

**SUMNER COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023, 4:00 p.m.**

Members present: Acting Chairman Patricia D. Collins; Acting Secretary Denise D. Shepherd; Commissioner J. Michael Fussell, and Commissioner Jeffery B. Hulsey (arrived at 4:05 p.m.). Also present: Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections and Annette P. Haw, Assistant Administrator of Elections. **Members absent:** Chairman M. Allen Ehmling.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Acting Chairman Collins with a motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, and the motion passed 3 – 0 (Fussell, Shepherd and Collins voting in the affirmative.)

II. APPROVE AGENDA

Acting Chairman Collins requested a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Fussell made a motion to amend the agenda to add an Executive Session with attorney Tom Lee following the REPORT FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR (addition item IV. D.) seconded by Commissioner Shepherd to accept the agenda as amended and the motion passed 3 – 0 (Fussell, Shepherd and Collins voting in the affirmative.)

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. APPROVE MINUTES

- A motion to approve the March 14, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and the motion passed 3-0 (Fussell, Shepherd and Collins voting in the affirmative.)
- A motion to approve the March 14, 2023, Executive Session Meeting Minutes was made by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, and the motion passed 3 – 0 (Fussell, Shepherd and Collins voting in the affirmative.)
- A motion to approve the March 28, 2023, Special Call Meeting Minutes was made by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, and the motion passed 3 – 0 (Fussell, Shepherd and Collins voting in the affirmative.)

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. INSPECTION – APPEAL PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

There was one appeal presented to the Election Commission. The applicant (ALH) when attempting to register to vote checked “Yes” to the “Have you been convicted of a felony?” declaration question. An appeal form was sent to the applicant who returned the form as having inadvertently checked “Yes” to “Have you been convicted of a felony?”

All Commissioners present reviewed the appeal documentation presented. Motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd to find the registration application of ALH sufficient to allow them to properly register to vote. The motion passed 3– 0 (Fussell, Shepherd and Collins voting in the affirmative.) Acting Chairman Collins signed the appeal form.

Commissioner Hulsey arrived at 4:05 p.m.

B. INSPECTION – NEWLY PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

- Commissioners inspected 27 voter registration applications out of 265 new applications with no discrepancies noted. Motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Hulsey to approve the inspection of the voter registration applications and the motion passed 4 – 0 (Fussell, Hulsey, Shepherd and Collins voting in the affirmative.) Commissioners present signed the report to be submitted to the State Election Office.

C. REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATOR

- FORMER TRC UPDATE

- AOE advised the matter is still unresolved.

- BUDGET UPDATE

- AOE advised that the Budget Committee had accepted the EC budget submittal the previous evening. Commissioner Shepherd attended the meeting and stated that she did not understand that was the final resolution. AOE was not in attendance at the meeting, and relayed what was understood by attorney Tom Lee. AOE to review the matter for clarification and notify Election Commissioners.

- **NEW VOTING MACHINE UPDATE**
 - AOE reported machine deliveries had been delayed due to Vendor supplying new voting machines to counties with 2023 municipal elections.
- **STATE ELECTION COMMISSION APPOINTMENT OF SUMNER COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONERS**
 - AOE reported all current Sumner County Election Commissioners were reappointed for the 2023 – 2025 term. AAOE will be available after the meeting to notarize documents for Commissioners.
- **OTHER**
 - No report.

Motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Hulsey to call the meeting in recess to enter Executive Session at 4:20 p.m., and the motion passed 4-0.

D. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Hulsey to reconvene the regular meeting at 4: 52 p.m. and the motion passed 4-0.

V. REPORT FROM ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

A. CHAIRMAN


- No Report


B. ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

- No Report

VI. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd to adjourn the regular meeting and the motion passed 4 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.


Patricia D. Collins, Acting Chairman


Denise D. Shepherd, Acting Secretary


Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections

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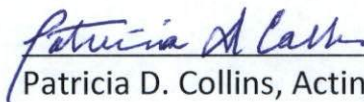
NOTE: The Election Commissioners, AOE, AAOE and attorney Tom Lee moved to a private room.

The Executive Session was called to order at 4:23 p.m. by Acting Chairman Collins with a motion by Commissioner Fussell seconded by Commissioner Hulsey, and the motion passed 4 – 0.

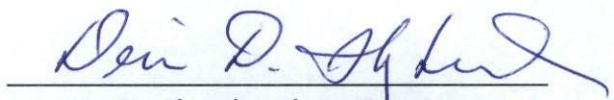
The Commission received legal counsel from Tom Lee regarding resolution of the ongoing issue with the EC move to the former TRC facility.

Motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Hulsey to adjourn the Executive Session, and the motion passed 4 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

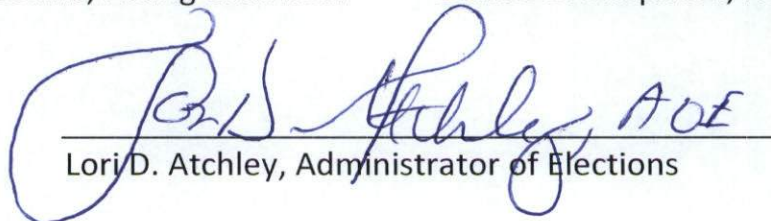
NOTE: The Election Commissioners, AOE, AAOE and attorney Tom Lee returned to the Conference Room.



Patricia D. Collins, Acting Chairman



Denise D. Shepherd, Acting Secretary



Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections