

**HAMILTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
Wednesday, February 10, 2016**

Call to Order:

Upon notice duly given, Chairman Walden called to order a meeting of the Hamilton County Election Commission at 8 a.m. on February 10, 2016 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 staff of the Election Commission.

Approval of Minutes:

**Commissioner Braly** made a motion to approve the minutes.

**Commissioner Scott** seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Old Business:

**Poll Workers (TCA § 2-4-102)**

**Administrator Steelman** said the poll worker report has been clarified by adding a designation for workers with a mixed voting history. Since the last meeting, we have increased our poll worker rolls by 170 workers. We've enlisted the support of both parties to find additional poll workers.

**Commissioner Braly** asked if we now have someone from each party at each precinct?

**Administrator Steelman** said we are still working on that. At this point we still have eight precincts that still need at least one person from the opposite party, but all precincts have at least one poll worker with a mixed primary voting history.

New Business:

**Scheduling**

**Administrator Steelman** said traditionally we gather here at 7:30 p.m. on Election Day. Is that agreeable to everyone?

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**Chairman Walden** asked if anyone had a conflict with that time.

The time was agreeable to everyone.

**Chairman Walden** said we will meet that night and then adjourn until we certify the election.

**Administrator Steelman** said the last date to certify the election is March 21 and for this election it would be good to have the extra time.

The commission tentatively set the certification meeting for Monday, March 21 at 8 a.m.

### Other Business:

#### Outreach program

**Administrator Steelman** said he has been pleased with efforts to spread the word about the new Hixson Early Voting location.

**Commissioner Scott** also praised the outreach program to spread the word about the election through media outlets in addition to the newspaper.

#### Voting Machines

**Administrator Steelman** said during acceptance testing for the voting machines we discovered about half the batteries had died. Upon further investigation, it looks like we had bad batteries. The dead batteries were dated 2012 even though we had purchased the machines in 2013. Dominion replaced all the batteries, even ones that were still good.

### Adjournment:

**Commissioner Scott** made a motion to adjourn.

**Commissioner Braly** seconded the motion.

All approved.

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APPROVED:

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Jerry Summers

Secretary

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Michael S. Walden

Chairman

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Ruth Braly

Commissioner

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Chris Clem

Commissioner

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Kelvin Scott

Commissioner