

**Minutes**  
**State Election Commission Meeting**  
**February 15, 2011**

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The State Election Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman DuBois at 11:15 a.m. Central Standard Time, February 15, 2011. The following members and staff were present: Chairman DuBois; Commissioners Blackburn, 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 November 16, 2010.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adopt the minutes from the telephonic meeting held on November 29, 2010.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adopt the minutes from the telephonic meeting held on December 29, 2010.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adopt the minutes from the telephonic meeting held on January 26, 2011.

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 4:30 p.m. Central Standard Time Tuesday, February 15, 2011.  
**(For appointments made see attached list.)**

**Old Business**

No old business was discussed.

**New Business**

No new business was discussed.

**Coordinator Update**

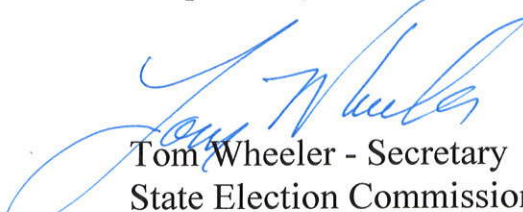
- Coordinator Goins indicated the State Election Commission will decrease to five (5) members in May and the commission is currently in wind-down status unless the legislature Sunsets the commission through June 30, 2016.

- Coordinator Goins will meet with freshman members of the TN House of Representatives to discuss county election commission appointments and the process for making appointments.
- Legislation has been proposed to require Tennessee voters to produce a photo ID when voting. Procedures will be set in place for those voters who are unable to provide ID to vote provisionally. The voter will then be required to produce a photo ID at the county election commission office within two business days or their vote will not count. Indigent voters, and those individuals who have religious objections, may complete an oath of identity instead of producing a photo ID.
- Legislation has been filed to repeal the Voter Confidence Act. Currently, the Coordinator's office is preparing to implement new machines in all counties by August 2012.
- Legislation has been filed to change the Presidential Preference Primary (PPP) to the first Tuesday in March.
- ES&S optical scan model certified by the EAC, to the 2002 guidelines, is currently in the decertification process. Several states have had problems with the machine freezing and issues with vote counts and over votes. No counties in Tennessee use this machine.
- Madison County – City Council member, elected to three terms, had voting rights restored to vote but his rights to run for office were never restored by the courts. The Coordinator's office immediately contacted the county election commission of his ineligibility to hold office.
- The Senate is in the process of hearing the election contest for Senate District 15.

The next meeting will be held on March 14, 2011 at Noon Central Standard Time in the 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room.

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,



Tom Wheeler - Secretary  
State Election Commission

# New Appointment Status

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		Appointment
<b>Meigs</b>	D Tom Wheeler / R Judy Blackburn	
	R Johnny R. Aikman	2/15/2011
<b>Rutherford</b>	D Tommy Head / R Tom DuBois	
	R Ransom Jones	2/15/2011
	R David Edwards	2/15/2011
<b>Total New Commissioners: 3</b>		

# Vacant Status

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## Hamilton

D Tom Wheeler

R Judy Blackburn

R

## Meigs

D Tom Wheeler

R Judy Blackburn

R

## Rutherford

D Tommy Head

R Tom DuBois

R

R

**Total Vacancies: 4**