

SHELBY COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2019

APPROVED

Regular Meeting of the Shelby County Election Commission that was held on January 15, 2019, at 4:00 pm at the Election Operations Center, 980 Nixon Drive.

CALLED TO ORDER: Chairman Meyers **Time:** 4:02 pm

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

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 MINUTES

MOTION STATED: Commissioner Nollner made motion to approve September 25, 2018 minutes as presented

SECONDED BY Commissioner Stamson

OUTCOME OF MOTION: Passed unanimously

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 16, 2018 MINUTES

MOTION STATED: Commissioner Tate made motion to approve October 16, 2018 minutes as presented

SECONDED BY Commissioner Nollner

OUTCOME OF MOTION: Passed unanimously

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 26, 2018 MINUTES

Due to Commissioner Lester discrepancies with the motion written verbiage, this agenda item was tabled to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 18, 2018 MINUTES

MOTION STATED: Commissioner Stamson made motion to approve December 18, 2018 minutes as presented

SECONDED BY Commissioner Tate

OUTCOME OF MOTION: Passed unanimously

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Chairman Meyers inquired about the petition processed. Mrs. Phillips and Attorney Ryder provided steps and timelines according to the TN law.

Discussion followed.

BUDGET FY20:

Presented by Linda Phillips.

800901 EC- Administration

MOTION STATED: Commissioner Nollner made motion to approve FY20 Administration Budget as presented

SECONDED BY Commissioner Stamson

OUTCOME OF MOTION: Passed unanimously

ACTION ITEM:

Commissioner Lester requested a copy of the job description for the two new positions added to the proposed budget.

Discussion followed.

800907-Town of Arlington Election

MOTION STATED: Commissioner Tate made motion to approve FY20 Town of Arlington Election Budget as presented

SECONDED BY Commissioner Stamson

OUTCOME OF MOTION: Passed unanimously

Discussion followed.

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800905 – City of Memphis Election

MOTION STATED: Commissioner Stamson made motion to approve FY20 City of Memphis Election Budget as presented

SECONDED BY Commissioner Tate

OUTCOME OF MOTION: Passed unanimously

Discussion followed.

800903 – Presidential Preference Primary

MOTION STATED: Commissioner Tate made motion to approve FY20 Presidential Preference Primary Election Budget as presented

SECONDED BY Commissioner Stamson

OUTCOME OF MOTION: Passed unanimously

Discussion followed.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT (SEE ATTACHMENT):

Given by Mrs. Phillips.

The following items were discussed:

- Voter Application in District 32
- 110 UOCAVA ballots were mail by the deadline
- Ballotar printer setup
- Early Voting volume update
- Geocoding issue update
- The City of Memphis Police Association petitions
- Western TACEO meeting
- Upcoming Events

ACTION ITEM:

Commissioner Nollner requested a copy of the nursing home schedule.

Discussion followed.

OLD / NEW BUSINESS:

Old: Commissioner Lester expressed her concerns about the difficulties of receiving requested information.

Discussion followed.

New: Chairman Meyers informed the board that the State is either contemplating or proposed refining the registration laws regard third party registration deadline. Chairman Meyers also inquired about changing the registration deadline from thirty (30) days before Election Day to thirty (30) days before Early Voting.

Discussion followed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Each visitor was given 3 minutes to speak

- P. Mose
- Sanjeev Memula
- Rose Bradley
- Barbara Williams

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Special Commission Meeting scheduled for February 4, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.
- Regular Commission Meeting scheduled for February 19, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

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, Attorney Ryder, and Attorney Varela went into a private executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was resumed and adjourned after executive session.

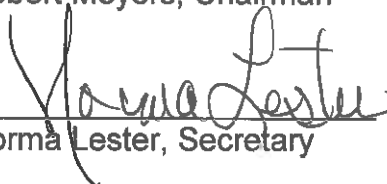
OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Linda Phillips, Administrator	Rose Ann Bradley
Joe Young, Chief Deputy Administrator	Barbara Williams
Deborah Upchurch, Staff	Suzanne Thompson- Cozza
Leonard Hopkins, ITS	Sanjeev Memula
Attorney Ryder	John Semien
Attorney Varela	Geoff Bates
Attorney Bibbs	Janice Banks
	James Mclellan
	P. Moses



Robert Meyers, Chairman

2/18/19
Date



Norma Lester, Secretary

2/19/19
Date



Shelby County Election Commission

Administrator of Elections Monthly Report January 2019

Voter and Candidate Services

- All of the District 32 Voter Applications were completed by the start of Early Voting. We should finish the backlog of non district 32 applications in about 2 more weeks.
- UOCAVA ballots were sent by the deadline. 90 went out via email and 20 were mailed.

Operations Department

- ES&S was on site to program/service the ballot printers.
- Early Voting has been extremely slow and problem free. As of close of early voting yesterday, here are the totals:

County	Voters in District 32	Republican	Democratic
Shelby	108,516	683	42
Tipton	40,580	1,778	46

Administrator

- The staff pitch-in dinner was well attended and everyone had a great time. Kudos to Diane George and the women in the EO office for their brilliant job of decorating in a very short time frame.

- All of the voters in District 32 that had geocode problems were fixed before the start of early voting. We have about 1400 more to fix; most of these are in the City of Memphis. We are still waiting on some guidance from the Coordinator's office about how to deal with geocoding dwellings that no longer exist.

- The City of Memphis Police Association (MPA) turned in petitions asking for a sales tax increase for Memphis. The MPA counted 19,661 pages and roughly 140,000 signatures. The first step in our process is to number the pages; we expect that task to take another couple of days. Once the pages are numbered, we can prepare the log sheets and begin processing. In order for a signature to be valid, the person signing must be a registered voter and their address must match their voter registration. If the voter's address on the petition does not match their voter registration, the signature is still valid if the address on the petition is in the same precinct that they are registered in. (TCA § 2-1-107 (a)). In order for the question to be on the ballot, the petitions must have valid signatures from 10% of the registered voters in the City of Memphis. As the number of registered voters changes daily, the statute specified that the count is based on the number of voters on the day the petitions are turned in. Yesterday, there were 384,495 registered voters in the city of Memphis, so the required number of valid signatures is 38,450. The question that everyone would like an answer to is how long it will take us to process these pages. At this moment, I do not know. In our old system, a skilled operator could process 150 – 200 signatures per day; I don't expect our new system will be much faster, since the bulk of the time isn't finding the voter, it is recording the results. So, we will work on this diligently but it will take as long as it takes. Obviously, the TN District 32 election is our priority.

- The Western TACEO meeting will be Thursday; I am going over in the morning and will return to Memphis that evening.

- Days to Upcoming Events:
 - TN District 32 Primary – 9 Days
 - TN District 32 General Election – 56 Days
 - Town of Arlington – 247Days
 - City of Memphis – 162 Days
 - Presidential Preference Primary – 413 Days