

**HAMILTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
June 4, 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 10:00 a.m. on June 4, 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 and Walden were present at the meeting. 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.

**Old Business:**

**Minutes:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Eddington that the minutes be approved. Secretary Quinn seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Jerry Summers:**

Mr. Summers discussed the different methods by which a new administrator could be selected.

Commissioner Lee made a motion to go with option # 1 and Commissioner Eddington seconded it. Option # 1 was unanimously approved.

**New Business:**

**Nominations**

Commissioner Lee nominated Gerald Mason, Commissioner Walden nominated Luanne DeWitt, Commissioner Eddington nominated Larry Ables. Secretary Quinn and Chairperson Avila made no nominations. Commissioner Eddington made a motion to close the nominations. Commissioner Lee seconded. Chairperson Avila asked if there was any discussion, then they proceeded with the voting.

**Voting:** Commissioner Lee and Chairperson Avila voted for Gerald Mason, Commissioner Walden and Secretary Quinn voted for Luanne DeWitt. Commissioner Eddington voted for Larry Ables.

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Commissioner Lee made a motion to only vote on Mrs. DeWitt and Mr. Mason as Mr. Ables only received one vote. Commissioner Walden seconded. A new vote was counted. Mr. Mason received two votes from Commissioner Lee & Chairperson Avila.

Mrs. DeWitt received two votes from Commissioner Walden & Secretary Quinn. Commissioner Eddington passed.

**Administrator Pro Tem:**

Secretary Quinn asked Mr. Knowles "Are you willing to stay on as interim Administrator ?" Mr. Knowles stated that "as you all are aware, I chose not to seek this job full time, but I would be willing to stay & do whatever it takes to get this commission back to where it belongs." Secretary Quinn then made a motion to open the floor back up to additional candidates and to have all resumes in on or before July 11, 2005, and that any current candidates that are interested are to contact Mr. Knowles with their intent to be reconsidered. Commissioner Walden seconded the motion.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2005 @ 8:00 a.m.

*This has since been changed to June 27, 2005 @ 8:00 a.m. due to Commissioners attending T.A.C.E.O.*

**Adjournment:**

Chairperson Morris-Avila made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Eddington Seconded.

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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