

**SUMNER COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION  
SPECIAL CALL MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 4:00 p.m.**

**Members present:** Chairman M. Allen Ehmling, Secretary Denise D. Shepherd, Commissioner Patricia D. Collins, Commissioner J. Michael Fussell and Commissioner 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 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Ehmling with a motion by Commissioner Hulsey, seconded by Commissioner Collins and the motion passed 5 – 0. A quorum was present.

**II. APPROVE AGENDA**

Commissioner Hulsey made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Fussell and the motion passed 5 – 0.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**IV. APPROVE MINUTES**

- APRIL 10, 2025 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
- APRIL 10, 2025 EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
- MAY 6, 2025 SPECIAL CALL MEETING MINUTES
- MAY 6, 2025 EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Fussell to group and approve the minutes as listed, seconded by Commissioner Hulsey and the motion passed 5 – 0.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. NEW BUSINESS INSPECTION – APPEAL PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS**

There were two appeals. JSF and CJH had inadvertently marked "Yes" to the "Have you been convicted of a felony?" declaration question. An appeal form was mailed to the voters who completed the form that they had not been convicted of a felony. After the Commissioners reviewed the documentation, a motion was made by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Collins to accept the voter registration application of JSF and the motion passed 5 – 0 to appropriately register the voter to vote. A motion was made by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Fussell to accept the voter registration application of CJH and the motion passed 5 – 0 to appropriately register the voter to vote.

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

Commissioners inspected 64 voter registration applications out of 632 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 the situation remains unchanged. SCEC Attorney Tom Lee to request a status hearing with the Chancery Court.

### **- BUDGET UPDATE**

Budget hearings are ongoing. AOE plans to resubmit initial budget request that was approved by the Election Commission and subsequently denied by the SCC. AOE and AAOE are continuing to implement CVC's as instructed by the SCEC. The budget is to be voted upon by the full SCC on June 30, 2025. AOE stated that attorney Tom Lee is prepared to immediately file necessary paperwork with the court regarding necessary and appropriate funding of elections per TCA.

### **- PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER UPDATE**

Staff continue to process voter information paperwork received from the State Division of Elections. No changes or updates at this time.

### **- RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS UPDATE**

Staff continue to process reports as received from State Division of Elections.

- **OTHER**

None.

**REPORT FROM ELECTION COMMISSIONERS**

**A. CHAIRMAN**

No report.


**B. ELECTION COMMISSIONERS**

No reports.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Hulsey, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd to adjourn the meeting and the motion passed 5 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 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

SCC: Sumner County Commission  
SCM: Sumner County Mayor