

**HAMILTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
May 23, 2005**

**Call to Order:**

Upon notice duly given, Chairperson Linda Morris-Avila called to order a regularly scheduled meeting of the Hamilton County Election Commission at 9:00 a.m. on May 23, 2005, at the office of the Hamilton County Election Commission, 514 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

**Invocation:** Linda Morris-Avila

**Pledge of Allegiance:** J. Bartlett Quinn

**Present at Meeting:**

Chairperson Linda Morris-Avila, Secretary Quinn, and Commissioners Eddington, & Lee were present at the meeting. Commissioner Walden was not in attendance. Attorney Jerry Summers, Administrator Pro Tem Claude Knowles, and the staff of the Election Commission were present as well. Also present were members of the community as shown on the attached sheet.

**Minutes:**

A motion was made by Secretary Quinn that the minutes be amended. Commissioner Lee seconded. After the minutes were amended, Chairperson Morris-Avila made a motion to approve the minutes; they were seconded by Secretary Quinn and unanimously approved

**Jerry Summers:**

Mr. Summers stated: "You had talked about picking the top three candidates. Since we have no bylaws, and it is in the minutes how do you want to proceed on this? My suggestion is that we carry the names forward to the next meeting. I need to send you a memo on some recommended ways you can consider voting." Commissioner Lee made a motion to carry the names forward to the next meeting and Secretary Quinn Seconded.

**New Business**

**Interviewing the Candidates:**

Numbers were put in a bowl and drawn. A neutral person from the audience drew the numbers. The candidates were given a number, sent to the break room and then interviewed individually. Each of the candidates was given two minutes to speak to the commission.

1. Walt "combat" Ward- Who was not present at the meeting had submitted a letter which was read by Secretary Quinn, who also made a motion to add the letter to the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lee. (See attached sheet)

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2. Mr. Terry Lee
3. Larry Ables
4. Quenston Coleman
5. Kenardo Curry
6. Bob Davis
7. Gerald Mason
8. Scott Lindsay – Who was not present had also submitted a letter which was read by Secretary Quinn, who then made a motion to add the letter to the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lee. (See attached sheet)

Old Business:

Adjournment:

Chairperson Morris-Avila made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Secretary Quinn Seconded. The next meeting was scheduled for Saturday June 4, 2005 @ 10:00 a.m.

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J. Bartlett Quinn      Secretary

APPROVED:

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Linda Morris-Avila      Chairperson

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Dorothy Eddington      Commissioner

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Karen M. Lee      Commissioner

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Michael S. Walden      Commissioner