

**SUMNER COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 16, 2025, 4:00 p.m.**

Members present: Chairman M. Allen Ehmling, Acting Secretary Patricia D. Collins, Commissioner J. Michael Fussell and Commissioner Jeffery B. Hulsey. **Member absent:** Commissioner Denise D. Shepherd. Also present: Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections, Annette Haw, Assistant Administrator of Elections and SCEC Legal Counsel Tom Lee.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Ehmling as a quorum was present.

II. APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Collins made a motion to amend the agenda to enter into Executive Session with Legal Counsel Tom Lee as the first item under New Business, seconded by Commissioner Fussell and the motion passed 4 - 0. Commissioner Hulsey made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Commissioner Collins and the motion passed 4 - 0.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IV. APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Hulsey to approve August 12, 2025, regular monthly meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Fussell and the motion passed 3 - 0 - 1 with Commissioner Collins abstaining.

Motion by Commissioner Fussell to approve the August 21, 2025, special call meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Collins and the motion passed 4 - 0.

V. NEW BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Commissioner Collins to suspend the regular monthly meeting and enter into Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Fussell and the motion passed 4 – 0. The SCEC entered into Executive Session with Legal Counsel Tom Lee at 4:06 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Fussell to conclude the Executive Session and reconvene the regular monthly meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hulseby and the motion passed 4 – 0. The regular monthly meeting was reconvened at 5:06 p.m.

A. NEW BUSINESS INSPECTION – APPEAL PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

There were eight appeals.

Voter BLB marked “Yes” to the “Have you been convicted of a felony?” declaration question. An appeal form was mailed to the voter who clarified with signature that there had been no felony conviction. After the Commissioners reviewed the documentation, a motion was made by Commissioner Fussell to accept the voter registration application of BLB to appropriately register the voter to vote, seconded by Commissioner Hulseby and the motion passed 4 – 0.

Voter MEF marked “Yes” to the “Have you been convicted of a felony?” declaration question. An appeal form was mailed to the voter who clarified with signature that there had been no felony conviction. After the Commissioners reviewed the documentation, a motion was made by Commissioner Hulseby to accept the voter registration application of MEF to appropriately register the voter to vote, seconded by Commissioner Fussell and the motion passed 4 – 0.

Voter HG marked “Yes” to the “Have you been convicted of a felony?” declaration question. An appeal form was mailed to the voter who clarified with signature that there had been no felony conviction. After the Commissioners reviewed the documentation, a motion was made by Commissioner Fussell to accept the voter registration application of HG to appropriately register the voter to vote, seconded by Commissioner Collins and the motion passed 4 – 0.

Voter KG marked “Yes” to the “Have you been convicted of a felony?” declaration question. An appeal form was mailed to the voter who clarified with signature that there had been no felony conviction. After the Commissioners reviewed the

documentation, a motion was made by Commissioner Fussell to accept the voter registration application of KG to appropriately register the voter to vote, seconded by Commissioner Hulsey and the motion passed 4 – 0.

Voter RJH marked “Yes” to the “Have you been convicted of a felony?” declaration question. An appeal form was mailed to the voter who clarified with signature that there had been no felony conviction. After the Commissioners reviewed the documentation, a motion was made by Commissioner Fussell to accept the voter registration application of RJH to appropriately register the voter to vote, seconded by Commissioner Hulsey and the motion passed 4 – 0.

Voter KML marked “Yes” to the “Have you been convicted of a felony?” declaration question. An appeal form was mailed to the voter who clarified with signature that there had been no felony conviction. After the Commissioners reviewed the documentation, a motion was made by Commissioner Fussell to accept the voter registration application of KML to appropriately register the voter to vote, seconded by Commissioner Hulsey and the motion passed 4 – 0.

Voter EM marked “Yes” to the “Have you been convicted of a felony?” declaration question. An appeal form was mailed to the voter who clarified with signature that there had been no felony conviction. After the Commissioners reviewed the documentation, a motion was made by Commissioner Fussell to accept the voter registration application of EM to appropriately register the voter to vote, seconded by Commissioner Hulsey and the motion passed 4 – 0.

Voter RMP marked “Yes” to the “Have you been convicted of a felony?” declaration question. An appeal form was mailed to the voter who clarified with signature that there had been no felony conviction. After the Commissioners reviewed the documentation, a motion was made by Commissioner Fussell to accept the voter registration application of RMP to appropriately register the voter to vote, seconded by Commissioner Hulsey and the motion passed 4 – 0.

B. INSPECTION – NEWLY PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

Commissioners inspected 77 voter registration applications out of 761 new 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**

AOE stated that Tom Lee was preparing the appropriate documentation for Chancery Court. AOE stated that all SCEC staff members, servers, state computer, staff computers and accompanying equipment will move from the current location at 355 County Administration Building to the SCEC 1019 Union School Rd location on October 23 – 24, 2025. Staff will use utility tables for desk stations until budget authorization and arrangements can be made for 1) the moving of the two SCEC (2) Rotomax Card Machines and 2) the moving of office furniture (unless directed by SCM to remain for use by other offices.)

- **BUDGET UPDATE**

AOE advised that the SCEC would submit the appropriation amount of approximately \$394,000 approved by the SCEC for implementation of CVCs to the budget committee in accordance with budget committee submittal deadlines.

- **OTHER**

AOE received a letter from the City of Portland regarding the intent to place a Sales Tax Referendum on the ballot.

VI. REPORT FROM ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

A. CHAIRMAN

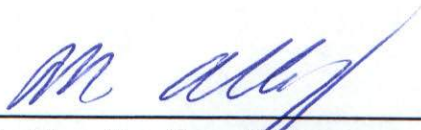
No report.

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 5:27 p.m.


M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman


Patricia D. Collins, Acting Secretary

 AOE
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

SCC: Sumner County Commission
SCM: Sumner County Mayor
CVCs: Convenient Vote Centers