

**SUMNER COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 08, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.**

Members present: Secretary Patricia D. Collins, Commissioner Denise D. Shepherd and Commissioner Jeffery B. Hulsey. Also present: Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Secretary Patricia D. Collins (Acting Chairman) with a motion by Commissioner Hulsey, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, and the motion passed 3 - 0.

II. APPROVE AGENDA

The Agenda was approved with a motion by Commissioner Hulsey, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, and the motion passed 3 - 0.

Chairman Ehmling arrived at 4:03 p.m.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Hulsey made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 11, 2022 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Collins and the motion passed 4 - 0.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Fussell arrived at 4:07 p.m.

A. INSPECTION – APPEAL PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

Three appeals were presented to the Election Commission. The first applicant (CH) registering to vote checked “yes” to the “have you been convicted of a felony?” question. An appeal form was sent to the applicant. The applicant had his record expunged and his voting rights were restored. All Commissioners reviewed the documentation presented. Motion by Commissioner Hulsey, seconded by Commissioner Fussell, to allow the applicant to register to vote and the motion passed 5 – 0. The second applicant (VP) registering to vote checked “yes” to the “have you been convicted of a felony?” question. An appeal form was sent to the applicant. The applicant returned the appeal form and responded that the felony box was inadvertently marked and they were not in fact a felon. All

Commissioners reviewed the documentation presented. Motion by Commissioner Hulsey, seconded by Commissioner Collins to allow the applicant to register and the motion passed 5-0.

The third applicant (JD) registering to vote checked “yes” to the “have you been convicted of a felony?” question. An appeal form was sent to the applicant. The applicant returned the appeal form and responded that the felony box was inadvertently marked and they were not in fact a felon. All Commissioners reviewed the documentation presented. Motion by Commissioner Hulsey, seconded by Commissioner Collins to allow the applicant to register and the motion passed 5-0.

B. INSPECTION – NEWLY PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

Commissioners inspected 69 voter registration applications out of 682 new registration applications submitted with no discrepancies noted, and all Commissioners present signed the report to be submitted to the State Election Office.

C. REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATOR

REDISTRICTING UPDATE

AOE stated that the Governor signed the redistricting bill on Sunday, September 6, 2022 for the Monday, February 7, 2022 petition pick up date for State and Federal offices on the ballot.

APPROVE MAY 3, 2022 POLL WORKERS

AOE presented a list of poll workers to each of the Commissioners for review. Republican Commissioner Fussell made a motion to approve the Republican Poll workers, with the caveat that AOE and AAOE could make additions, substitutions and replacements as necessary, seconded by Republican Commissioner Hulsey and the motion passed 3 – 0. Democratic Commissioner Shepherd made a motion to approve the Democratic Poll workers, with the caveat that AOE and AAOE could make additions, substitutions and replacements as necessary. Democratic Commissioner Collins seconded the motion and the motion passed 2 – 0.

V. REPORT FROM ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

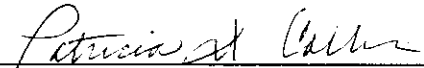
- A. Chairman Ehmling reiterated that the Redistricting bill had been signed by the Governor.
- B. Commissioner Collins acknowledged that the Sumner County Election Commission received an award for participation in increasing Voter Registration. AOE discussed the Anne Dallas Dudley reward for participating high schools to achieve a minimum 85% voter registration participation from students eligible to register. Commissioner Fussell stated that he felt like the SCEC should be acknowledged by the school board for the reward. AOE stated that the program was still open, but at this point, only one high school had expressed an interest in the program. Chairman Fussell recommended that a letter be written to the Board of Education to encourage all high schools to participate. Chairman Ehmling agreed and will proceed with a letter to that effect.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

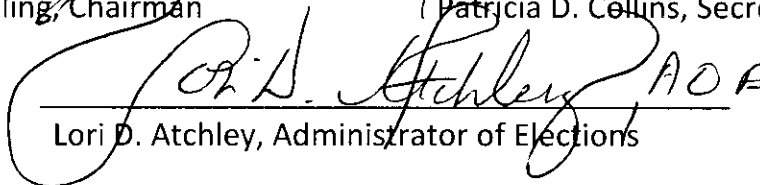
Motion by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Fussell to adjourn the meeting, and the motion passed 5 - 0. The meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.



M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman



Patricia D. Collins, Secretary



Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections