

**SUMNER COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 7, 2026, 4:00 p.m.**

Members present: Chairman M. Allen Ehmling; Secretary Denise D. Shepherd; Commissioners Patricia D. Collins and J. Michael Fussell. **Member Absent:** Commissioner Jeffery B. Hulse. 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 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Ehmling. A quorum was present.

II. APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Fussell made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Collins and the motion passed 4 – 0.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IV. APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd to approve the March 24, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes and the motion passed 3 – 0 – 1 with Commissioner Collins abstaining.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. APPEAL PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

There was one appeal. Voter MJK marked “Yes” to the “Have you been convicted of a felony?” declaration question. An appeal form was mailed to the voter who completed the appeal form that they had not, in fact, been convicted of a felony. After the Commissioners present reviewed the documentation for voter MJK, a motion was made by Commissioner Shepherd, seconded by Commissioner Fussell to approve the voter registration application of voter MJK, and the motion passed 4 – 0 to register the voter to vote.

B. INSPECTION – NEWLY PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

Commissioners inspected 40 voter registration applications of 395 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

- **BUDGET UPDATE**

The first SCEC budget hearing is April 8, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

- **OTHER**

AOE advised no further information had been received regarding the lawsuit against the City of Gallatin Mayor Paige Brown concerning a term limit question on an additional Mayoral term. AOE concluded her report.

VI. REPORT FROM ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

A. CHAIRMAN

No report.

B. ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Collins reported having attended a voter registration drive at Westmoreland High School and registered 75 students to vote.

VII. CERTIFY MAY 5, 2026 EARLY AND ELECTION DAY VOTING MACHINES

Commissioners present transitioned to the voting machine area, verified the Early and Election Day voting machines zero tally tapes, protective count number, seals and signed the certification report.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Collins to adjourn the meeting and the motion passed 4 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.


M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman


Denise D. Shepherd, Secretary


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