



**Pulaski County Election Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2020
7:30 p.m.**

Members Present:

Evelyn D. Gomez
Joshua A. Price

Staff Present:

Bryan Poe
Betty Green

Visitors Present: Kat Stromquist, Arkansas Democrat Gazette

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair Gomez. A quorum was present, with two commissioners in attendance.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Director Poe.

Approval of Previous 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 February 11, 2020 House District 34 Special Primary Runoff Election

There are 51 absentee ballots that were counted; nine that were not counted for various reasons; one is a provisional due to lack of identification and will not be counted because the optional verification of identification was not signed. Five absentee ballots were presented to the commissioners for a decision due to signature discrepancies on the absentee ballot application and the voter statement.

Commissioner Price moved to accept one absentee ballot and reject four; seconded by Chair Gomez. Motion passed by voice vote.

Designate Early Vote and Election Day Polling Locations for the March 3, 2020 State House District 34 Special General Election

Commissioner Price moved to approve the early vote and election day polling locations for the March 3, 2020 House District 34 Special General Election; seconded by Chair Gomez. Motion passed by voice vote.

Appoint of Election Officials for the March 3, 2020 State House District 34 Special General Election

Commissioner Price moved to approve the election officials for the March 3, 2020 House District 34 Special General Election; seconded by Chair Gomez. Motion passed by voice vote.

Appoint Election Officials for the March 3, 2020 Preferential Primary/Nonpartisan General Election

Commissioner Price moved to approve the election officials for the March 3, 2020 Preferential Primary/Nonpartisan General/Annual School Election; seconded by Chair Gomez. Motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting recessed at 8:15 p.m. to wait for results from precincts.

Meeting resumed at 9:06 p.m.

Certification of Unofficial Election Results for the February 11, 2020 House District 34 Special Primary Runoff Election

Director Poe stated the results as follows:

Joy C. Springer	372 votes	50%
Ryan D. Davis	372 votes	50%

Commissioner Price moved for the certification of the unofficial election results for the February 11, 2020 House District 34 Special Primary Runoff Election; seconded by Chair Gomez. Motion passed by voice vote.

Other Business

Upcoming Speaking Engagements

Department of Housing and Urban Development would like for someone to speak at its annual black history program on February 27, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Price will be the speaker at this engagement.

The commissioners requested Director Poe to establish a frequently asked questions list or topics that might arise at a speaking engagement.

Christian Adcock with Disability Rights of Arkansas would like for Director Poe to speak on a radio show on KABF 88.3 FM, on February 19, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., regarding voting.

Jacksonville Special Election

Jacksonville will hold a special election on April 14, 2020 to replace a city council member. It will be for Ward 1 Position 1 term ending in 2022. Filing period is February 10 through February 21, 2020. Runoff will May 12, 2020 if necessary. There will be ten polling locations and two early voting locations.

Events of February 11, 2020 House District 34 Special Primary Runoff Election

The M100 scanner had to be replaced twice at Precinct 120, Little Rock Adult Education Center.

An early voting software update took place from Friday, February 7 through February 10. There were no delays in voting because the Circuit County Clerk's office was able to assist with looking up voters.

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

February 13, 2020 at 7:15 p.m. to review the provisional ballots for the February 11, 2020 House District 34 Special Primary Runoff Election.

February 24, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. to review political practice pledges, ballot draw and certification of ballot styles for the April 14, 2020 Jacksonville Special Election.

March 3, 2020 at 9:00 p.m. to certify the unofficial election results for the March 3, 2020 Preferential Primary and the House District 34 Special General Elections.

March 9, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. for the preliminary provisional ballot review for the March 3, 2020 Preferential Primary and the House District 34 Special General Elections.

March 13, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. for certification of election results for the March 3, 2020 Preferential Primary and the House District 34 Special General Elections.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.