

Davidson County Election Commission

May 13, 2026 4:00 p.m.

The Davidson County Election Commission (DCEC) met at 4:00 p.m. at the Davidson County Election Commission Office, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 1281 Murfreesboro Pike (Airways Plaza). Commissioners Butch Burns, Jenean Davis, Betty Lynn Duley, Dan Davis, and Kenny Byrd were present.

Nicki Eke and Abby Greer of the Metropolitan Department of Law were also present.

DCEC staff members present included Administrator of Elections (AOE) John D. Richardson, Lisa Pierce, Elizabeth McPencow, Laurie Grafton, Alexandria Mitchell, Rick Brown, Renee Bordelon, Will French, Jeremy Greene, Sandy Troope, Ruby Kinkel, and Kelley Harrison.

Chairman Burns convened the meeting.

Public Comments

Manaen Hall
Shani Glapion
James Garrett

Approve Minutes from April 16, 2026 Meeting

Motion stated: Commissioner Byrd moved to approve the minutes from April 16, 2026 meeting as presented.

Seconded by: Commissioner Jenean Davis

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Certify May 5, 2026 County Primary Election

AOE Richardson reported a lower than anticipated turnout; less than 10% of Davidson County voters participated in the County Primary Election. The feedback was positive for the overall election. Discussion ensued.

Motion stated: Commissioner Byrd moved to certify the May 5, 2026 County Primary Election.

Seconded by: Commissioner Dan Davis

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Discuss Congressional Redistricting in Davidson County

AOE Richardson reported with the recent redistricting legislation changes, the DCEC has created a special redistricting team to keep the business of running Davidson County elections on track for the upcoming August and November elections.

DCEC has developed a six-step process: Step 1 – GIS Data Entry & District Boundary Mapping; Step 2 – Voter Registration Database Update; Step 3- Accuracy Reviews; Step 4- Print New Voter Registration Cards; Step 5 – Mail Voter Registration Cards; and Step 6- Media Outreach & Voter Education.

Discussion ensued.

Approve Poll Officials for August 6, 2026 State and Federal Primary, County General, and Oak Hill Municipal Election

Motion stated: Commissioner Dan Davis moved to approve the entire list of Poll Officials to be used in their needed capacity for the August 6, 2026 State and Federal Primary, County General, and Oak Hill Municipal Election.

Seconded by: Commissioner Duley

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Schedule locking of provisional ballot security bags and absentee ballot security boxes for August 6, 2026 elections

Motion stated: Commissioner Dan Davis moved to schedule locking of provisional ballot security bags and absentee ballot security boxes for August 6, 2026 election for Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the DCEC Conference Room as recommended by DCEC staff.

Seconded by: Commissioner Jenean Davis

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Schedule Absentee Counting Board for August 6, 2026 elections

Motion stated: Commissioner Dan Davis moved to schedule the meeting of the Absentee Counting Board for Thursday, August 6, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the DCEC Conference Room as recommended by DCEC staff.

Seconded by: Commissioner Byrd

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Schedule opening of provisional ballot security bags for August 6, 2026 elections

Motion stated: Commissioner Dan Davis moved to schedule opening of provisional ballot security bags for August 6, 2026 elections for Friday, August 7, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the DCEC Conference Room as recommended by DCEC staff.

Seconded by: Commissioner Byrd

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Schedule Provisional Counting Board for August 6, 2026 elections

Motion stated: Commissioner Dan Davis moved to schedule the meeting of the Provisional Counting Board for Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the DCEC Conference Room as recommended by DCEC staff.

Seconded by: Commissioner Byrd

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Schedule meeting to certify August 6, 2026 election

Motion stated: Commissioner Dan Davis moved to schedule the meeting to certify August 6, 2026 election for Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. in the DCEC Conference Room as recommended by DCEC staff.

Seconded by: Commissioner Byrd

Commissioner Byrd asked if the time could be changed to 2:00 p.m.

Motion stated: Commissioner Dan Davis amended his previous motion to change the time from 3:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Seconded by: Commissioner Byrd

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

AOE Report

- AOE Richardson acknowledged Elizabeth McPencow, Laurie Grafton, Donticia Robinson, Gail Loudon, Ruby Kinkle, Kourtney Clark and over one thousand Poll Officials who made the May 5, 2026 County Election a huge success.
- AOE Richardson thanked Nashville media in assisting with getting important information out to Nashville's voters regarding all the redistricting changes.

Review Voter Registration Cards

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

Adjourn

With no further election business to discuss, Commissioner Byrd moved to adjourn.

Seconded by: Commissioner Jenean Davis

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Jenean Davis, Secretary