

Minutes
State Election Commission Meeting
May 1, 2023

Tennessee Court of Appeals, Judge Neal McBrayer swore State Election Commission members into their new term.

The State Election Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Younce at 12:13 p.m., Central Standard Time, May 1, 2023. The following members and staff were present: Commissioners Barrett, Blackburn, Eldridge, Meadows, Smith; Andrew Dodd, HAVA Attorney, and Lena Russomanno, Executive Assistant.

Commissioner Barrett made a motion to nominate Commissioner Eldridge as Chairman of the State Election Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blackburn, and it was unanimously approved. (Aye votes: Barrett, Blackburn, Eldridge, Meadows, Smith, and Younce; No votes: None; Abstention: None.)

Commissioner Smith made a motion to nominate Commissioner McDonald as Secretary of the State Election Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barrett, and it was unanimously approved. (Aye votes: Barrett, Blackburn, Eldridge, Meadows, Smith, and Younce; No votes: None; Abstention: None.)

Commissioner Barrett made a motion to adopt the minutes from April 3, 2023, Commissioner Blackburn seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved. (Aye votes: Barrett, Blackburn, Eldridge, Meadows, Smith, and Younce; No votes: None; Abstention: None.)

Commissioner Younce made a motion to adopt the minutes from the April 10, 2023, telephonic meeting, Commissioner Blackburn seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved. (Aye votes: Barrett, Blackburn, Eldridge, Meadows, Smith, and Younce; No votes: None; Abstention: None.)

Commissioner Blackburn made a motion pursuant to T.C.A. §§ 2-12-101 and 2-12-106, seconded by Commissioner Barrett, and unanimously approved that any nomination(s) for county election commission appointments be approved as submitted, and to leave the nomination process open until 4:30 p.m. Central Standard Time Monday, May 1, 2023. **(See attached county election commission appointments made.)**

Andrew Dodd presented the State Election Commissioner Ethics Disclosure Form, which will be required by the amendment to House Bill 0772. Mr. Dodd stated Coordinator Goins sent the form and the bill text to the commission last week. Everything that was required in the bill text was placed on the form for the

commissioner's review, if the members have any comments or change requests on the form, we will answer and revise the form for the members approval.

Commissioner Smith asked Mr. Dodd the disclosure act does not seem to be time bound, is that the case? Mr. Dodd replied that yes, the time to file is defined in the statute, but that can be something also be something placed on the form.

Commissioner Smith asked if an incoming commissioner needs to submit a form for every time, they have done any business? Mr. Dodd stated that the form is filed during your time as a commissioner. Commissioner Blackburn made the motion to adopt the State Election Commission Disclosure Form, Commissioner Barrett seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. (Aye votes: Barrett, Blackburn, Eldridge, Meadows, Smith, and Younce; No votes: None; Abstention: None.)

Old Business

Commissioner Barrett stated there was one outstanding county election commission oath that was yet to be submitted because the commissioner was out of the country. She will sign and submit her oath to the Division of Elections when she gets back in town.

New Business

- NONE

Commissioner Younce reminded the members that at the July meeting the commissioners will be taking a group photo for the Tennessee Blue Book.

Coordinator Update

- NONE

The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for July 10, 2023 and will be held in the William R. Snodgrass – Tennessee Tower, Nashville Room - 3rd floor at 12:00 Noon, Central Standard Time.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:26 p.m., Central Standard Time.

Respectfully submitted,

Secondra Meadows

Secondra Meadows, Acting - Secretary
State Election Commission

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Vacant Status

April 29, 2023

Henry

R Jimmy Eldridge / D Bennie Smith

D

Total Vacancies: 1

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Holdover Status

April 29, 2023

		Appointment	Reappointment
Hamilton	R Judy Blackburn / D Secondra Meadow		
	D Secondra Diane Meadows	2/1/2018	4/5/2021
	Total Holdovers: 1		

Awaiting Oath Letters

29-Apr-23

PARTY	STATUS	APPOINTMENT	RE-APPOINTMENT
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Rhea

(D) Secondra Meadows
(R) Kent Younce

Sheri Lyn Jones

D

12/15/2022

4/3/2023

Oath Letters Not Returned: 1

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New Appointment Status

May 1, 2023

		Appointment
Hamilton	R Judy Blackburn / D Secondra Meadow	
	D Ardena Garth-Hicks	5/1/2023
Henry	R Jimmy Eldridge / D Bennie Smith	
	D Bennie Akers	5/1/2023
Rhea	R Kent Younce / D Secondra Meadows	
	D Sheri Lyn Jones	5/1/2023
Total New Commissioners: 3		

**SERVICES RELATED TO ELECTIONS DISCLOSURE FORM
TENNESSEE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION**

This form must be used to disclose to the Tennessee State Election Commission employment or monies received for election related services other than from the State of Tennessee for service on the State Election Commission. Failure to properly and timely submit the form may constitute removal pursuant to T.C.A. § 2-11-113. Services related to elections shall include, but not be limited to, work conducted on behalf of a campaign, solicitations of donations to entities related to elections, speaking engagements, and consulting work in the field of elections.

CHECK THE APPLICABLE BOXES

☐ New Disclosure Form

☐ Update

DISCLOSURE OF EMPLOYER OR PAYER

A. Name of individual or entity paying a fee, commission, or another form of compensation, including in-kind contributions:

B. Mailing Address:

C. Telephone:

DISCLOSURE OF PERSON RECEIVING COMPENSATION

A. Name of State Election Commission member receiving a fee, commission, or another form of compensation, including in-kind contributions:

DISCLOSURE OF AGREEMENT AND COMPENSATION

A. Amount of fee, commission, or another form of compensation, including in-kind contributions (in-kind contributions include gas, mileage, lodging, etc.):

B. Dates(s) of services rendered:

C. General description of services rendered:

By my signature below, I attest to the following:

- The information contained in this Services Related To Elections Disclosure Form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. See T.C.A. § 2-11-113 and T.C.A. § 2-19-105.

Commissioner Signature

Date

Amendment No. 1 to HB0772

Crawford
Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 1182

House Bill No. 772*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-205(a)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following language:

(1) The names of persons for whom the chair of a statewide political party has certified to be placed on the ballot for the office of president of the United States to the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall submit the names to the state election commission no later than the first Tuesday in December immediately preceding the year in which the election will be held. If a candidate who has been certified by the secretary of state wishes to be a candidate in the presidential primary of a party other than that for which the chair of the statewide political party certified the candidate, then the candidate shall signify the candidate's political party preference to the state election commission no later than twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time, on the date established in subsection (b), and the candidate's name must be certified only for the ballot of the candidate's chosen party, as the case may be.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-205(c), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following language:

(c) The coordinator of elections shall certify to the county election commissions on the third Thursday in December the names that this section requires to be on the ballot for each political party.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 11, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Members of the state election commission shall disclose any employment or the receipt of a fee, commission, or another form of compensation, including in-kind contributions, received for services related to elections.

(b) Such disclosure must include:

(1) The name and address of the person or entity for whom the commissioner is employed or providing services;

(2) The amount of the compensation;

(3) The dates the services were rendered; and

(4) A general description of the services rendered.

(c) The commissioners shall make the disclosures required by subsection (a) on a form adopted by the state election commission.

(d) A commissioner shall file the disclosures for employment that began, or an agreement to provide services entered into, before the commissioner was appointed within thirty (30) days of the beginning of the commissioner's term. A commissioner shall file all other disclosures within thirty (30) days of becoming employed or entering into an agreement to provide services. The disclosures must be recorded in the minutes of the state election commission.

(e) Failure to timely file disclosures constitutes cause for removal under § 2-11-113.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.