

**SHELBY COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 20, 2018**

**APPROVED**

Regular Meeting of the Shelby County Election Commission was held on August 20, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. at the Election Operations Center, 980 Nixon Drive.

**CALLED TO ORDER:** Chairman Meyers      **Time:** 4:00 p.m.

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

**CERTIFY AUGUST 2, 2018 ELECTION RESULTS**

Commissioner Lester expressed her concerns about voters receiving the wrong ballot at the polls. Commissioner Lester chose to abstain her vote. She disclosed that in the past voters never had proof to support their claims but during August 2<sup>nd</sup> Election, there were several reputable people including elected officials who confirmed one particular voter received the wrong ballot. Commissioner Lester does not think what she saw will effect the outcome of the election. She also doesn't suspect any malfeasance. Commissioner Nollner asked the AOE to address Commissioner Lester's concern.

The AOE, Linda Phillips explained that all voters in Shelby County are assigned to the correct precincts splits according to the GIS, which is the most accurate way. She stated further that there could be issues because we have many precincts with multiple splits. Some splits are unavoidable but a lot are because of the 2012 precinct lines were not realigned with districts. Since all ballots are verified by the machine, the only way a voter can receive a wrong ballot is by human error. Human error is most prevalent in the absentee by mail process. An Election Day voter is almost guarantee to get the correct ballot. The machine programs the voter access cards, which bring up the correct ballot, the auditors have confirmed. People who claim to receive the wrong ballot don't know their district. Absentee process is more hands on and human error occurs more often. With the new VR system, this process will be more automated reducing human error. Mrs. Phillips feels confident that 99.9% of the voters received the correct ballot. Commissioner Lester acknowledged the discrepancy of the absentee ballot was corrected. However, the voter had the same issue on the machine. Councilwoman Patrice Robinson witnessed the same issue. Commissioner Lester stated she will encourage legislator to allow voters to take pictures of their ballot. Councilwoman Patrice Robinson was asked to state what she witnessed.

**MOTION STATED:** Commissioner Nollner made a motion to certify the August 2<sup>nd</sup> Election results.

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Stamson

**ABSTAINED:** Commissioner Lester

**OUTCOME OF MOTION:** Passed 4-0

**CERTIFICATION OF MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2018 ELECTION**

**Municipal and Independent Candidates who are eligible for Certification as**

<b>Office</b>	<b>Name</b>
<b>Arlington</b>	
Alderman - Position 1	W. C. "Bubba" Pleasant
Alderman - Position 3	David Parsons
School Board - Position 2	Erin Elliott Berry
<b>Bartlett</b>	
Alderman - Position 2	Mitch Arnold
Alderman - Position 2	Elliott Emily
Mayor	A. Keith McDonald
Mayor	John Lackey
School Board - Position 4	Bryan Woodruff

<b>Office</b>	<b>Name.</b>
<b>Collierville</b>	
Alderman - Position 1	William Boone
Alderman - Position 1	Maureen J. Fraser
Alderman - Position 2	Billy Patton
Alderman - Position 4	Tom Allen
Alderman - Position 4	Gregory D. Cotton
School Board - Position 2	Wanda Chism
School Board - Position 4	Frank Warren
School Board - Position 4	Eelco Van Wijk

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Office	Name
<b>Germantown</b>	
Alderman - Position 1	Scott Sanders
Alderman - Position 1	Brian D. White
Alderman - Position 2	Jeff Brown
Alderman - Position 2	Mary Anne Gibson
Mayor	John Barzizza
Mayor	Michael Palazzolo
School Board - Position 2	Brian Curry
School Board - Position 2	Elizabeth 'Betsy' Lander
School Board - Position 4	Angela R. Griffith
School Board - Position 4	Robyn Rey Rudisill

<b>Lakeland</b>	
Commissioner	Jeremy Clayton Burnett
Commissioner	Michele Dial
Commissioner	Clark Plunk
Commissioner	Michael Green
Commissioner	Richard A. Gonzales Jr.
Mayor	Michael Cunningham
Mayor	Wyatt Bunker
School Board	Deborah Thomas
School Board	Kevin Floyd
School Board	Laura Harrison
School Board	Zachary Coleman
School Board	Phillip Childs

Office	Name
<b>Millington</b>	
Alderman - Position 1	Bethany K. Huffman
Alderman -Position 2	Al Bell
Alderman -Position 3	Jon Crisp
Alderman -Position 4	Larry Dagen
School Board -Position 2	Cecilia "C.J." Haley
School Board -Position 2	Marlon D. Evans
School Board -Position 4	Cody Childress
School Board -Position 5	Barbara Halliburton
School Board -Position 5	Donald K. Holsinger
School Board -Position 6	Austin Brewer
School Board -Position 6	Larry C. Jackson

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**Candidates who Pulled Petitions but Filed for a Different Office or Did Not File by the Deadline**

Office	Name
<b>Collierville</b>	
School Board -Position 4	Molly Henderson

<b>Germantown</b>	
Alderman -Position 2	Charles Hanover
School Board -Position 4	Brian Curry

<b>Millington</b>	
Alderman -Position 1	Jon Crisp
Alderman -Position 2	Jon Crisp
Alderman -Position 4	Jon Crisp
School Board -Position 2	Donald K. Holsinger
School Board -Position 4	Donald K. Holsinger
Alderman -Position 3	Franklin Dakin
School Board -Position 4	Marlon D. Evans
School Board -Position 5	Marlon D. Evans

**MOTION STATED:** Commissioner Lester made a motion to certify the municipal and independent candidates for the November Election

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Stamson

**OUTCOME OF MOTION:** Passed unanimously

**POLICY FOR CAMPAIGN SIGNS FOR 980 NIXON**

Campaign sign placment policy to avoid hazard. Commissioner Stamson suggested the same policy for the downtown office.

**MOTION STATED:** Commissioner Tate made a motion to approve the campaign sign policy as presented by the Administrator.

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Stamson

**OUTCOME OF MOTION:** Passed unanimously

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**ELECTION NIGHT DISCUSSION**

a. Why Absentee Results were reported after 8:00am?

The AOE, Linda Phillips presented the 701 plan. The goal is to be able to report the absentee ballot results at 7:01. Discussion followed.

**PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION:**

a. Early Voting Sites

The public was allowed to voice their concerns and questions. Discussion followed.

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

Given by Linda Phillips.

The following items were discussed:

- VCS received 5,186 applications from Tennessee Black Voter Project.
- Public inspection of the Election Day machines
- Update on Voting Machine Replacement
- The Election Center Conference in New Orleans
- Voting Machine Demonstration
- User acceptance testing on our new VR system
- Dates to Upcoming Events

**OLD / NEW BUSINESS:**

**New Business-** Commissioner Lester inquired about remote access to VPN connect for the last four years. In addition, she would like to receive a quarterly remote access report. Discussion followed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Patrice Robinson  
David Kay  
Dell Gill  
Michael Cody  
Elaine Ervin  
Sanjeev Memula

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Regular Commission Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 18, 2018

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

**Executive Session:** The Commission recessed the public meeting for an Executive Session to meet with legal Counsel concerning pending litigation. Chairman Meyers, Commissioner Lester, Commissioner Nollner, Commissioner Stamson, Commissioner Tate, Linda Phillips, Joe Young, Carla Lytle, Genine Taylor, Attorney Ryder, Attorney Varela, and Attorney Hagler went into a private executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned after the executive session

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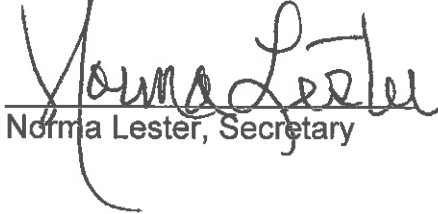
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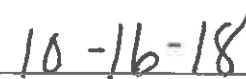
OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Linda Phillips, Administrator	Geoffrey Bates
Joe Young, Deputy Administrator	DB Kay
Carla Lytle, Operations Manager	Patrice Robinson
Genine Taylor, VCS Manager	Suzanne Burton
Deborah Upchurch, Staff	Joseph Weinberg
Audrey Joy, ITS	Authur McAnthony
Attorney Ryder	Rose A Bradley
Attorney Varela	Dell Gill
Attorney Hagler	Peg Watkins
Attorney Bibbs	Kevin McKenzie
Suzanne Thompson- Cozza	Christopher Williams
Janice Banks	Katrina Robinson
Wain Poole	Emily Fulmer
Dorothy Poole	Richard Klem
Barbara Williams	Anne Reef
Vicki Wade	Mary Green
Kayna Hanover	Elaine Ervin
Amy Spicer	Lillie Melton
Michael Cody	Sanjeev Memula
Kelli Cook	Dave Cambron
Terrance Smith	
Candice Jones	

  
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Robert Meyers, Chairman

  
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Norma Lester, Secretary

  
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