

**Minutes**  
**State Election Commission Meeting**  
**July 20, 2010**

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The State Election Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom DuBois at 11:08 a.m. central time, July 20, 2010. The following members and staff were present: Commissioners Blackburn, DuBois, Duckett, Head, Wallace, Wheeler, and Younce, Coordinator of Elections Mark Goins, and Kathy Summers, Elections Specialist.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adopt the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting held on June 15, 2010.

Pursuant to T.C.A. § § 2-12-101 and 2-12-106, motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the nominations for county election commission appointments as submitted and to leave the nomination process open until close of business, 4:30 p.m. central time, Tuesday, July 20, 2010. **(For appointments made see attached list.)**

**Old Business**

- Commission members briefly discussed Marion County and the hiring of a new Administrator of Elections (AOE). Coordinator Goins advised the new AOE in Marion County is in constant contact with the Coordinator's office and seems to be doing a good job.
- Commission members briefly discussed Benton County and asked for an update on the voter registration issues that arose earlier in the year. Coordinator Goins requested Benton County Election Commission to send letters to all of the individuals who were sent the original letter of deficiency to advise that legislation was passed that grandfather the deficient applications. If the voter failed to sign their voter registration they must correct the deficiency.

**New Business**

Tennessee Association of County Election Officials annual seminar and convention was held on June 6-9, 2010. The following individuals were given permission to miss portions of the seminar:

- Amber Moore – Hardeman County – holding a city election
- Wayne Simons – Van Buren County – a pallbearer in a funeral
- Donna Yates – Warren County – sick one day of the seminar

The certification test for new AOE's was given on June 25, 2010. The following AOE's obtained passing scores:

- Mark Stephens – Anderson County
- Margaret Ottley – Franklin County
- Steven Paxton – Trousdale County

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to certify those individuals passing the certification exam that was given on June 25, 2010. (See attached memo labeled: Results of the June 25, 2010 Certification Exam.)

**Coordinator Update**

- **Davidson County** – Administrator of Elections Ray Barrett is retiring. The county election commission is searching for a replacement.
- **Monroe County** - The Chairman of the Monroe County Election Commission is believed to be deceased. Mr. Jim Miller's car was found engulfed in flames and,

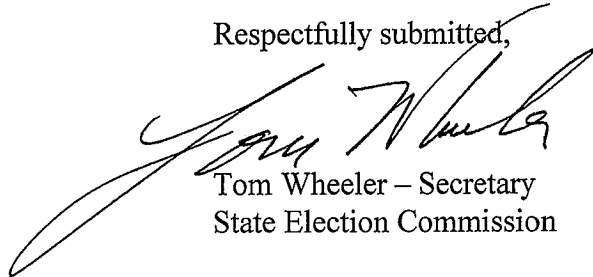
once extinguished, the fire officials found a body in the trunk of the car. The Coordinator understands the autopsy is complete but results have not been released. The TBI is leading the investigation.

- **Rutherford County** – There are concerns regarding the POST certification of the current sheriff. Coordinator Goins believes the concerns should be addressed by the courts.
- **Cumberland County** – Concerns have arisen over the challenged voter process. A poll watcher challenged a voter when the voter appeared to vote and indicated on their application a primary election other than the person's bona fide party affiliation. Coordinator Goins does not know what the outcome of the challenge was as the challenge was in process when he left to attend the State Election Commission meeting. If the challenge is successful the voter would only be allowed to vote in the General Election.
- **Early Voting** - Early voting is underway and Coordinator Goins expects a good turnout for the August 5, 2010 State Primary and County General Election.
- **Viewing voting machines** – Coordinator Goins updated commission members on the viewing of machines in New York. The trip is scheduled for September 13, 2010 through September 15, 2010. Commissioners will visit Eire County and Niagara County.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be August 17, 2010.

Motion was made to adjourn, and there being no further business to come before the commission at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tom Wheeler", written in black ink. The signature is fluid and extends across several lines of text.

Tom Wheeler – Secretary  
State Election Commission

# Vacant Status

20-Jul-10

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## Hamilton

D Tom Wheeler  
R Judy Blackburn

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## Monroe

D Tom Wheeler  
R Judy Blackburn

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## Scott

D Tom Wheeler  
R Kent Younce

R

## Sumner

D Tommy Head  
R Tom DuBois

D

R

**Total Vacancies: 5**

# New Appointment Status

20-Jul-10

		Appointment
<b>Scott</b>	D Tom Wheeler / R Kent Younce	
	R Dwight E. Murphy	7/20/2010
<b>Sumner</b>	D Tommy Head / R Tom DuBois	
	D Kenneth Clay Haynes	7/20/2010
	R Patricia L. Polston	7/20/2010

**Total New Commissioners: 3**

Tre Hargett, Secretary of State  
**State of Tennessee**



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## Memorandum

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To: State Election Commission Members  
From: Mark Goins, Coordinator of Elections *MG*  
Date: July 20, 2010  
Re.: Results of the June 25, 2010 Certification Exam

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On June 25, 2010, this office administered a certification exam.

The following Administrators of Elections obtained a passing score on that exam:

**Mark Stephens (Anderson County)**  
**Margaret Ottley (Franklin County)**  
**Steven Paxton (Trousdale County)**