

Davidson County Election Commission

September 12, 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, Jenean Davis, Betty Lynn Duley, Dan Davis, and Kenny Byrd were present.

Nicki Eke and Hannah Zeitlin of the Metropolitan Department of Law were also present.

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

Chairman Burns convened the meeting.

Public Comments

James Garrett

Approve minutes from September 5, 2025 meeting

Motion stated: Commissioner Dan Davis made a motion to approve the minutes from September 5, 2025 as presented.

Seconded by: Commissioner Byrd

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Change date of Provisional Counting Board for December 2, 2025 Special General Election

Motion stated: Commissioner Dan Davis made a motion to change the date of Provisional Counting Board from Monday, December 8, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. to Thursday, December 4, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at Metro Southeast in the Green Hills Conference Room.

Seconded by: Commissioner Duley

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Call Berry Hill Municipal Election for Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Motion stated: Commissioner Dan Davis made a motion to call a Berry Hill Municipal Election for Tuesday, March 17, 2026 to elect two (2) City Commissioners.

Seconded by: Commissioner Byrd

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Davidson County Administrator of Elections (AOE) Search

AOE Roberts reported DCEC received forty-five (45) applications for the AOE position, and senior staff members recommended three (3) names to the Commission. The Commission has the option of scheduling interviews with these 3 applicants or re-opening the AOE search. They can also add names from the group of 45 applicants to the interview pool.

Motion stated: Commissioner Duley made a motion to re-open the AOE search for an additional four (4) weeks.

Seconded by: Commissioner Dan Davis

Discussion ensued.

Amended motion: Commissioner Duley amended her motion to re-open the AOE search for one (1) week beginning September 12, 2025 and ending at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, September 19, 2025.

Seconded by: Commissioner Dan Davis

Discussion ensued.

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Chairman Burns noted that the administrative process to be followed will be that the AOE search will be extended for one week from September 12 through 11:59 p.m. on September 19, and that AOE Roberts and staff will share new applications and submit recommendations to the Commission by the morning of Thursday, September 25. It is incumbent upon the Commission to get back with AOE Roberts by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 26 with any additional applicants from the pool to be included in the interview process.

AOE Report

- In response to Commissioner Byrd's question at the last meeting about bus service to Early Voting sites, information can be found on our website (Find 2025 Election Information>Find Where I Vote>Early Voting Locations) with one exception – there is no bus service to the Hillwood High School Early Voting location.
- Monthly voter registration statistics are now being reported on social media sites (X, Bluesky, Nextdoor, Facebook).

Commissioner Byrd referenced news reports of approximately @80,000 voters being purged from the rolls and asked AOE Roberts to explain the process. As an example, AOE Roberts said that notices were sent to voters following redistricting in Spring 2022, informing them of their new voting precinct. If notices were returned as undeliverable, the voter was put into Inactive status. If the individual voted in a subsequent election, their new address was verified, and they were returned to Active status. But if two November elections passed without activity by the voter, the voters were purged from the rolls in February/March of this year (2025). Two November elections have to pass, which is in both State and Federal law. AOE Roberts noted that if an individual goes to vote after being purged, they can vote a provisional ballot which requires completing a registration form. They would then be registered.

Reminder of scheduled meetings

*Monday, October 13, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.
HOB, Sonny West Conference Center*

*Friday, December 5, 2025 (Time TBD)
HOB, Sonny West Conference Center*

AOE Roberts suggested the Commission schedule an interview meeting. October 3 was discussed and decided that the interview meeting will be at the Call of the Chair.

Chairman Burns asked AOE Roberts to send information about the AOE search to State Coordinator Mark Goins to share with other counties.

Adjourn

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

Seconded by: Commissioner Jenean Davis

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Jenean Davis, Secretary