



**Pulaski County Election Commission
Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2019
6:00 p.m.**

Members Present:

Evelyn D. Gomez
Joshua A. Price
Kristi McKinnon

Staff Present:

Bryan Poe
Betty Green
Amanda Dickens

Visitors Present: Marc Harrison, Circuit County Clerk's Office; Candidates for the March 3, 2020 Preferential Primary Election

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Gomez. A quorum was present, with all commissioners in attendance.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Marc Harrison.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

Business

Ballot Draw for the March 3, 2020 Preferential Primary Election

Several candidates were present for the ballot draw for the March 3, 2020 Preferential Primary Election. The numbers for the candidates that were not present or did not have a representative present were drawn by the commissioners. Commissioner Price stated that the commission is aware that some of the candidates have dropped out of the Presidential race, however it was after the list was certified by the Secretary of State's office so the candidate's name will still appear on the ballot. The results of the ballot draw are attached.

Other Business

Commissioner McKinnon stated she sent an email requesting some technical cleanup of the website regarding the election official application. A request for two sets of requirements for election officials, one for those who would like to be paid and one for those that would like to volunteer. Also, to make sure that the requirements meet the American with Disabilities Act so that no one is excluded from the opportunity to serve as an election official.

Director Poe stated that he had spoken with the State Board of Election Commissioners regarding the changes to the election official application. He was given a couple of recommendations for changes to make to the application. Chair Gomez informed Director Poe that he is to notify the commissioners as soon as he is informed of any information so that the commissioners can be prepared for the meetings.

Chair Gomez requested that Director Poe provide a written report regarding the incidents with election officials for the House District 36 Special Primary Election and the Annual School Election for the next meeting.

Commissioner McKinnon requested that anytime an article appears in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette regarding the Election Commission containing incorrect information, it should be addressed by Director Poe and a correction should be requested. She stated that an article that was published referred to minutes of a meeting, but the date of the meeting was incorrect and that some of the information in the article was misquoted. However, she is unable to remember which article it was.

Commissioner McKinnon stated that it is important for transparency of information between the Secretary of State's Office, County Judge's Office, Circuit Clerk's Office and the Election Commission. She would like for communication of all issues between all offices be effective. The commissioners have requested to be copied on all emails between these entities.

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

December 20, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. to appoint election officials and certify logic and accuracy testing results for the January 14, 2020 House District 34 Special Primary Election.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.