

Davidson County Election Commission

April 25, 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 Center. Commissioners Butch Burns, Kenny Byrd, Dan Davis, Jenean Davis, and Betty Lynn Duley were present.

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

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

Commissioner Betty Lynn Duley convened the meeting.

Public Comments

James Garrett

A.J. Starling

Organize Commission

Motion stated: Commissioner Dan Davis nominated Commissioner Burns to serve as chairman of the commission.

Seconded by: Commissioner Byrd

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Commissioner Burns assumed the role of chairman and presiding officer, thanking former Commissioner Starling for his prior comments and years of service to the voters of Davidson County. He then called for nominations for secretary.

Motion stated: Commissioner Byrd nominated Commissioner Jenean Davis to serve as secretary of the commission.

Seconded by: Commissioner Dan Davis

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Commissioner Jenean Davis assumed the role of secretary.

Approve minutes from March 28, 2025 meeting

Motion stated: Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the minutes from March 28, 2025.

Seconded by: Commissioner Jenean Davis

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

AOE Report

- 76 new Poll Officials have completed orientation this year; 37 applicants have been scheduled for upcoming orientation sessions

- New DCEC office space update:
 - Lease is being finalized
 - Meetings with architects have been scheduled
 - Targeting October 2025 move
- Before the 2024 election cycle, commissioners waived the annual maximum number of leave hours allowed for DCEC staff to accrue. During 2025, staff are reducing leave hours.

Review Cards

AOE Roberts explained the process of reviewing voter registration applications to the newly appointed commissioners.

Commissioners reviewed 200 voter registration applications for accuracy in accordance with state law requirements.

Complete annual Sexual and Workplace Harassment PowerPoint training required by State Election Commission, as passed on January 11, 2021

Agenda item completed

Schedule next meeting

Call of the Chair

Commissioner Byrd thanked former Commissioner Tricia Herzfeld, former Commissioner Starling, and former Commissioner Jim DeLanis for their years of service. Commissioner Dan Davis thanked former Commissioner DeLanis for his guidance and Chairman Burns echoed his thanks.

Adjourn

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

Seconded by: Commissioner Duley

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Jenean Davis, Secretary