

Minutes of the Davidson County Election Commission  
February 2, 2012

The Davidson County Election Commission (DCEC) met at 2:00 p.m. on February 2, 2012 in the Metro Office Building. Commissioners Lynn Greer, A J Starling, Patricia Heim, Steve Abernathy and Eddie Bryan were present. DCEC staff members present included Administrator of Elections (AOE) Albert U. Tieche, Joan Nixon, Lionel Barrett, Tom Cunningham, Courtney Mott, Pat Novotny, Bobby Medley and Kelley Harrison. Nicki Eke of the Metropolitan Department of Law was also in attendance.

Chairman Lynn Greer convened the meeting.

**Approve January 6, 2012 meeting minutes:** Commissioner Heim made a motion to approve the minutes of January 6, 2012 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Starling and the motion passed unanimously.

**Early voting location request:** Lonnie Spivak , Regional Vice Chair – West, and Kathleen Starnes, Chair, of the Davidson County Republican Party addressed the board with concerns about the lack of an early voting location in the West Nashville Area for the March 6, 2012 election. It was requested that an early voting location be placed in either the Bellevue or Belle Meade area for both the March and August elections. Discussion ensued among speakers and the Commission. Decisions by the commission regarding early voting satellite sites are based upon projected voter turnout for each election, costs and historical data. The decision to have the current satellite sites (*Edmondson Pike, Green Hills, Bordeaux , Hermitage, and Madison libraries*) was made at the October 26, 2011 DCEC meeting and no one attended to address any concerns during that time. The same early voting satellite sites for August were approved at the January 6, 2012 DCEC meeting again without anyone attending that meeting to express concerns. Commissioner Starling suggested we continue to take under advisement having an early voting site in either the Bellevue or Belle Meade areas contingent upon the Mayor’s decision regarding our budget. The speakers were informed that satellite early voting sites in both Belle Meade and Bellevue were included in the 2012-13 budget request submitted to the Mayor.

**Approve polling location changes:** Bobby Medley presented the Commission with a list of five (5) permanent polling location changes. They are as follows:

- 3-6 (From) *Smithson Craighead* (To) ***Old Brick Church School Building***
- 3-8 (From) *Davidson Academy* (To) ***Northside Church of Christ***
- 9-2 (From) *Madison Firehall* (To) ***Amqui Visitor Center***
- 18-7 (From) *Bemont Heights Baptist* (To) ***Belmont Univ Sport Science Center***
- 24-5 (From) *McCabe Park Golf Course* (To) ***McCabe Park Comm Center***

Commissioner Heim made a motion to approve precinct locations as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bryan and passed unanimously.

**Set date for Provisional ballot counting board to meet:** AOE Tieche informed the board that if a voter votes provisionally “No-photo ID”, they have two (2) days after Election Day to bring in their acceptable form of photo id. Commissioner Heim made a motion for the counting board to meet on Friday, March 9, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at Metro Southeast. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bryan and passed unanimously.

**Budget Review:** Pat Novotny informed the commission that the submittal of our budget to the Mayor’s office is due by February 15, 2012. The budget for the August 2, 2012 State Primary (including MOB and 5 early voting satellite sites for 6 days) is \$559,900 and the budget for November 6, 2012 State General (including MOB and 12 early voting satellite sites for 14 days) is \$1,011,500. This equals a total Election Budget Request FY13 of \$1,571,400. The Operating Budget Request FY13 is \$1,751,500 and the Capital Operating Budget Request FY13 is \$9,100.

Commissioner Starling made a motion to add two (2) additional early voting sites for August in the Bellevue and Hickory Hollow areas. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Commissioner Bryan made a motion to approve the budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abernathy and passed unanimously.

**Administrator’s Reports:**

- Re-districting update-** ahead of schedule; will be updating database addresses to USPS standards
- Photo ID update-** continued work with the State Election commission regarding last minute details/ training every poll official on Photo ID
- Background check for temporaries** - Joan Nixon and Lionel Barrett are responsible for background checks on two brand new temporary employees.
- Sample ballot and Early Voting schedule** – to appear in Tennessean on February 10, 2012

**Any old/new business:** None stated at this time

**Set date for next meeting:** The next meeting was scheduled for March 21, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

**Review registration cards:** This agenda item deferred to March 21, 2012 meeting.

**Lock Early Voting ballot boxes:** Commissioners Abernathy and Starling will lock ballot boxes after Commission meeting.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned.

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Lynn Greer, Chairman

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A J Starling, Secretary

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Patricia Heim, Member

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Steve Abernathy, Member

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Eddie Bryan, Member