

SHELBY COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 18, 2015

APPROVED

The Regular Meeting of the Shelby County Election Commission was held on February 18, 2015 at 4:00 PM at the Election Operations Center, 980 Nixon Drive. All Commissioners were present.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Meyers at 4:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 21, 2015 AND JANUARY 28, 2015 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Nollner moved to approve the minutes with an addition to amend the minutes showing that Mr. Young did receive a raise correcting his statement in the previous meeting that he had not received the three percent (3%) raise. Commissioner Stamson seconded. Discussion followed regarding procedure in adding an amendment statement to correct Mr. Young's original statement, with Mr. Ryder clarifying that the Board could do that under Robert's Rules of Order. January 21, 2015 were approved with the correction/update that Mr. Young did receive the 3% raise.

Commissioner Stamson moved to approve the January 28, 2015 minutes. Commissioner Nollner seconded. The January 28, 2015 minutes were approved.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Hagler – no report

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Mr. Ryder reported that the pending litigation with Joe Brown et al vs. SCEC. The SCEC has filed a motion to have Judge Childers recused on the basis that all the other 12 trial judges recused themselves, which is that the complaint challenges the validity of the entire August, 2014 election and that was the election in which Judge Childers was elected. He was un-opposed so his feelings were that he was unaffected. For the sake of principal, Mr. Ryder felt we should be consistent in asking for the recusal in that we had requested that all other judges recuse themselves. Should the motion to recuse be granted, the Administrative Judge of the court (Judge Childers) will send a letter to the State Supreme Court which will assign a special judge from outside Shelby County. At that time we will file the motions to dismiss. Commissioner Lester asked about the time frame. Mr. Ryder explained that if the motion to recuse is denied, Judge Childers could rule on the motions to dismiss within 30 days. If the motion to recuse is granted, the time frame could extend for another two months.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Bibbs reported that while the City has no position on the matter of precinct consolidation, they are concerned with the method in which affected voters will be notified of any changes. Chairman Meyers said that Mr. Holden would address that during that item on the agenda.

OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT

VOTE ON PROPOSED PRECINCT CONSOLIDATION

Commissioner Nollner moved to approve **Resolution 2/15-2-3-101 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PRECINCT CONSOLIDATIONS**. Commissioner Lester seconded. Chairman Meyers presented the list of proposed consolidated precincts (addendum attached). Mr. Del Gill had requested to speak and was granted permission by the Chairman. He expressed concerns about how the

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SCEC will update the voter data base on Election Day and also the machine capacity at the larger sites. Chairman Meyers assured that voters would be duly notified and that there would be no additional paperwork for the affected voters on Election Day due to consolidation. As to the resources, it was explained that all resources would be re-allocated from the old precincts into the new consolidated precincts. Resources (voting machines, poll books and election officials) are determined and distributed by a ratio based on the number of registered voters. Changes will be published in the newspaper, each affected voter will receive notice in the mail and signage will be displayed at the affected polling locations.

Resolution 2/15-2-3-101 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PRECINCT CONSOLIDATIONS was approved.

VCS/HR COMMITTEE REPORT – ATTACHED

Given by Commissioner Stamson

Commissioner Lester reported that she met with the school board chair, Attorney Teresa Jones and Attorney Kimbrell and the board is going to issue a resolution that all schools participate in supplemental voting process. They requested Commissioner Lester and the Chairman be present for this meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR OF ELECTIONS REPORT

New facilities for the proposed consolidated precincts that were placed on hold at the Feb. 4, 2015 committee meeting are being researched and a full report will be given at the Mar. 4, 2015 committee meeting.

Lakeland Special Bond Issue Election – there was to have been a meeting Tuesday, February 17, 2015 to pass a resolution calling for a special election, which would have allowed the SCEC board to officially call the election at today's meeting. However, the Lakeland meeting was cancelled due to weather and rescheduled for Thursday, February 19, 2015. Therefore, the SCEC will need to schedule a special meeting to officially call the Lakeland Special Election once we receive their resolution, tentatively scheduled for April 16, 2015. Due to the Sunshine laws, should we receive the Lakeland resolution on Friday, February 20, 2015 the earliest to schedule a special meeting would be Tuesday, February 24, 2015. It was agreed to have a special meeting at noon at Tuesday, February 24, 2015.

Mr. Holden introduced Darral Brown as the new Operations Manager replacing Albert Holmes on his retirement. Mr. Holmes last day is Friday, February 27, 2015.

Commissioner Nollner asked for clarification regarding the budgetary items on the requested quote for cameras in the front reception areas. The quote was for two cameras and Commissioner Nollner wanted to make sure that it was two cameras at each location. Mr. Holden will respond via e-mail.

Chairman Meyers wanted to publically thank Mr. Holmes for his service to the Election Commission. All of our employees have been valuable and we've had good employees since before he was on the Election Commission, but Mr. Holmes' quiet leadership through the

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process that he observed both while he was an inspector, as a commissioner and as chairman has been inspiring. Mr. Holmes has a lot to be proud of and we were certainly lucky to have his service. Mr. Holmes, You are to be congratulated for your selflessness and dedication to this community and this Election Commission, so thank you very much.

Commissioner Lester asked for an update on obtaining a SCEC vehicle. Mr. Holden responded that we were pursuing this matter but had nothing concrete to report at this time.

Chairman Meyers requested an update from Mr. Young on the RFQ in process. Mr. Young had submitted to the Commissioners a revised RFQ and scorecard and asked for feedback. Once that feedback is finalized, the process can go forward. Commissioners approved the revised RFQ and reiterated that all Commissioners would like to be scorers.

There was a question regarding HAVA funds and when they would expire. Chairman Meyers will contact the Secretary of State for a definite deadline on the availability of the funds.

Commissioner Lester announced that Eddie Haley officially retired as of February 17, 2015 and wanted to officially recognize his years of service. She also requested that the position be posted as soon as possible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Meeting: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.

Next Committee Meetings:

Ops/Tech Committee Meeting – March 4, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

VCS/HR Committee Meeting – March 4, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting:

Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lester moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Stamson seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Others in attendance:

Rich Holden, Administrator

Joe Young, Deputy Administrator

Albert Holmes, Retiring Ops Manager

Dan Dow, VCS Manager

Darral Brown, new Ops Manager

Pam Crosno, Staff

Carlos Bibbs, Attorney

John Ryder, Attorney

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Monice Hagler, Attorney
Suzanne Thompson
Barbara Williams
Roscoe Dixon
Rose Bradley
Del Gill
Timothy Beacham