

**SUMNER COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 5:00 p.m.**

**Members present:** Chairman M. Allen Ehmling (arrived at 5:04 p.m.); Secretary Denise D. Shepherd; Commissioners J. Michael Fussell and Jeffery B. Hulsey. **Member Absent:** Commissioner Patricia D. Collins. Also present: Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections and Annette Haw, Assistant Administrator of Elections.

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Acting Chairman Fussell. A quorum was present.

**II. APPROVE AGENDA**

Commissioner Hulsey made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and the motion passed 3 – 0.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**IV. APPROVE MINUTES**

Motion by Commissioner Shepherd, seconded by Commissioner Hulsey to group and approve the February 26, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes and the March 9, 2026, Special Call Meeting Minutes, and the motion passed 3 – 0.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. APPEAL PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS**

There were two appeals. Voters RG and KW inadvertently marked “Yes” to “Have you been convicted of a felony?” An appeal form was mailed to the voters who completed the appeal form that they had not, in fact, been convicted of a felony. After the Commissioners reviewed the documentation for each voter, a motion was made by Commissioner Hulsey, seconded by Shepherd to group and approve the voter registration applications of RG and KW and the motion passed 3 – 0 to appropriately register the voters to vote.

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

Commissioners inspected 70 voter registration applications out of 698 new voter registration 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**

No changes and no response from Chancery Court regarding the lawsuit with the County Commission regarding the official permanent location of the SCEC.

### **- BUDGET UPDATE**

The SCEC budget hearing scheduled for March 25 at 10:30 a.m. was rescheduled by the Budget Committee to April 7 at 10:30 a.m. without explanation.

### **- APPROVE AUGUST 6, 2026 CANDIDATE LIST**

Motion by Commissioner Hulsey, seconded by Commissioner Fussell to approve the August 6, 2026, candidate list as presented by AOE and the motion passed 4 – 0.

### **- OTHER**

AOE advised no further news had been received regarding the lawsuit filed by SCEC attorney Tom Lee on behalf of a group of individuals, not involving the SCEC, against Incumbent City of Gallatin Mayor Paige Brown regarding a term limit question on an additional Mayoral term. AOE stated that SCEC attorney Tom Lee did not notify SCEC of his representation of this group prior to the filing of the lawsuit. AOE deferred to Chairman Ehmling for further comment.

AOE concluded her report.

**VI. REPORT FROM ELECTION COMMISSIONERS**

**A. CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Ehmling stated that he had spoken to SCEC Attorney Tom Lee who stated there was no conflict of interest in Lee's representation of a group of individuals against an Incumbent/Potential Candidate and his representation of the SCEC.

**B. ELECTION COMMISSIONERS**

No report.

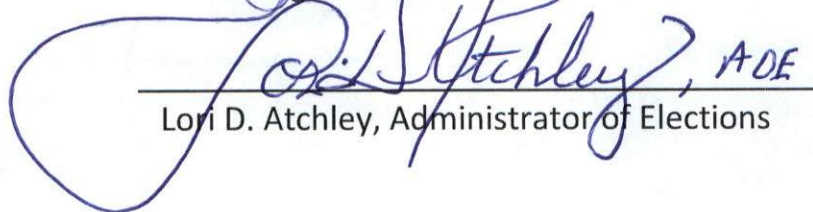
**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Hulsey to adjourn the meeting and the motion passed 4 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

  
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M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman

  
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Denise D. Shepherd, Secretary

  
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Acting Chairman J. Michael Fussell

  
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Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections

**ABBREVIATION LEGEND:**

SCEC: Sumner County Election Commission  
AOE: Administrator of Elections  
AAOE: Assistant Administrator of Elections  
TCA: Tennessee Code Annotated  
1019: 1019 -Union School Rd  
RPSC: Republican Party of Sumner County

SCC: Sumner County Commission  
SCM: Sumner County Mayor  
CVCs: Convenient Vote Centers  
355: County Administration Building  
TRP: Tennessee Republican Party

Attachment: August 6, 2026 Candidate List