

SHELBY COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 16, 2019

APPROVED

Regular Meeting of the Shelby County Election Commission was held on April 16, 2019, at 4:00 pm at the Election Operations Center, 980 Nixon Drive.

**THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER:** Commissioner Stamson      **Time:** 4:02 pm  
**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Commissioner Price, Commissioner Taylor, Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Tate

ORGANIZATION OF COMMISSION

ELECT CHAIRMAN

**MOTION STATED:** Commissioner Taylor made motion to nominate Steve Stamson as chairman  
**SECONDED BY** Commissioner Price  
**OUTCOME OF MOTION:** Passed unanimously

ELECT SECRETARY

**MOTION STATED:** Commissioner Smith made motion to nominate Anthony Tate as secretary  
**SECONDED BY** Commissioner Taylor  
**OUTCOME OF MOTION:** Passed unanimously

Chairman Stamson presided and called the regular meeting to order at 4:05 pm

APPROVAL OF MARCH 19, 2019 MINUTES

**MOTION STATED:** Commissioner Taylor made motion to approve March 19, 2019 minutes as presented  
**SECONDED BY** Commissioner Tate  
**OUTCOME OF MOTION:** Passed unanimously

VR APPLICATION APPEAL

**MOTION STATED:** Commissioner Taylor made motion to approve the recommend approval list and deny the recommend denial list as presented.  
**SECONDED BY** Commissioner Price  
**APPROVED:** Passed unanimously

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Given by Attorney Varela

- **Lowry vs. SCEC**  
Motion to dismiss hearing is scheduled for May 9, 2019.
- **Shelby Advocates for Valid Elections(S.A.V.E.) vs. Tre Hargett and SCEC**  
Hearing was held last week to address the plaintiff's motion filed. Plaintiff filed a second amendment complaint. Court denied our motion to dismiss. We are expecting the plaintiff to file another second amendment complaint. The State will review, and we will join with the State in filing a motion once a decision is made.
- **John Barzizza vs. SCEC**  
An order was entered, allowing the plaintiffs to review the absentee and provisional ballots. We are in the process of viewing the documents.
- **M. Latroy Alexandria-Williams vs. SCEC**  
Second lawsuit: Motion to dismiss was filed. TN Democratic Party have not set the motion hearing date as of yet.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT (SEE ATTACHMENT):

Given by Linda Phillips.

The following items were discussed:

- High School registration drive update

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- Online application for March
- Prep hours for Barzizza ballot review
- The City of Memphis Police Association petitions update
- March 12<sup>th</sup> Special Election cleanup completion
- Polling locations that are not available for October Memphis Municipal Election
- Polling location confirmation letters mail in prep for 2020 elections
- Processed poll worker applications
- Logged and disposed election related documents
- Private elections
- HB 965 / SB 1093
- HB 1079 / SB 971
- HB 28 / SB 71
- SB 1355 / HB 185
- HB 312 / SB 240
- HB 554 / SB 825
- HB 1432 / SB 1012
- HB 467 / SB 761
- HB 547 / SB 589
- SB 770 / HB 888
- HB 768 / SB 503
- VR system purchase update
- New Building Sign
- Pink Palace Memphis History Lecture by Jimmy Ogle
- Voter registration drive at Southern Women's Show
- Social media update
- Deputy registrar class
- "How to Run for Office" class
- Cellular tablet purchase
- List maintenance project (NCOA)
- Spring newsletter
- Office closed for Holiday
- Website update
- Upcoming Events

**ACTION ITEM:**

Chairman inquired about "All Detail Report". AOE Linda Phillips informed the Chairman that a meeting is scheduled for next week and a representative will be on site to address issues. Discussion followed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

**OLD / NEW BUSINESS:**

**Old:** Commissioner Smith:

- Inquired clarity about new VR system issues.
- Requested more clarification about the reason the new VR system is unable to produce the "All Detail Report".
- Requested clarity on "List Maintenance Project (NOCA)".
- Requested to be involved with resolving the report issues with the new VR system.

**New:** None

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Regular Commission Meeting scheduled for May 21, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Commission recessed the public meeting for an Executive Session to meet with legal counsel concerning the pending litigation. Chairman Stamson, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Tate, Commissioner Price, Commissioner Taylor, AOE Linda Phillips, Chief Deputy AOE Joe Young, Attorney Varela, and Attorney Hagler went into a private executive session. The public meeting resumed afterwards.

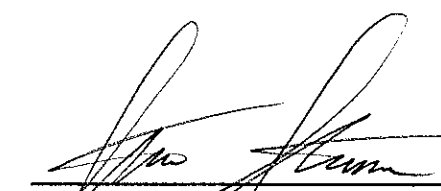
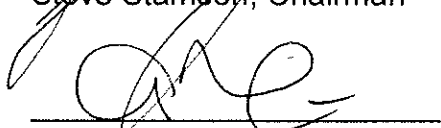
**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting was adjourned.

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Linda Phillips, AOE  
Joe Young, Chief Deputy AOE  
Genine Taylor, VCS Manager  
Carla Lytle, Operations Manager  
Deborah Upchurch, Staff  
Carol Collinsworth, Staff  
Leonard Hopkins, ITS  
Attorney Ryder  
Attorney Varela  
Attorney Bibbs  
Attorney Hagler

Rose Ann Bradley  
Barbara Williams  
Peggy Watkins  
Suzanne Thompson- Cozza  
Chris Tutor  
Janice Banks  
Earle Fisher  
Y. Nird.

 _____ Steve Stamson, Chairman	<u>5-21-2019</u> Date
 _____ Anthony Tate, Secretary	<u>5-21-19</u> Date



# Shelby County Election Commission

## Administrator of Elections Monthly Report May 2019

### Voter and Candidate Services

- High School Voter Registration – We contacted 106 schools and had 1,256 applications from the 38 events we conducted.
- The MPA project is taking most of our time: we have processed 29,211 valid signatures as of yesterday. We are hoping to have this finished for next month's meeting. The required number of signatures is 38,450.
- Yesterday was the first day to issue petitions for the City of Memphis Municipal Election. It was pretty much non-stop all day long; we issued a total of 34 petitions yesterday. It has slowed down a bit today.

### Operations Department

- We are continuing to search and confirm polling locations for the City of Memphis Election.
- Evaluations and help desk logs are being analyzed for areas to improve training.
- Conducted three private elections.
- Conducted the Civil Service Merit Board Election.
- Completed all of the paperwork necessary for employees supervising the inmates who work here to get the required training.
- Inventoried electronic poll books and voting machines that need repair.

### Legislative Update

- HB 1079/ SB 971 – Signed by the Governor; currently the subject of two lawsuits.

- This bill would regulate voter registration drives conducted by organizations that were **paying people to collect registrations**; they could not be paid a per form fee or required to meet a quota but could be paid by the hour. It requires on-line training. It exempts registration drives conducted by volunteers or organizations that have been authorized by the county election commission.
- It would require pollwatchers to be residents of Tennessee.
- It prohibits voting systems vendors from giving gifts, loans, or things of value to the State Election Commission, County Election Commissions or employees of election commissions, unless the item is a novelty such as a pin, button or similar item routinely given.
- It requires public communications, not from state or local government regarding voter registration to clearly show that the communication is not made in conjunction with or authorized by the Secretary of State.

## **Administrator**

- The new KnowInk Project Manager was in Memphis for 3 days to provide training and to better understand our business processes.
- We held two “How to Run for Office” classes on May 9<sup>th</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup> - about 25 people attended the two classes and they asked good questions.
- As you are aware, the Mayor's budget did not include any of the additions requested for our budget nor did it include funding for new voting machines in FY 2019. I will be going before the Commission tomorrow to explain the consequences of waiting until 2021 to replace the equipment. I am discussing with my managers ways that we can reallocate our existing resources to better accommodate our needs.
- We will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2019 in observance of Memorial Day
- Days to Upcoming Events:
  - Town of Arlington – 121 Days
  - City of Memphis – 135 Days
  - Presidential Preference Primary – 287 Days
  - County General/State Federal Primary – 443 Days
  - Presidential Election – 532 Days