



**Pulaski County Election Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 30, 2019
12:00 p.m.**

Members Present:

Evelyn D. Gomez
Joshua A. Price
Kristi McKinnon

Staff Present:

Bryan Poe
Betty Green
Amanda Dickens
Bart Moreland
Jodie Dildy

Visitors Present: Jason Kennedy, Circuit County Clerk's Office; Kat Stromquist, Arkansas Democrat Gazette; Hunter Sadler, Central Arkansas Young Republicans Chair; Denise Ennett, Candidate for House District 36 Special General Election

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chair Gomez. A quorum was present, with all commissioners in attendance.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Hunter Sadler.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Price moved to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed by voice vote.

Business

Rescind Election Orders for November 5, 2019 House District 36 Special General Election

An Attorney General's opinion requesting clarification regarding the November 5, 2019 House District 36 Special General Election as to whether an election needed to be held since the candidate was unopposed. This clarification was requested regarding A.C.A § 7-11-107 and A.C.A. § 7-5-207 in order to determine which statute took precedents in this matter. Opinion number 2019-056 issued by the Attorney

General states that the unopposed candidate can be certified as the winner after election day. Director Poe read the order to rescind all election orders pertaining to the November 5, 2019 House District 36 Special General Election. Commissioner McKinnon moved to approve the order rescinding the actions of the Pulaski County Board of Election Commissioners pertaining to House District 36 Special General Election; seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed by voice vote.

Since Denise Ennett attended the meeting Chair Gomez stated there was no need to send her a notification regarding when the certification will take place.

Other Business

Chair Gomez stated that she received correspondence from Don Palmer, United States Election Assistance Commission thanking her for the invitation to lunch on September 13, 2019.

Chair Gomez passed out follow-up paperwork to Commissioner Price and McKinnon regarding the September 30, 2019 meeting.

Commissioner Price asked if there was any information regarding House District 34, this position was vacated due to the passing of John Walker Sr. Director Poe stated there is currently no information available and that he would keep the commissioners advised of any changes.

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

November 5, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. to canvass absentee ballots and certify unofficial election results for the November 5, 2019 Annual School Election.

November 8, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. for preliminary review of provisional ballots for the November 5, 2019 Annual School Election.

November 13, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. for review of political practice pledges for the March 3, 2020 Preferential Primary Election.

November 20, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. for provisional ballot hearing and certification of official results for the November 5, 2019 Annual School Election.

December 4, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. to conduct the ballot position drawing for the March 3, 2020 Preferential Primary Election.

Meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.