

**Sumner County Election Commission  
Special Call Meeting Minutes  
May 6, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.**

**Members present:** Secretary Patricia D. Collins, Commissioner J. Michael Fussell and Commissioner Denise Shepherd. Also present: Lori D. Atchley Administrator of Elections, Assistant Administrator of Elections Annette P. Haw and Senior Election Deputy Gay Sutley. The meeting convened at 4:30 p.m. and a quorum was present.

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by J. Michael Fussell with a motion by Commissioner Patricia D. Collins and seconded by Commissioner Denise D. Shepherd and the motion passed 3-0.

**II. APPROVE AGENDA**

The Agenda was approved with a motion by Commissioner Patricia D. Collins, seconded by Commissioner Denise D. Shepherd, and the motion passed 3-0.

Chairman M. Allen Ehmling and Commissioner Jeffery B. Hulseley arrived at 4:31 p.m.

**III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. APPROVE APRIL 22, 2021 MEETING MINUTES:**

Motion by Commissioner J. Michael Fussell seconded by Commissioner Patricia D. Collins to approve the minutes for April 22, 2021 and the motion passed 5-0.

**B. CONVENIENT VOTE CENTER LEGISLATION**

AOE stated that the Tennessee Legislature had approved Sumner County for Convenient Vote Centers. ED Gay Sutley had prepared a summary that was presented to the SCEC. AOE presented a letter for the Election Commissioners to sign to present to the County Commission for approval. Motion by J. Michael Fussell to approve Convenient Vote Centers, seconded by Commissioner Jeffery B. Hulseley and the motion passed 5-0. All Commissioners signed the letter to present to the County Commission.

**C. DISCUSS RETIRING STAFF, INTERIM STAFF AND BUDGET HEARING & COMMITTEE**

AAOE Annette Haw presented and discussed a document to the Election Commissioners outlining each of the budget items that need to be addressed. Motion by J. Michael Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Jeffery B. Hulseley to send

the proposed changes and additions to the respective budget and legislative committees.

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

Two appeals were presented to the Election Commission. The voters registering to vote checked “yes” to the “have you been convicted of a felony?” question. An appeal form was sent to each applicant. The applicants returned the appeal form and responded that the box was inadvertently marked and that they were not a felon. All Commissioners present reviewed the appeals, and a motion was made by Commissioner J. Michael Fussell and seconded by Commissioner Patricia D. Collins to accept the applications as valid and to process the voter registration applications and the motions passed 5–0 for each applicant.

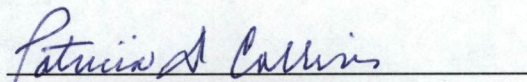
**E. INSPECTION – NEWLY PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS**

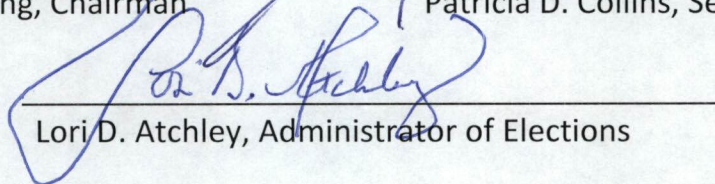
Commissioners inspected 28 voter registration applications out of 272 new registration applications submitted with no discrepancies noted and all commissioners present signed the report to be submitted to the State Election Office.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Jeffery B. Hulseley and seconded by J. Michael Fussell to adjourn the meeting, and the motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

  
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M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman

  
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Patricia D. Collins, Secretary

  
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Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections