SUMNER COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 14, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

Members present: Chairman M. Allen Ehmling; Secretary Denise D. Shepherd; Commissioners Patricia D. Collins, J. Michael Fussell 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 Husley made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Fussell and the motion passed 5 – 0.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IV. APPROVE SEPTEMBER 8, 2026 SPECIAL CALL MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Fussell to approve the September 8, 2026 Special Call Meeting Minutes and the motion passed 4 – 0 – 1.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. INSPECTION – APPEAL PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

There were no appeals.

B. INSPECTION – NEWLY PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

Commissioners inspected 15 of 150 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

- **ELECTION UPDATE**

AOE stated the contest of elections by candidate John Gentry was denied by the TRP.

AOE also stated the deadlines for both Anti-Skullduggery for candidate positions Hendersonville Alderman Ward 5 and Hendersonville Alderman Ward 6 had passed. There were no other delays to the ballot, therefore, the November 3, 2026 ballot is set and finalized.

- **OTHER**

AOE presented two new voting machine technicians for approval: SC and MB. Motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the two new machine technicians and the motion passed 5 – 0.

VI. REPORT FROM COMMISSIONERS

A. CHAIRMAN

Chairman Ehmling reported a call he received from a voter regarding a candidate sign.

B. ELECTION COMMISSION

Commissioner Collins stated Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett will be a guest speaker at the League of Women Voters on October 10, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Innovation Center, in Hendersonville, followed by AOE Atchley from 12: 30 p.m-1:00 p.m for a Q&A session. Commissioner Collins suggested that Commissioners available should attend. The full meeting is 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

VII. LOCK AND SEAL NOVEMBER 3, 2026 BALLOT BAGS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Collins to adjourn the meeting and the motion passed 5 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman

Denise D. Shepherd, Secretary

Lori D. Atchley, AOE

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