



**Pulaski County Election Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2020
9:00 p.m.**

Members Present:

Evelyn D. Gomez
Joshua A. Price

Staff Present:

Bryan Poe
Betty Green

Visitors Present: Charles Bolden, Representative for Joy C. Springer; Claudius Johnson, Representative for Joy C. Springer

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 p.m. by Chair Gomez. A quorum was present, with two commissioners in attendance.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Chair Gomez.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

Business

Canvass Absentee Ballots for the January 14, 2020 House District 34 Special Primary Election

There are ten irregular absentee ballots, five of these ballots were disqualified due to deficiency of information on the voter statement or the lack of a voter statement. One ballot will count because the optional verification of identification was signed. Two ballots will not be counted because there was no ID provided and the optional verification of identification was not signed. Two ballots were presented to the commissioners for a decision due to signature discrepancies on the absentee application and the voter statement. Commissioner Price moved to not accept the

two irregular absentee ballots due to signature discrepancies; seconded by Chair Gomez. Motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting recessed at 9:05 p.m. to wait for the results from the polling locations.

Meeting resumed at 10:03 p.m.

Certification of Unofficial Election Results for the January 14, 2020 House District 34 Special Primary Election

Director Poe stated the results as follows:

H. "Otis" Tyler	51	7.38%
Joy C. Springer	295	42.69%
Lee Miller	109	15.77%
Ryan D. Davis	236	34.15%

There will be a runoff on February 11, 2020 between Joy C. Springer and Ryan D. Davis. Commissioner Price moved for the certification of the unofficial election results for the January 14, 2020 House District 34 Special Primary Election; seconded by Chair Gomez. Motion passed by voice vote.

House District 34 Special Primary Election Issues

The election results tape was not posted on the window at Precinct 76, Parkway Place Baptist Church and Precinct 99, St. Luke United Methodist Church. Chair Gomez requested Director Poe to investigate and present a written report regarding why the results tape were not posted, for the commissioners at the next meeting.

Other Business

Quorum Court Presentation

Chair Gomez requested an update regarding the date and time for the presentation before the Quorum Court to obtain additional funding for new voting equipment. Chair Gomez requested Director Poe to provide any email correspondence that he might have regarding the quorum court presentation.

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

January 16, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. for the preliminary review of provisional ballots for the January 14, 2020 House District 34 Special Primary Election.

January 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. meeting with the League of Women Voters at John Gould Fletcher Library located at 823 North Buchanan Street in Little Rock.

January 24, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. for the provisional ballot hearing and certification of the January 14, 2020 Special Primary Election.

February 11, 2020, time not set, for the House District 34 special primary election runoff if necessary.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.