

SHELBY COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 31, 2018

APPROVED

Special Meeting of the Shelby County Election Commission was held on August 31, 2018, at 12:00 noon. at the Election Operations Center, 980 Nixon Drive.

**CALLED TO ORDER:** Chairman Meyers      **Time:** 12:15pm

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

**CANDIDATE NAME CHANGE ON BALLOT**

Elizabeth Landers appeared before the commission to request that her name be changed on the November ballot. Elizabeth Landers would like her name to be listed on the ballot as Betsy Landers.

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** Commissioner Stamson made motion to approve the name change on the November ballot.

**SECONDED BY** Commissioner Nollner

**OUTCOME OF MOTION:** Passed unanimously

**REFERENDUM ORDINANCE No. 5669,5676 AND 5677**

Add the City of Memphis referendum questions to the November 6, 2018 ballots.

**Question I:**

"Shall the Charter of the City of Memphis, Tennessee be amended to provide no person shall be eligible to hold or to be elected to the office of Mayor or Memphis City Council if any such person has served at any time more than three (3) consecutive four-year terms, except that service by persons elected or appointed to fill an unexpired four-year term shall not be counted as a full four-year term?"

I, Doug McGowen, Interim Director of Finance for the City of Memphis do hereby certify that the foregoing amendment shall have no impact on the annual revenues and expenditures of the City.

**Question II:**

"Shall the Charter of the City of Memphis, Tennessee be amended to repeal Instant Runoff Voting and to restore the election procedure existing prior to the 2008 Amendment for all City offices, and expressly retaining the 1991 federal ruling for persons elected to the Memphis City Council single-districts?"

I, Brian Collins, Director of Finance for the City of Memphis do hereby certify that without speculating about certain assumptions I cannot estimate whether the foregoing amendment will have any impact on the annual revenues and expenditures of the City.

**Question III:**

"Shall the Charter of the City of Memphis, Tennessee be amended to provide that in any municipal election held as required by law, the candidate receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared the winner, thereby eliminating run-off elections?"

I, Doug McGowen, Interim Director of Finance for the City of Memphis do hereby certify that the foregoing amendment shall have no impact on the annual revenues and expenditures of the City.

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** Commissioner Stamson made motion to accept the order from the Memphis City Council to add the three questions to the November ballot

**SECONDED BY** Commissioner Nollner

**ABSTAINED:** Commissioner Lester

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

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

Phillip Childs filed to withdraw his petition. Also, a clerical error was found. Bartlett Alderman Position 2 the candidates name was listed as Elliott Emily instead of Emily Elliott.

**MOTION STATED:** Commissioner Nollner made a motion to removed Mr. Childs name from the ballot and correct Mrs. Elliott's name.

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Stamson

**OUTCOME OF MOTION:** Passed unanimously

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**OLD / NEW BUSINESS:**

**New:** AOE informed the commission of a possible polling place change due to the closing of Ed Rice Community Center for mold problems.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Regular Commission Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Stamson made a motion to adjourn.

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Linda Phillips, Administrator  
Joe Young, Deputy Administrator  
Genine Taylor, VCS Manager  
Deborah Upchurch, Staff  
Leonard Hopkins, ITS  
Attorney Varela  
Attorney Hagler  
Suzanne Thompson- Cozza  
Betsy Lauders  
John Ueleke  
Kendra Lee  
Rose Ann Bradley  
Peggy Watkins  
Beverly Marrero  
Geoffrey Bates

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Robert Meyers, Chairman

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Norma Lester, Secretary

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