

Davidson County Election Commission

June 22, 2023 1:30 p.m.

The Davidson County Election Commission (DCEC) met at 1:30 p.m. in the Sonny West Conference Room at the Howard Office Building. Commissioners Jim DeLanis, Tricia Herzfeld, Dan Davis, Will Burns and A. J. Starling were present.

DCEC staff members present included Administrator of Elections (AOE) Jeff Roberts, Will French, Jeremy Greene, Elizabeth McPencow, and Lisa Pierce.

Also present was Nicki Eke of the Metropolitan Legal Department.

Chairman DeLanis convened the meeting.

Approve minutes from May 30, 2023 meeting

Motion stated: Commissioner Starling made a motion to approve the minutes from May 30, 2023 meeting as presented.

Seconded by: Commissioner Davis

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Certify June 15, 2023 TN House District 52 Special Primary Election

Motion stated: Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion to certify the election returns for the June 15, 2023 TN House District 52 Special Primary Election as presented.

Seconded by: Commissioner Burns

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Approve candidates for August 3, 2023 TN House District 51 Special Primary Election

AOE Roberts reported there is one (1) Republican candidate and two (2) Democratic candidates for the August 3 TN House District 51 Special Primary Election.

There is also one (1) Independent candidate, but their name will not appear on the August 3 ballot but on the September 14 ballot.

Motion stated: Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion to approve the candidates for the August 3, 2023 TN House District 51 Special Primary Election as presented.

Seconded by: Commissioner Burns

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Adopt new public comment policy per requirements of Public Chapter 300

Chairman DeLanis reported there was a state statute that passed which applies to all government agencies as to how to handle public comments.

The Commission was issued suggested protocol from the Metropolitan Legal Department.

Discussion ensued.

Motion stated: Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion to adopt protocol for public comments provided by the Metropolitan Legal Department.

Seconded by: Commissioner Burns

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Approve compensation for Administrator of Elections and machine technicians

Motion stated: Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion to approve maximum salary increase for the AOE and machine technicians outlined in the budget approved by Metro Council.

Seconded by: Commissioner Starling

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

AOE Report

- ordering more ballot marking devices, scanners, and electronic poll books in preparation for 2024 Presidential Election
- approximately 1,000 absentee ballot requests for August 3

Public Comments

Jim Garrett

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. – Howard Office Building, Sonny West Conference Center

Motion stated: Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion to set next meeting for Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

Seconded by: Commissioner Davis

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Adjourn

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

Seconded by: Commissioner Starling

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Tricia Herzfeld, Secretary