

SHELBY COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 25, 2021

The regular meeting of the Shelby County Election Commission was held on May 25, 2021 at the Sheriff's Training Center at 4pm.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Chairman Taylor at 4:04pm.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commissioners Uhlhorn, Stamson, Smith and Lee.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Linda Phillips, AOE	Jacob Swatley, attorney
Joe Young, DAOE	Carol Collinsworth, staff
John Ryder, attorney	Stacey Scott, staff
Pablo Varela, attorney	Ron Boozer, staff
Monice Hagler, attorney	Richard Roberson, staff

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF APRIL 13, 2021 MINUTES:

MOTION STATED: Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes.

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Stamson

OUTCOME OF MOTION: Passed unanimously

CEREMONIAL SWEARING-IN OF COMMISSIONERS BY THE HONORABLE TARIK B. SUGARMON.

PRESENTATION OF A PLAQUE TO OUTGOING COMMISSIONER ANTHONY TATE AND A PROCLAMATION FROM THE SHELBY COUNTY MAYOR.

PRESENTATION OF A PLAQUE TO OUTGOING CHAIRMAN STEVE STAMSON AND A PROCLAMATION FROM THE SHELBY COUNTY MAYOR.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Charlotte Wheeler
Vicki Pedron
Janis Kimbrough
Sarah Freeman

RESOLUTION 2021-4 CONFIRMATION OF ORGANIZATION OF THE SCEC COMMISSION:

MOTION STATED: Commissioner Smith

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Uhlhorn

OUTCOME OF MOTION: Passed unanimously

RESOLUTION 2021-2 CONFIRMING MEETING DATES FOR 2021 & 2022

MOTION STATED: Commissioner Smith

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Lee

OUTCOME OF MOTION: Passed unanimously

DISCUSSION OF POSTING OF PUBLIC RECORDS:

Minutes will be posted by noon of the second day after they are approved.

Audio of meetings will be posted, place to be determined.

Live Streaming of meetings will be researched. Testing facebook live.

Public Comment: Sarah Freeman

MOTION STATED: Minutes will be posted by noon the second day following approval.

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Lee

OUTCOME OF MOTION: Passed unanimously

Discussion of how to handle public comments on live stream vs in person.

RESOLUTION 2021-3 CONFIRMING DATES TO LOCK AND UNLOCK BALLOT BOXES AND BAGS:

MOTION STATED: Commissioner Smith moved that the schedule will be helpful.

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Uhlhorn

OUTCOME OF MOTION: Passed unanimously

VOTER REGISTRATION APPEALS:

Sandra Ware appealed the rejection of her voter registration. She incorrectly checked the felon box. After researching it, she is not a felon and Administrator Phillips recommended approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Stamson moved to approve the new voter registration

SECONDED BY: Commission Uhlhorn

OUTCOME OF MOTION: Passed unanimously

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:

Implementing an agenda review committee/meeting.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

No active litigation.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

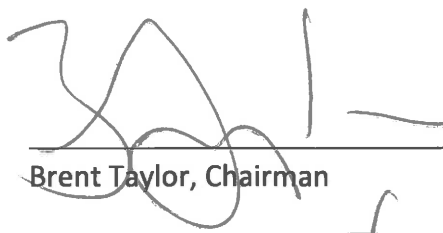
Attached.

OLD BUSINESS: none

ADJOURNMENT:

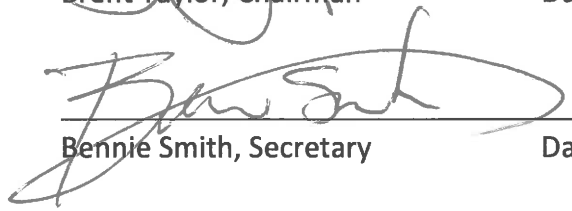
Motion made to adjourn by Commission Stamson, seconded by Commissioner Uhlhorn.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20pm.



Brent Taylor, Chairman

Date



Bennie Smith, Secretary

Date



Shelby County Election Commission

Administrator of Elections Monthly Report May 2021

Voter and Candidate Services

- We are continuing to do the list maintenance required under TCA§2-2-106. A detailed explanation of the process is on ShelbyVote.com under the SCEC tab.
- Delinquent campaign finance reports – In your folders is a list of the 2020 election cycle delinquent campaign finance. These candidates have ignored several letters, so the next step is to send them a letter by certified mail. If they fail to respond by the deadline, their names will be sent to the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance.

Operations Department

- We are continuing to search for polling places.
- The vault was cleaned out and organized. Material from elections older than 22 months were sent to be shredded.
- The existing voting machines are being inventoried for required repairs. We are anticipating that they will be used again in 2022, so we will try to get them repaired before the end of the calendar year.

Administrator

- **ElectionsShelbyTN.gov** - We have applied for a .gov domain name. We have received two of the three levels of approval necessary and are waiting for the third. Once that approval is completed and various technical things happen, IT will redirect our existing website to the .gov domain. Anyone who goes to any of our other domains will be automatically redirected to the .gov site. Once we have the approval, we will begin reprinting things that reference our website.
- **Website Update** - We are working on the copy for a new section of the website – Election Security. We will be moving some subpages from the SCEC tab and devoting a page to myths.

- **Budget** – nothing definitive. Commissioner Turner sponsored our four additional budget requests; the Commission has discussed the budget amendments but has not voted on any.
- **Work from Home Update** - Most employees have returned to the office; the rest are scheduled to do so on June 1st.
- **Legislation** – the Legislature completed their work with surprisingly few changes to election law.
 - **SB1315/HB1276** - Requires that absentee by mail ballots, other than UOCAVA ballots sent electronically, will be required to be watermarked. This will add about 5¢ to the cost of the ballot stock.
 - **SB1534/HB0966** – Generally prohibits any private or grant funding of elections without approval without the approval of the Secretary of State. This would exclude the use of a privately owned polling place without charge, election information advertising, volunteer labor by citizens of TN, pens, sanitizer, or nominal items.
 - **SB419/HB722** - Conflict of interest when an immediate family member of the county election commission runs for office. The commissioner cannot vote on any issue related to the candidate and must be temporarily replaced for the 30 days prior to the election.
- **November, 2022 Ballot** - There will be at least three constitutional amendments on the November ballot. They are SJR0002, SJR0010, and SJR0080. The full text of these amendments can be found on the TN Secretary of State website. There are two other proposed amendments that have been passed in one session; if passed next year, there will be five amendments on the ballot.
- **Election Law Seminar** – September 28, 2022. This will be a virtual meeting.
- **Days to Upcoming Events:**
 - First Day to Issue Petitions for the May Primary – 209 Days
 - Deadline for Redistricting – 220 Days
 - Voter Registration Deadline for the May Primary – 314 Days
 - Primary Election – 343 Days