

SHELBY COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 17, 2015

APPROVED

The Regular Meeting of the Shelby County Election Commission was held on November 17, 2015 at 4:00 PM at the Election Operations Center, 980 Nixon Drive. All Commissioners were present with Chairman Meyers arriving late at 4:29 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Nollner at 4:24 p.m.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 23, 2015 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Lester moved to approve the October 23, 2015 minutes. Commissioner Tate seconded. Commissioner Lester noted there was no summary of comments from speakers addressing Commission in last meeting. In that this is contrary to practice want to make sure we are consistent going forward. Minutes were unanimously approved.

ATTORNEYS' REPORTS

Mr. Ryder: There are 2 matters pending. There has been no change in status in the Early Storey suit since the last meeting. To recap briefly, Early Storey is a convicted felon whose rights had been restored with some resulting confusion over his voter registration number and his felony record number. This case is being defended by the Attorney General's office and they have submitted a motion to dismiss.

Wanda Halbert has filed suit to contest the October 8, 2015 Memphis Municipal Election. Mr. Ryder requests an executive session with the Commissioners later in the meeting to discuss litigation strategy.

Ms. Hagler: No report

Mr. Bibbs: No report

OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT - ATTACHED

Action Items:

Commissioners questioned Mr. Brown regarding training of election officials and how the trainers will be trained. Mr. Brown agreed that full time staff needs to be more involved in training the trainers and monitoring the trainers throughout the process.

Also, Commissioners Nollner and Tate requested envelopes be provided for each precinct as they open the ballot boxes.

A resolution will be prepared for the next commission meeting to move the early voting location from Shiloh Baptist Church to Ed Rice Community Center.

Regarding campaign worker behavior complaints, Commissioners requested lists of the sites with the most complaints regarding aggressive/intimidating behavior and additional presence of County Sheriff's deputies will be provided.

Mr. Brown explained changes made to have multiple screens available to Commissioners, Staff and the public that would display when each memory card for each precinct was uploaded.

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Commissioner Stamson requested utilizing auditors already on-site to monitor this process and be given a list of precincts and the corresponding number of memory cards to provide another level of overview.

VOTER & CANDIDATE SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT - ATTACHED

ADMINISTRATOR OF ELECTIONS REPORT - ATTACHED

Action Items:

As the voting machines currently in use by the SCEC are aging, Chairman Meyers requested that continued availability of parts and maintenance support for the existing machines through 2020 be verified with ES&S. Commissioner Lester feels that along those lines of aging machines, the SCEC should begin thinking along the lines of funding for replacing the current voting machines.

Commissioner Lester requested a car be requested in the FY17 budget. Commissioner Nollner requests funding for additional surveillance at both locations be included.

Chairman Meyers asked Ms. Crosno to maintain communication with the County Commission and the Election Commissioners in regards to the date and time of the SCEC budget presentation to the County Commission.

MEETING SUSPENDED FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION TO MEET WITH ATTORNEYS REGARDING LEGAL STRATEGY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Commission Meeting scheduled for 12:00 P.M. Monday, December 7, 2015 to certify the November 19, 2015 Memphis City Council Run-off Election. There will be no committee meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned.

Others in attendance:

Rich Holden, Administrator
Joe Young, Deputy Administrator
Darral Brown, Ops Manager
Dan Dow, VCS Manager
Pam Crosno, Staff
Carlos Bibbs, Attorney
Monice Hagler, Attorney
John Ryder, Attorney
Pablo Varela, Attorney
Rose Bradley
Joseph Weinberg
Larry Pirnick
Matt Young, WMC-TV

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Robert Meyers, Chairman

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Norma Lester, Secretary

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