



**Pulaski County Election Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
July 24, 2019  
5:00 p.m.**

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Members Present

Evelyn D. Gomez  
Joshua A. Price  
Kristi McKinnon

Staff Present

Bryan Poe  
Betty Green  
Shawn Camp  
Amanda Dickens

Visitors Present: Jason Kennedy, Circuit/County Clerk's Office; Terri Hollingsworth, Circuit/County Clerk; Bilenda Harris-Ritter, State Board of Election Commissioners; Josh Hallenbeck, Mullenix/Unisys; Zach Stahr; Cheryl Gauthier, Pulaski County Republican Committee; Suzanna Watt

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The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Commissioner Gomez. A quorum was present, with all commissioners in attendance.

*Swearing in of New Commissioner*

Circuit/County Clerk Terri Hollingsworth administered the oath of office to Commissioner McKinnon.

*Approval of Meeting Minutes*

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

**Business**

*Nomination and Election of Commission Chairperson*

Commissioner McKinnon moved to elect a chairperson; seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed by voice vote.

Commissioner McKinnon nominated Commissioner Gomez to serve as chairperson; seconded by Commissioner Price. Commissioner Gomez was elected by acclamation.

### *Communication and Media Plan*

Commissioner Price requested a protocol be established regarding communication with the media or speaking engagements with other entities. Chair Gomez stated that it is the responsibility of the chair to make decisions regarding speaking for the commission. Therefore, it would be the chair that makes the decision to determine who will speak to the media or other entities. Chair Gomez will call a meeting should the need arise to determine who will be the person to speak with the media or at other entities.

Commissioner McKinnon would like to see more public notifications regarding meetings. Commissioner McKinnon would also like for the minutes of the meetings to be published on the website as well as streaming of live video. This would help with the transparency of the Commission. All commissioners stated they agreed with transparency.

Commissioner McKinnon moved for a single point of contact for media communications; if the contact has a delay in speaking with the media then that person will reach out to another commissioner or a member of the Commission staff to reach out to the media; video streaming and the publication of the video on the website; publishing all meeting minutes on the website; publication of meetings and links to the video streaming on Facebook and Twitter; seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed by voice vote.

### *Voting Equipment Funding*

Justice of the Peace Barry Jefferson has requested a meeting regarding the funding of new voting equipment, this meeting has not been scheduled yet. The current plan for the Commission is to wait until after the meeting with the Secretary of State's Office on July 31, 2019 regarding the funding of equipment to determine what equipment will be purchased.

### **Other Business**

#### *Schedule of Upcoming Meetings*

August 6, 2019 at 9.00 p.m. certification of unofficial election results for the House District 36 Special Primary Election.

August 9, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. provisional ballot review for the House District 36 Special Primary Election.

August 16, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. provisional ballot hearing and certification of election results for the House District 36 Special Primary Election.

Commissioner McKinnon moved for the adjournment of the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.