



# Shelby County Election Commission

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### STATE ELECTION BOARD APPOINTS NEW COMMISSIONERS

April 3, 2019 (Memphis, Tenn.) Monday, April 1, the Tennessee Board of Elections appointed three new commissioners to the Shelby County Election Commission.

The new commissioners will be sworn in by General Sessions Judge Chris Turner at the next monthly meeting of the Election Commission. The meeting will be on April 16 at 4 p.m., at the O.C. Pleasant Operations Center located at 980 Nixon Dr.

The two new Republican Commissioners are Brent Taylor and Matthew Price.

Taylor is no stranger to public service. In 1995, he was elected to the Memphis City Council. He went on to become Chairman of the council and retired in 2003. In 2011, he was appointed as a commissioner to the Shelby County Board of Commissioners. Taylor is president of Brentwood Funeral Services, which owns and operates funeral homes in North Mississippi and West Tennessee.

Price is Lead Legal Counsel at Federal Express Corp., where he works on government investigations, fraud matters and compliance initiatives. Prior to joining Federal Express Corp. Price worked as a prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's office in the Western District of Tennessee. He has served as the Chief Prosecuting Attorney for the City of Germantown Since 2014.

Taylor and Price will replace Dee Nollner and Robert Meyers.

Bennie J. Smith is the new Democratic commissioner. He works in analytics for FedEx Express. Prior to that, he worked as a financial analytics manager for ABB, an engineering firm. He also operates Smartsoft, a computer consulting firm. Smith is known for his micro-targeting application and predictive analytics method to forecast voter turnout. He is replacing Commissioner Norma Lester.

Commissioners Steve Stamson and Anthony Tate were both reappointed.

The Commissioners will elect a new chairman at the meeting on April 16.

Commissioners serve a two-year term.

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Robert D. Meyers  
*Chairman*

Norma Lester  
*Secretary*

Dee Nollner

Steve Stamson

Anthony Tate  
*Members*

Linda A. Phillips  
*Administrator*

Joe Wm. Young II  
*Deputy Administrator*