

**SUMNER COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.**

Members present: Chairman M. Allen Ehmling; Secretary Denise D. Shepherd; Commissioners Patricia D. Collins, J. Michael Fussell (arrived @ 2:10 p.m.) and Jeffery B. Hulsey. 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 2:00 p.m. by Chairman Ehmling. A quorum was present.

II. APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Hulsey 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 Hulsey, seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the May 19, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes and the motion passed 4 – 0.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. APPEAL PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

There were two appeals. Voter RCC 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 RCC, a motion was made by Commissioner Shepherd, seconded by Commissioner Hulsey to approve the voter registration application of voter RCC, and the motion passed 4 – 0 to register the voter to vote. Voter KWV 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 KWV, a motion was made by Commissioner Shepherd, seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the voter registration application of voter KWV, and the motion passed 4 – 0 to register the voter to vote.

B. INSPECTION – NEWLY PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

Commissioners inspected 140 of 1,394 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 budget committee met June 8, 2026. The SCEC submitted two appropriation requests. One appropriation request was to move ONE Rotomat from the SCEC previous location at 355 N. Belvedere Drive to the new SCEC location at 1019 Union School Rd, as Budget Chair Shoaf had stated at a previous budget meeting that he would not consider the same appropriation twice. The move of one Rotomat was denied by the SCC budget committee. The second appropriation request was for funding to pay for the unanticipated Congressional Redistricting costs. The costs are to be reimbursed by the State once submitted and approved. The second budget appropriation request was approved by the budget committee.

- EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

AOE stated that Lance Sessions with Life.Church was not available to host Early Voting at the facility on Indian Lake Blvd for the August and November 2026 Early Voting dates. AOE stated that Community Church of Hendersonville confirmed the Early Voting dates and times for the August and November elections. There was discussion among Commissioners regarding the Hendersonville Early Voting due to location, times and lack of increased voter participation. Motion by Commissioner Shepherd, seconded by Commissioner Collins for Voting at Community Church of Hendersonville from July 17, 2026

to August 1, 2026 with the times of 8:00 a.m.– 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and the motion passed 4 - 1.

- **OTHER**

AOE stated that Chancery Court Judge Oliver had ruled that incumbent Gallatin Mayor Paige Brown could seek another term for that office.

AAOE gave a summary of events with Vol State Community College as an Election Day precinct polling location. AAOE is awaiting confirmation for Administration approval to utilize Room 130 in the Pickel Buildings for the August 2026 election. The request was submitted on May 7, 2026, as Vol State now restricts reservation of space for events to 90 days prior to the date of the event.

AOE submitted a maintenance request for re-working the rear warehouse entrance that contains a sole concrete pad to include a ramp with a curb cut and possible installation of an awning. The entrance would be utilized for poll worker entry into the training areas, thus avoiding the main building entrance, the side entrance and passing through the secure voting machine area. Mayor John Isbell denied the maintenance request referencing the unresolved lawsuit with the county commission. AOE noted it had been nine months since the last “immediate relief” filing was made on behalf of the SCEC to Chancery Court with no response.

VI. REPORT FROM COMMISSIONERS

A. CHAIRMAN

None.

B. ELECTION COMMISSION

Patricia Collins inquired about the Title IV training. AOE said the most recent request included Election Commission members. The training is a 23+ minute video included in the link. AOE requested Commissioners to advise AOE when training was complete prior to June 15, 2026.

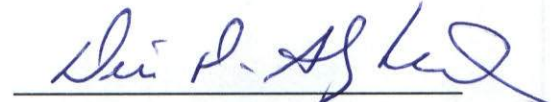
VII. LOCK AND SEAL AUGUST 2, 2026 ELECTION BALLOT BAGS

Commissioners verified the precinct/polling location assigned lock and seal numbers and locked and sealed the August 6, 2026 Election Absentee and Provisional Ballot Bags.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Hulsey, seconded by Commissioner Fussel to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 4 – 0 - 1, and the meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.


M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman


Denise D. Shepherd, Secretary


Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections, AOE

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