

MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday, May 6, 2014

Call to order:

Upon notice duly given, Chairman Walden called to order a called meeting of the Hamilton County Election Commission at 7 p.m. on May 6, 2014 at the office of the Hamilton County Election Commission, 700 River Terminal Road, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Invocation: **Commissioner Braly**

Pledge of Allegiance: **Chairman Walden**

Present at Meeting:

Commissioners Walden, Summers, Braly, Clem, and Scott were present at the meeting, as well as County Attorney Rheubin Taylor, Christian Bennett and Quinten Howard of Mauldin and Jenkins, and staff of the Election Commission.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Braly made a motion to approve the minutes.

Secretary Summers seconded.

All approved.

New Business:

Administrator Steelman said he has spoken with the auditors and they have said we should be ready May 19 to certify the election.

Chairman Walden set the next meeting for Monday, May 19 at 8 a.m. to certify the election.

Administrator Steelman also indicated to the commissioners that the audit letters were in their packets.

The commissioners submitted their audit recommendations to auditors Bennett and Howard.

Chairman Walden asked Steelman if he had an update on the recall.

Administrator Steelman said the staff has worked exceptionally hard to finish counting the signatures and it has been completed. The recall effort is short of the 1,600 signatures required. Of the 3,623 signatures reviewed, 1,204 were validated and 2,419 were rejected for a variety of reasons including being duplicates, being out of the district, not being registered, or clearly not matching the voter's signature.

Chairman Walden said this does not require any action on the commission's part.

Other business:

Braly asked if there had been any problems with the new machines.

Assistant Administrator Allen said there were only two issues. One machine failed and another machine's battery died because the officer had not plugged it in. During that time the ballots were run through the emergency compartment and when we got there with a replacement machine they re-ran the ballots through the machine under our direction.

Commissioner Clem said he was glad Steelman's first election went smoothly.

Chairman Walden added to make sure the staff knows we appreciate everything they do.

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Adjournment:

Commissioner Braly made a motion to adjourn.

Secretary Summers seconded.

All present were in favor.

APPROVED:

Jerry Summers

Secretary

Michael S. Walden

Chairman

Ruth Braly

Commissioner

Chris Clem

Commissioner

Kelvin Scott

Commissioner