

Davidson County Election Commission

July 6, 2021 8:00 a.m.

The Davidson County Election Commission (DCEC) met at 8:00 a.m. in the Green Hills Conference Room at Metro Southeast. Commissioners Jim DeLanis, Ross Evans, Tricia Herzfeld, Dan Davis, and A. J. Starling were present.

DCEC staff members present included Administrator of Elections (AOE) Jeff Roberts, Joan Nixon, Jeremy Greene, Rick Brown, Courtney Mott, John Hite, Lisa Pierce, Bobby Medley, and Kelley Harrison. Also present were Tom Cross of the Metropolitan Department of Law, Professor Jim Blumstein, Attorney Austin McMullen, and Attorney Junaid Odubeko.

Jim DeLanis convened the meeting and requested to move an agenda item.

Status of and action on needs from litigation

Professor Blumstein noted the DCEC met on June 25, 2021 to discuss next steps as a result of Chancellor Perkins' ruling. The Commission authorized counsel to pursue an appeal or appeals of the final order entered by Chancellor Perkins.

Professor Blumstein and Attorney Austin McMullen filed two (2) documents:

1. Motion to expedite the appeal
2. Reach down motion with TN Supreme Court

The TN Supreme Court ordered Metro Legal Department to file a response regarding the reach down motion.

Approve minutes from June 25, 2021 meeting

Both Chairman DeLanis and Commissioner Herzfeld made some suggested changes to the minutes.

Motion stated: Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 25 meeting with suggested changes by Chairman DeLanis and Commissioner Herzfeld.

Seconded by: Commissioner Starling

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Approve compensation for machine technicians

AOE Roberts reported that per state statute, Commissioners of both parties must approve salaries of their respective machine technicians. The salary increase proposed for all metro employees will be applied to the machine technicians.

Motion stated: Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion to approve the salary increase for Democratic Machine Technician, Bobby Medley.

Seconded by: Commissioner Starling

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Motion stated: Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the salary increase for Republican Machine Technician, Jeremy Greene.

Seconded by: Commissioner Evans

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Approve compensation for Administrator of Elections

AOE Roberts reported that per state statute, AOE salary is linked to the salary of the Assessor of Property in Davidson County.

Motion stated: Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion to approve standard state raise for AOE Roberts.

Seconded by: Commissioner Evans

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Approve Early Voting schedule and locations for September 21 Referendum

Commissioner Herzfeld expressed concern approving an Early Voting schedule for a conditional election. Discussion ensued.



EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

Charter Amendments Referendum

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

HOWARD OFFICE BUILDING OPEN

700 2nd Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37210

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3	8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6	CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

ALL EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS OPEN

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10	8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13	8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16	8:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Belle Meade City Hall	4705 Harding Pike, Nashville, TN 37205
Bellevue Library	720 Baugh Road, Nashville, TN 37221
Bordeaux Library	4000 Clarksville Pike, Nashville, TN 37218
Casa Azafrán Community Center	2195 Nolensville Pike, Nashville, TN 37211
Edmondson Pike Library	5501 Edmondson Pike, Nashville, TN 37211
Goodlettsville Community Center	200 Memorial Drive, Goodlettsville, TN 37072
Green Hills Library	3701 Benham Avenue, Nashville, TN 37215
Hermitage Library	3700 James Kay Lane, Hermitage, TN 37076
Howard Office Building	700 2 nd Avenue S, Nashville, TN 37210
Madison Library	610 Gallatin Pike S, Madison, TN 37115
Margaret Maddox East YMCA	2624 Gallatin Pike, Nashville, TN 37216
Southeast Library	5260 Hickory Hollow Pkwy, Antioch, TN 37013

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Motion stated: Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the Early Voting schedule and locations for September 21 Referendum as presented.

Seconded by: Commissioner Starling

Outcome of motion: Passed with 4 - 1 vote

Chairman DeLanis - yes

Commissioner Herzfeld - no

Commissioner Starling – yes
Commissioner Davis – yes
Commissioner Evans – yes

Approve Poll Officials for September 21 Referendum

Motion stated: Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve all active Poll Officials to serve in their needed capacity.

Seconded by: Commissioner Starling

Outcome of motion: Passed with 4 - 1 vote

Chairman DeLanis - yes
Commissioner Starling – yes
Commissioner Davis – yes
Commissioner Evans – yes
Commissioner Herzfeld - no

Schedule locking of provisional bags/boxes and absentee bins

Motion stated: Commissioner Evans made a motion to schedule locking of provisional bags/boxes and absentee bins for August 3, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

Seconded by: Commissioner Starling

Outcome of motion: Passed with 4 - 1 vote

Chairman DeLanis - yes
Commissioner Starling – yes
Commissioner Davis – yes
Commissioner Evans – yes
Commissioner Herzfeld - no

Report on and action on open meetings protocol

AOE Roberts referenced a document from the Open Records Counsel stating the guidelines to make sure we are acting in a legal manner as far as open meetings and open records requests are concerned.

AOE Report

DCEC staff is waiting to hear if we are to proceed with preparations for the Referendum Election.

Public Comment

Betty Lynn Duley

Set date and time of next meeting

Call of the Chairman

Adjourn

With no further election business to discuss, Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion to adjourn.

Seconded by: Commissioner Davis

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Tricia Herzfeld, Secretary

