Davidson County Election Commission

October 16, 2026 10:00 a.m.

The Davidson County Election Commission (DCEC) met at 10:00 a.m. at the Davidson County Election Commission Office, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 1281 Murfreesboro Pike, Nashville, TN 37217. Commissioners Butch Burns, Jenean Davis, Kenny Byrd, Dan Davis, and Betty Lynn Duley were present.

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

DCEC staff members present included Administrator of Elections John D. Richardson, Lisa Pierce, Alexandria Mitchell, Kourtney Clark, Ruby Kinkel, Laurie Grafton, Rick Brown, Renee Bordelon, and Kelley Harrison.

Chairman Burns convened the meeting.

Before the meeting proceeded, Commissioner Byrd asked those in attendance to observe a moment of silence for former DCEC Commissioner Tricia Herzfeld for the unexpected loss of her son.

Public Comments

Mike Kopp, Heidi Basgall Favorite, Stephen Loftin, John Spragens, Michael Cottone, Jamie Hollin, Council Member Sheri Weiner, Shane Smiley, Saul Solomon, Kevin Wisniewski, Council Member Olivia Hill, James B. Garrett, Christine Hall, Council Member Jordan Huffman, and Council Member Terry Vo.

Approve Minutes from September 2, 2026 Meeting

Motion stated: Commissioner Byrd moved to approve the minutes from September 2, 2026 meeting as presented.
Seconded by: Commissioner Duley
Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Review the Charter Revision Petition Signature Verification Process and Results

AOE Richardson explained the petition signature verification process. The mission of the assembled team was to complete a timely, consistent, impartial, and documented review of the submitted petition signatures.
14,984 pages were numbered and scanned to protect the integrity of the information received by the Metro Clerk's office.
75,246 signatures were reviewed and recorded in the Davidson County Election Commission voter registration database.
27,567 signatures were rejected and 47,679 signatures were accepted.

Certify the Results of the Charter Revision Petition Signature Verification Process and Authorize the Administrator of Elections to File the Written Certification of Results with the Metro Clerk

Motion stated: Commissioner Jenean Davis moved to certify the results of the Charter Revision Petition Signature Verification Process and authorize AOE Richardson to file the written certification of results with the Metro Clerk stating 47,679 registered voters of Davidson County signed the petition.
Seconded by: Chairman Burns
Outcome of motion: Passed 4-0 with Commissioner Dan Davis abstaining from the vote

AOE Report

- AOE Richardson asked everyone in attendance to take advantage of Early Voting at the DCEC office.
- AOE Richardson expressed his gratitude to staff members and Poll Officials for their work completing the petition verification process.
- Commissioner Byrd thanked the team and AOE Richardson and encouraged the audience to register to vote and vote.
- Commissioner Dan Davis echoed Commissioner Byrd's comments.

Confirm Next Scheduled Meeting

Tuesday, November 3, 2026 at 8:00 p.m.
Location: Reid Lovell Training Room
2453 Murfreesboro Pike

Adjourn

With no further election business to discuss, Commissioner Byrd moved to adjourn.
Seconded by: Commissioner Jenean Davis
Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

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Jenean Davis, Secretary