

**SUMNER COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023, 4:00 p.m.**

**Members present:** Chairman M. Allen Ehmling; Secretary Denise D. Shepherd; Commissioner Patricia D. Collins; Commissioner J. Michael Fussell; and Commissioner Jeffery B. Hulsey. Also present: Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections and Annette P. Haw, Assistant Administrator of Elections.

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Acting Chairman.

**II. APPROVE AGENDA**

Commissioner Collins made a motion to amend the agenda to include an Executive Session after the Administrator's report – the addition would be Item IV. D. Commissioner Hulsey seconded by motion to accept the agenda as amended and the motion passed 4 – 0 by Commissioners Fussell, Shepherd, Collins and Hulsey.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. APPROVE MINUTES**

- A motion to approve the May 9, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Hulsey and the motion passed 3-0-1. Voting in the affirmative were Commissioners Fussell, Shepherd and Collins, Commissioner Hulsey abstained.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. INSPECTION – APPEAL PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS**

There was one appeal presented to the Election Commission. The applicant (AES) 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 Hulsey, seconded by Commissioner Collins to find the registration application of AES sufficient to allow them to properly register to vote. The motion passed 4 – 0 with Fussell, Shepherd, Collins and Hulsey voting in the affirmative. Acting Chairman Fussell signed the appeal form.

Chairman Ehmling arrived at 4:06 p.m.

## **B. INSPECTION – NEWLY PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS**

- Commissioners inspected 67 voter registration applications out of 667 new voter applications with no discrepancies noted. Commissioners present signed the report to be submitted to the State Division of Elections.

## **C. REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATOR**

### **- FACILITY UPDATE**

- AOE advised the matter is still unresolved and to be determined as a lawsuit has been filed and will be heard 6/27/2023 at 2:00 p.m. The Election Commission continues to occupy the building and has since 2021.

### **- BUDGET UPDATE**

- AOE stated she understood the Budget Committee had approved an SCEC budget (not the one approved and submitted by the SCEC, but the previous year's budget 2022 -2023 and excludes Convenient Vote Centers and Facility move) and added \$75,000 for salaries. AOE stated that she would get clarification on the actual approval and notify the Election Commission.

### **- NEW VOTING MACHINE UPDATE**

- AOE reported that the new voting machines had been delivered to the warehouse portion of 1019 Union School Road, but were awaiting the arrival of the machine cases, as some modifications had been made in the design. No specific delivery date has been provided by the vendor.

### **- OTHER**

- Chairman Ehmling requested a point of clarification. After brief discussion the Chairman reiterated that local candidates within the county must submit an appointment of Political Treasurer to the local Election Commission prior to raising or spending funds.

**D. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Hulsey to call the meeting in recess to enter Executive Session at 4:30 p.m. and the motion passed 5 - 0.

The SCEC left the room to go into Executive Session.

Motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Collins to reconvene the regular meeting at 5: 02 p.m. and the motion passed 5 - 0.

**V. REPORT FROM ELECTION COMMISSIONERS**

**A. CHAIRMAN**

- No Report

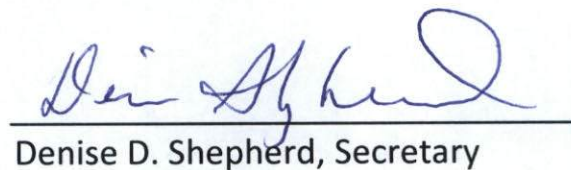
**B. ELECTION COMMISSIONERS**

- No Report.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Fussell to adjourn the meeting and the motion passed 5 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

  
M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman

  
Denise D. Shepherd, Secretary

  
Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections