculations" of the votes from Amendment #1 on the November 2014 ballot. The affidavit outlined the duties between now and December 2016 that would pose a problem if DCEC had to "re-calculate" those votes.

Public Comment Period

None stated

Set Date And Time For Next Meeting

May 25, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion stated: Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion to adjourn.

Seconded by: Commissioner Lawson

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Tricia Herzfeld, Secretary