



**Pulaski County Election Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
November 5, 2019  
7:30 p.m.**

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Members Present:

Evelyn D. Gomez  
Joshua A. Price  
Kristi McKinnon

Staff Present:

Bryan Poe  
Betty Green  
Shawn Camp

Visitors Present: Jason Kennedy, Circuit County Clerk's Office; Kat Stromquist, Arkansas Democrat Gazette; Ryan James, First Vice Chair of the Pulaski County Republican Party; Bailey McKinnon

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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair Gomez. A quorum was present, with all commissioners in attendance.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Bailey McKinnon.

*Approval of Meeting Minutes*

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

Commissioner Price requested a moment of silence in honor of former Commissioner Leonard A. Boyle Sr., who passed away on October 31, 2019.

**Business**

*Canvass Absentee Ballots for the November 5, 2019 Annual School Election*

There are 457 absentee ballots canvassed; 321 ballots counted; 55 were disqualified for discrepancies; 42 were ID provisional ballots that will be counted, and 36 were ID provisional ballots that will not be counted. There are three absentee ballots for the commissioners to review due questions regarding whether the signatures match. Commissioner Price moved to count one of the absentee ballots and to reject the

other two absentee ballots; seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed by voice vote.

### *Certification of Unofficial Election Results for the November 5, 2019 Annual School Election*

The certification of unofficial election results was completed without the results from Precinct 79, Henderson United Methodist Church, because the electronic media was left at the polling location. A member of the staff went back to the location to obtain the electronic media. Commissioner Price moved to certify the unofficial election results for the November 5, 2019 Annual School Election without the results from Henderson United Methodist Church; seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed by voice vote.

### **Other Business**

#### *Requirements for Poll Workers*

Director Poe was requested to contact the State Board of Election Commissioners regarding the language on the application. The Commissioners requested two sets of qualifications for poll workers, one for those that are paid and one for those that would like to volunteer.

#### *2020 Communications Plan*

Commissioner McKinnon requested clarification as to the legal requirements for notifying media outlets of a meeting, as well as notification of a meeting to the Commissioners. The Commissioners would like for the agenda for all meetings to be published on social media (include hashtags when publishing links), updates to the website and the election calendar. The Commissioners have also requested for the System Administrator, Jodie Dildy to attend some social media classes in the next six months. Commissioner McKinnon moved to accept the 2020 Communications Plan with the requested changes; seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed by voice vote.

#### *Poll Worker Brochure*

Commissioner Price moved to accept the new design as created by Commissioner McKinnon with changes; seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed by voice vote.

#### *Community Relations Plan*

The discussion regarding the community relations plan was tabled for further discussion and examination.

### *Meeting with the County Judge's Office and Secretary of State's Office*

Chair Gomez has been invited to attend a meeting with County Judge Barry Hyde and the Secretary of State's office. This meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Price stated that he could attend the meeting. Commissioner McKinnon stated that she will not be able to attend the meeting. Chair Gomez requested Director Poe to make the necessary media notifications regarding the attendance of Chair Gomez and Commissioner Price for this meeting.

### *Proclamation for State Representative District 34 Special Primary Election*

Governor Asa Hutchison has issued a proclamation for a special primary election to be held on January 14, 2020 to fill the seat vacated by the passing of State Representative John Walker. If necessary, a run-off is scheduled for February 11, 2020. The special election will be held on March 3, 2020.

### *Clarification of Duties for Director Poe*

Director Poe requested a clarification of his ability to speak with County Attorney Adam Fogleman. Chair Gomez stated that Director Poe is not to speak with the County Attorney unless the instructed to do so by the Commissioners. Director Poe stated that sometimes there is not enough time to be able to call a meeting in order to determine if an opinion is needed from the County Attorney. Chair Gomez told him to contact her first before contacting the County Attorney. Commissioner Price asked if it is necessary for Director Poe to speak with the County Attorney on a regular basis in order to fulfill the duties of his job. Director Poe stated that it was. Chair Gomez requested an explanation. Chair Gomez stated that we are not going to be in the habit of contacting outside entities regarding Election commission business. Commissioner McKinnon requested a list of common questions as to why Director Poe would need to speak with the County Attorney. Commissioner Price stated that the Commissioners are not trying to micro-manage Director Poe, but they would like to see a list of questions that might require Director Poe to contact the County Attorney.

### *Email Regarding Little Rock School District Election*

Commissioner Price read an email from a voter regarding her dissatisfaction with the way the Little Rock School District Election was handled. All the concerns of this voter will be addressed. The Commissioners requested that pricing for a banner be obtained in order to correct the signage notifications for early voting.

Meeting recessed at 8:40 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 9:20 p.m.

Director Poe informed the Commissioners that Precinct 79, Henderson United Methodist Church failed to pull the electronic media and the zeroes tape. The Commissioners were given two options: (1) Since there were only two votes at Henderson United Methodist, certify the unofficial results that we currently have and incorporate the remainder later or (2) wait for a staff member to go to the location and come back with the electronic media in order for the numbers to be included. The Commissioners chose to certify the current unofficial results and incorporate the remainder later. A member of the staff went to the polling location and obtained the electronic media. Chair Gomez requested an investigation as to what went wrong at this location.

Meeting recessed at 9:25 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 9:30 p.m.

*Schedule of Upcoming Meetings*

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 9:33 p.m.