

**SUMNER COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024, 4:00 P.M.**

Members present: Chairman M. Allen Ehmling; Secretary Denise D. Shepherd; Commissioners Patricia D. Collins, J. Micheal Fussell and Jeffery B. Hulseley. Also present: Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections (AOE) and Annette Haw, Assistant Administrator of Elections (AAOE).

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Ehmling with a motion by Commissioner Hulseley, seconded by Commissioner Collins and the motion passed 5 – 0.

II. APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Fussell made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Collins and the motion passed 5 – 0.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IV. APPROVE MINUTES

A motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Fussell to approve the: **APRIL 11, 2024, REGULAR CALL MEETING MINUTES** and the motion passed 5 – 0.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. INSPECTION – APPEAL PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

There was one appeal. LAL inadvertently marked “Yes” to “Have you been convicted of a felony?” An appeal form was mailed to the voter who completed the form that they had not been convicted of a felony. After the Commissioners present reviewed the documentation, a motion was made by Commissioner Hulseley, seconded by Commissioner Collins to find the voter registration appeal sufficient and register the voter to vote. The motion passed 5 – 0.

B. INSPECTION – NEWLY PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

Commissioners inspected 78 voter registration applications out of 777 new registration applications with no discrepancies noted. Commissioners present signed the report to be submitted to the State Division of Elections.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hulsey, seconded by Commissioner Collins to enter Executive Session with Attorney Tom Lee, and the motion passed 5 – 0. The meeting was suspended at 4:20 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Hulsey, seconded by Commissioner Collins to reconvene the Regular meeting at 4:34 p.m., and the motion passed 5 – 0.

C. REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATOR

- FACILITY UPDATE

AOE advised the SCEC continues to operate in two separate locations (1019 Union School Road and 355 N. Belvedere Dr). Attorney Tom Lee is to present the agreed upon plan to the SCC and the SCM via their respective attorneys, regarding SCEC office and equipment space requirements, as well as funding estimates, as directed by the Chancellor Court Judge Louis Oliver. General discussion ensued over the proposal to be submitted. AOE to modify proposed plan, and SCEC will meet at a Special Call Meeting Friday, May 17 at 3:30 p.m. to vote on the final plan to be submitted.

- BUDGET UPDATE

The SCEC 2024 – 2025 budget was submitted to the SCC. The AOE and AAOE attended the first budget hearing and entertained general questions which are following the initial budget submission. AOE will advise SCEC of future budget hearings when assigned by the Budget Committee.

- APPROVE AUGUST 1, 2024 POLL WORKERS

Commissioners were provided respective Republican and Democratic poll workers for the August 1, 2024 State and Federal Primary and Sumner County General Election. Motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Hulsey to approve the Republican Poll Workers with the caveat that the AOE and AAOE have the authority to replace poll workers unable to work, and the motion passed 3 – 0. Motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by

Commissioner Shepherd to approve the Democratic Poll Workers with the caveat that the AOE and AAOE have the authority to replace poll workers unable to work, and the motion passed 2 – 0.

- **OTHER**

AOE concluded her report.

VI. REPORT FROM ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

A. CHAIRMAN

No Report.

B. ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

No Report.

VII. LOCK & SEAL AUGUST 1, 2024 ELECTION BALLOT BAGS

AOE called the lock and seal numbers for the August 1, 2024 Election. All numbers were verified by the Commissioners and adhered to the respective precinct bags for Provisional and Absentee Voting. All Commissioners present signed the report to be submitted to the State Election Office.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

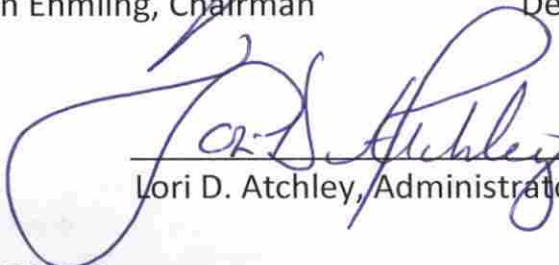
Motion by Commissioner Hulsey, seconded by Commissioner Collins to adjourn the meeting and the motion passed 5 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.



M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman



Denise D. Shepherd, Secretary



Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections

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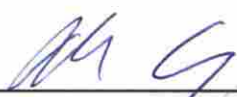
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The Executive Session was called to order by Chairman Ehmling at 4:20 p.m. with a motion by Commissioner Hulseley seconded by Commissioner Collins, and the motion passed 5 – 0.

The SCEC members consulted with legal counsel Tom Lee regarding the appellate court decision denying the SCC request to have the court hear arguments to remove Judge Oliver’s injunction to prevent the SCC from removing the SCEC from 1019.

The SCEC members received a draft copy of a proposed plan that was compiled as a result of a combined effort between AOE and Attorney Tom Lee, to submit to the SCC and SCM per Judge Oliver’s ruling. Attorney Lee recommended discussing the proposal and recommended revisions upon reconvening the regular meeting.

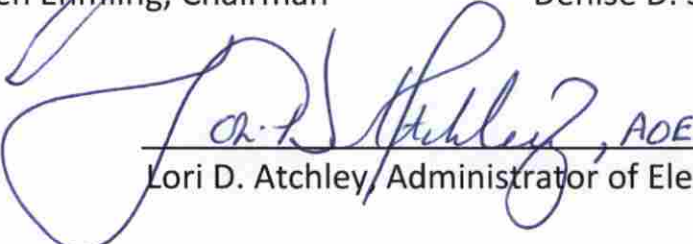
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