

Davidson County Election Commission

October 13, 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, Betty Lynn Duley, Dan Davis, and Kenny Byrd were present. Commissioner Jenean Davis was not present.

Nicki Eke of the Metropolitan Department of Law was present.

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

Chairman Burns convened the meeting.

Public Comments

None

Certify October 7, 2025 U.S. House of Representatives, District 7 Special Primary Election

Motion stated: Commissioner Dan Davis made a motion to certify the Republican returns from October 7, 2025 U.S. House of Representatives, District 7 Special Primary Election.

Seconded by: Commissioner Duley

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Motion stated: Commissioner Byrd made a motion to certify the Democratic returns from October 7, 2025 U.S. House of Representatives, District 7 Special Primary Election.

Seconded by: Commissioner Duley

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Davidson County Administrator of Elections (AOE) Search

Discussion ensued regarding the number of interviews and bringing back one (1) interviewee, John Richardson, for additional questions. Mr. Richardson was present via Webex.

Commissioner Bryd referenced follow-up information submitted by Mr. Richardson and asked that it be made a part of the record: letter of resignation from the Tennessee Republican Party's Executive Committee effective Monday, October 6, 2025, along with 7 letters of recommendation.

Further discussion ensued.

Motion stated: Commissioner Duley made a motion to appoint John Richardson as the Administrator of Elections for Davidson County.

Seconded by: Commissioner Dan Davis

Outcome of motion: Passed 4-0 (Commissioner Jenean Davis was absent)

Discuss scheduled meeting to certify December 2, 2025 Special General Election

The Commission meeting to certify the December 2, 2025 Special General Election was originally scheduled for December 8, 2025, but was changed to December 5, 2025, at the request of the State. Commissioner Byrd expressed concern about rushing to certify results so quickly after the December 2 election and whether staff would be challenged to research provisional ballots. AOE Roberts assured Commissioner Byrd the DCEC staff will be able to complete all research before the Provisional Counting Board meets on December 4, 2025.

AOE Roberts reminded the Commission they had tentatively scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, October 15, but based on actions taken to appoint John Richardson, recommended that meeting be canceled.

Commissioner Byrd confirmed he and Commissioner Duley will be present at MSE on October 15 at 9:00 a.m. to lock provisional bags and boxes.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission is:

Friday, December 5, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.
HOB, Sonny West Conference Center

Adjourn

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

Seconded by: Commissioner Dan Davis

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Attachments:

Summary of Election Results –
 Republican Primary – October 7, 2025 – U.S. House of Representatives District 7
 Democratic Primary – October 7, 2025 – U.S. House of Representatives District 7
Certification of Election Results –
 Special Republican Primary Election – October 7, 2025
 Special Democratic Primary Election – October 7, 2025
October 6, 2025 resignation letter from John Richardson to Tennessee Republican Party
October 5, 2025 letter of recommendation from Amanda Smithfield
October 6, 2025 letter of recommendation from Fabian Bedne
October 6, 2025 letter of recommendation from John W. Brunette, Jr.
October 7, 2025 letter of recommendation from Catherine A. McCarty, PhD
October 6, 2025 letter of recommendation from Jeff W. Buck
October 5, 2025 letter of recommendation from Cheryl Canzanella

Jenean Davis, Secretary