# DAVIDSON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

# "Special Called" Meeting

# March 9, 2018

The Davidson County Election Commission (DCEC) met on Friday, March 9, 2018 in the Bordeaux Conference room at Metro Southeast. Commissioners Jim DeLanis, AJ Starling, Emily Reynolds, Tricia Herzfeld, and Jesse Neil were present. DCEC staff members present included: Administrator of Elections (AOE) Jeff Roberts, Joan Nixon, Bobby Medley, Carol Stewart, John Hite, Lisa Pierce and Kelley Harrison. Also present were Lora Fox and Nicki Eke of the Metropolitan Department of Law. Attorneys Jamie Holland and Jim Roberts were also in attendance.

Chairman DeLanis convened the meeting.

### Add office of Mayor to August 2, 2018 Election Ballot

Chairman DeLanis opened the floor up for discussion.

Commissioner Herzfeld said she looked at the statue again and had second thoughts about the interpretation from Metro Legal. She suggested filing a declaratory judgment action in Chancery Court because of issues withstanding to get the case heard.

Attorneys Jamie Holland and Jim Roberts were both given five (5) minutes to present their cases in regards to having the office of Mayor added to the May 1, 2018 election ballot.

James Garrett spoke briefly during the public comment period.

Discussion ensued.

**Motion stated**: Commissioner Starling made a motion for the DCEC to file a declaratory judgment in Chancery Court.

Seconded by: Commissioner Herzfeld
Outcome of motion: Motion failed by a vote of 2 – 3
Motion stated: Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion to place the office of Mayor on the May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 Election Ballot.
Seconded by: Commissioner Starling
Outcome of motion: Motion failed by a vote of 2 – 3
Motion stated: Commissioner Neil made a motion based on guidance from Metro Legal to place the office of Mayor on the August 2, 2018 Election ballot.
Seconded by: Commissioner Reynolds
Outcome of motion: Passed by a vote of 3 - 2

#### Quarterly review of voter registration cards pursuant to state law

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

<u>Adjourn</u>

With no further election business to be discussed, Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by: Commissioner Starling Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Tricia Herzfeld, Secretary