

Davidson County Election Commission

September 20, 2021 3:00 p.m.

The Davidson County Election Commission (DCEC) met at 3:00 p.m. in the Green Hills Conference Room at Metro Southeast. Commissioners Jim DeLanis, Ross Evans, Dan Davis, and A.J. Starling were present. Commissioner Herzfeld was not in attendance. DCEC staff members present included Administrator of Elections (AOE) Jeff Roberts, Joan Nixon, John Hite, and Kelley Harrison. Nicki Eke of the Metropolitan Department of Law was also present.

Chairman DeLanis convened the meeting.

Approve minutes from July 6, 2021 meeting

Motion stated: Commissioner Starling made a motion to approve the July 6, 2021 minutes as presented.

Seconded by: Commissioner Evans

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Call City of Berry Hill Election

The City of Berry Hill has (2) two Commissioner vacancies, and the stand-alone election is scheduled for March 15, 2022.

Motion stated: Commissioner Starling made a motion to call the City of Berry Hill Election for March 15, 2022 pursuant to their request and Berry Hill Resolution No. 133-2021.

Seconded by: Commissioner Davis

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Discussion of open meetings lawsuit

Chairman DeLanis mentioned an additional lawsuit filed by the Metropolitan Department of Law against the DCEC and previous counsel, Junaid Odubeko, of the Bradley firm is knowledgeable of the case. Discussion ensued.

Motion stated: Commissioner Starling made a motion to retain Junaid Odubeko of the Bradley firm as lead counsel.

Seconded by: Commissioner Davis

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Review cards

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

AOE Report

- Mapping is underway regarding redistricting
- Initial draft of the districts should be prepared by the end of the month
- Roughly a month is allowed for public review input
- Council may possibly be adopting the redistricting plan by the end of the year or early January

Public Comments

Dick Williams

Set date and time for next meeting

Call of the Chair

Adjourn

With no further election business to discuss, Commissioner Starling made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by: Commissioner Evans

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

A.J. Starling (Acting Secretary)