

SHELBY COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 19, 2019

APPROVED

Regular Meeting of the Shelby County Election Commission that was held on March 19, 2019, at 4:00 pm at the Election Operations Center, 980 Nixon Drive.

**CALLED TO ORDER:** Chairman Meyers      **Time:** 4:02 pm

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Commissioner Lester, Commissioner Nollner, Commissioner Stamson and Commissioner Tate

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 19, 2019 MINUTES**

**MOTION STATED:** Commissioner Nollner made motion to approve February 19, 2019 minutes as presented

**SECONDED BY** Commissioner Stamson

**OUTCOME OF MOTION:** Passed unanimously

**CERTIFY MARCH 12, 2019 ELECTION RESULTS**

**MOTION STATED:** Commissioner Nollner made motion to approve March 12, 2019 Election results as presented.

**SECONDED BY** Commissioner Stamson

**APPROVED:** Passed unanimously

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Given by Attorney Varela

- **John Barzizza vs SCEC**  
A consent order was filed to allow the plaintiffs to review the absentee and provisional ballots.
- **Shelby Advocates for Valid Elections(S.A.V.E.) vs Tre Hargett and SCEC**  
State and SCEC filed a motion to dismiss. Plaintiff filed a motion to strike our motion to dismiss. State is preparing a response and we plan to join with the State.

**ACTION ITEM:**

Chairman Meyers inquired about the day and time Mr. Barzizza attorneys plan to review the absentee and provisional ballots. Attorney Varela informed the Chairman that the day and time have not be scheduled.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT (SEE ATTACHMENT):**

Given by Mrs. Phillips.

The following items were discussed:

- High School registration drives
- The City of Memphis Police Association petitions update
- Appeal of rejected VR applications
- New full-time Democratic machine technician appointee
- Private & school elections
- New building sign update
- Website update
- SB 1356 / HB 1355
- HB 145 / SB 193
- HB 195 / SB 74
- HB 312 / SB 240
- HB 554 / SB 825
- HB 1432 / SB 1012
- HB 46 / SB 761
- HB 547 / SB 589
- HB 1273 / SB 1500
- League of Women Voters Soapbox dinner

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- EC security
- Upcoming Events

**ACTION ITEM:**

Commissioner Nollner inquired about any action to extend the parking lot at Nixon.  
Commissioner Lester inquired about updating the election information on website. AOE, Linda Phillips informed Commissioner Lester that the website would be updated as election dates are confirmed.  
Commissioner Lester inquired an update on all issue with the new VR system. AOE, Linda Phillips informed Commissioner Lester that not all issues have been resolved but we are still working toward a resolution.  
*Discussion followed.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Each visitor was given 3 minutes to speak

- Rose Ann Bradley

**OLD / NEW BUSINESS:**

**Old:** None

**New:** Commissioner Lester expressed gratitude for the years served on the board.  
Commissioner Nollner expressed gratitude for the years served on the board.  
Chairman Meyers expressed gratitude for the years served on the board. Mr. Meyers also prepared a written statement please see below:

***ELECTION COMMISSION GOODBYE***

*From Chairman Robert Meyers*

*I have had the privilege of serving the citizens of Shelby County as an Election Commissioner since 2008 and as Chairman since 2011. As some of you know, my time on the Election Commission is coming to a close.*

*As I reflect on my time with the Election Commission particular words keep coming to mind, grateful, thankful, honored and inspired.*

*I am **grateful** to the Shelby County Republican legislators for recommending to the State Election Commission that I serve as an Election Commissioner. I am **thankful** the State Election Commission appointed me to this position. I was **honored** to serve with my fellow Commissioners for 11 years and also **honored** to have been selected by them as their Chairman for the past 9 years.*

*But mostly, I have been **inspired** by the hard work of and total dedication of those associated with the Election Commission's day-to-day operations: from former AOE Richard Holden to current AOE Linda Philips, Deputy AOE Joe Young, Managers Al Holmes, Carla Lytle, Genine Taylor, my fellow Election Commissioners, as well as full-time, part-time and seasonal staff – who all work tirelessly for the voters of Shelby County.*

*What most people don't know about the Election Commission is that it is made up of Republicans and Democrats who work together to administer each and every election in Shelby County - where we have lots of elections.*

*As my time on the Election Commission comes to an end, I would like to thank our staff, managers and Administrators for their hard work and dedication to our election process. I also thank my fellow Commissioners for their dedication, hard work and friendship, and thank our legislators and the State Election Commission for giving me this opportunity to serve our community.*

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*It has always been my goal to hold fair, efficient and transparent elections that support the American belief in democracy and our Republic. I am proud to say that we met this goal during my tenure on the Election Commission.*

*I wish the Election Commission continued success in the years ahead. I am always available to anyone if there is any issue I can provide assistance on. I have been humbled to be your Chairman - thank you.*

Plaques were presented to all retirees.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Regular Commission Meeting scheduled for April 16, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Postponed for next regular scheduled meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting was adjourned.

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Linda Phillips, AOE	Rose Ann Bradley
Joe Young, Chief Deputy AOE	Barbara Williams
Deborah Upchurch, Staff	Peg Watkins
Diana George, Staff	Suzanne Thompson- Cozza
Pam Gentry, Staff	Michael Hewlett
Henry Boozer, Jr., Staff	Janice Banks
Jackie Trobee, Staff	Hsuan-Hsin Abraham Lin
Sylvia Hampton, Staff	
Sharon Logan, Staff	
Linda Allen	
Janice Mitchell	
Kimberly Wilburns	
Beverly McCarthey	
Brent Taylor	
Bennie Smith	
Leonard Hopkins, ITS	
Attorney Ryder	
Attorney Varela	
Attorney Bibbs	
Attorney Hagler	

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Steve Stamson, Chairman

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Anthony Tate, Secretary

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