

Davidson County Election Commission

March 28, 2025 3:00 p.m.

The Davidson County Election Commission (DCEC) met at 3:00 p.m. at the Howard Office Building in the Sonny West Conference Room. Commissioners Jim DeLanis, Tricia Herzfeld, Dan Davis, and A. J. Starling were present. Commissioner Butch Burns was not in attendance.

Nicki Eke of the Metropolitan Department of Law was also present.

DCEC staff members present included Administrator of Elections (AOE) Jeff Roberts, Lisa Pierce, Will French, Elizabeth McPencow, Laurie Grafton, Rick Brown, and Kelley Harrison.

Chairman DeLanis convened the meeting.

Public Comment

None

Approve minutes from February 24, 2025 meeting

Motion stated: Commissioner Starling made a motion to approve the minutes from February 24, 2025.

Seconded by: Commissioner Davis

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Discuss/approve FY 2025/2026 budget

AOE Roberts asked the Commission to review both the Election Commission operating budget, and the 2026 Election Day and Early Voting budgets enclosed in their packets.

Discussion ensued.

Motion stated: Commissioner Starling made a motion to approve the budgets as presented.

Seconded by: Commissioner Davis

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Review available options for 2025 relocation of Election Commission Main Office and approve new site

AOE Roberts reported that due to the expansion of the Nashville International Airport, tenants at the Metro Southeast Facility must relocate. Discussions have been ongoing with Metro General Services to move the DCEC Main Office by the end of 2025/before the 2026 election season.

Commissioners reviewed reports from visits to potential new office locations (Metrocenter/Vantage Way, Oaks Tower/Kermit Drive, Landers Plaza/Atrium Way, Airways Plaza/Murfreesboro Pike).

Discussion ensued regarding security, signage, parking, lease term, office design, timing of buildout, timing of move, and costs.

Gerald Smith, Director of Metro General Services, addressed questions from the Commission. General Services to pursue Airways Plaza/Murfreesboro Pike (Building One/3rd floor) as potential new office location.

AOE Report

- Currently awaiting guidance from the Secretary of State regarding an Executive Order issued by the White House
- At the end of February, approximately 68K voters were removed from the voter roll due to no activity on their record during the period between the last two (2) November elections
- 1,312 letters regarding citizenship have been mailed; 1,171 recipients have not responded/provided documentation of citizenship
- In April, those 1,171 registered voters who have not responded will be removed from the DCEC voter roll

Chairman DeLanis acknowledged Commissioners Herzfeld and Starling for their years of service to the Davidson County Election Commission. Well wishes were given on their future endeavors.

Schedule next meeting

Call of the Chair

Adjourn

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

Seconded by: Commissioner Starling

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Secretary