

Davidson County Election Commission

April 20, 2023 3:30 p.m.

The Davidson County Election Commission (DCEC) met at 3:30 p.m. in the Green Hills Conference Room at Metro Southeast. Commissioners Jim DeLanis, Dan Davis, Tricia Herzfeld, Will “Butch” Burns, and A. J. Starling were present.

DCEC staff members present included Administrator of Elections (AOE) Jeff Roberts, Will French, Elizabeth McPencow, Lisa Pierce, Mary Meikrantz, Rick Brown, John Hite, Jeremy Greene, and Kelley Harrison.

Also present from the Metropolitan Department of Law were Director Wally Dietz, Lora Fox, and Courtney Mohan.

Chairman DeLanis convened the meeting.

Administer Oath

AOE Roberts administered the Oath of Office to the Commissioners.

Organize Commission

Motion stated: Commissioner Davis made a motion to elect Commissioner DeLanis as DCEC Chairman.

Seconded by: Commissioner Starling

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Motion stated: Commissioner Starling made a motion to elect Commissioner Herzfeld as DCEC Secretary.

Seconded by: Commissioner Davis

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Approve minutes from March 1, 2023 meeting

Motion stated: Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 1, 2023 DCEC meeting.

Seconded by: Commissioner Davis

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Approve Poll Officials for June 15, 2023 TN House District 52 Special Primary Election

Motion stated: Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion to approve the active Poll Official list to be used in their needed capacity for the June 15 election.

Seconded by: Commissioner Davis

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Approve Early Voting Schedule (if necessary) for TN House District 52 Special Primary Election

AOE Roberts presented a draft schedule following the protocol established for the August election with all Early Voting sites open the entire fourteen (14) day period. DCEC staff recommended having two (2) Early Voting sites at the Metro Southeast Facility and the Southeast Library due to both sites being located within TN House District 52. Per T.C.A. § 2-6-102, in the event there is only one (1) candidate from each party and no official write-in candidate, there will not be an early voting period - only Election Day.

Discussion ensued.

Motion stated: Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion to set the Early Voting schedule for the TN House District 52 Special Primary Election as proposed.

Seconded by: Commissioner Starling

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE
TN House District 52 Special Primary Election
Thursday, June 15, 2023

Election Commission Main Office
Metro Southeast Facility – Green Hills Room
1417 Murfreesboro Pike

Southeast Library
5260 Hickory Hollow Parkway

Friday, May 26, 2023 - Saturday, June 10, 2023

Friday, May 26	8:00 am – 5:30 pm
Saturday, May 27	8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Monday, May 29	CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY
Tuesday, May 30	8:00 am – 7:00 pm
Wednesday, May 31	8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Thursday, June 1	8:00 am – 7:00 pm
Friday, June 2	8:00 am – 5:30 pm
Saturday, June 3	8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Monday, June 5	8:00 am – 5:30 pm
Tuesday, June 6	8:00 am – 7:00 pm
Wednesday, June 7	8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Thursday, June 8	8:00 am – 7:00 pm
Friday, June 9	8:00 am – 5:30 pm
Saturday, June 10	8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Approve date of Absentee Counting Board for TN House District 52 Special Primary Election

Suggested date: June 15 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion stated: Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion to set the date of the Absentee Counting Board for the TN House District 52 Special Primary Election for June 15, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Seconded by: Commissioner Davis

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Approve date of Provisional Counting Board for TN House District 52 Special Primary Election

Suggested date: June 20 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion stated: Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion to set the date of the Provisional Counting Board for TN House District 52 Special Primary Election for June 20, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Seconded by: Commissioner Davis

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Approve date to certify TN House District 52 Special Primary Election

Suggested date: June 20 or June 21 at 1:00 p.m.

Motion stated: Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion to set the date to certify TN House District 52 Special Primary Election for June 22, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Seconded by: Commissioner Starling

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Update from Metro Law Director Wally Dietz

Lawsuit concerning Public Chapter 21

- On April 10, three judge panel enjoined immediate implementation of Chapter 21
- Attorney General announced State would not appeal decision
- Lawsuit will continue through normal legal process
- Attorneys will meet with Court on April 24 to set schedule
- Should the State prevail, reduction to 20 council members would go into effect with August 2027 election

AOE Report

- Candidate residency review
- Approximately 90 nominating petitions have been issued
- Public/private school voter registration drives underway
- School Safety Bill passed requiring all school doors to be locked at all times

Public Comments

Arlene Martin-Norman

Set date and time for next meeting

Suggested date: May 4 at 3:30 p.m.

Motion stated: Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion to set the next meeting for May 4, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

Seconded by: Commissioner Burns

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Review cards

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

Lock and seal Provisional Bags and Absentee Bins for TN House District 52 Special Primary Election immediately following meeting

This agenda item was completed by the Commission.

Adjourn

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

Seconded by: Commissioner Burns

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Tricia Herzfeld, Secretary