

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY ELECTION
COMMISSION (WCEC)**

MAY 19, 2025

**APPROVED & SIGNED MINUTES WITH
ATTACHMENTS**


WANDA BRUCE GRAHAM

SECRETARY, WCEC

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
MINUTES – May 19, 2025**

The Williamson County Election Commission (WCEC) met in person on Monday, May 19, 2025, at the Williamson County Election Commission Office located at 405 Downs Boulevard, Franklin, Tennessee.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Senior Republican Commissioner Donna Choate called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. in the absence of Chair Jonathan Duda who was absent due to illness. The agenda is Attachment 1. A roll call of members was taken, and four of five Williamson County Election Commissioners were present as follows: Commissioner James “Jim” H. Burnett, III; Commissioner Donna Choate; Commissioner Rodney “Rod” Williamson and Secretary Wanda Bruce Graham. Chair Jonathan Duda was absent due to illness. Administrator of Elections, Chad Gray was present.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Burnett led the WCEC in the pledge.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Choate reviewed the Meeting/Public Comment sign-in sheet, seven guests were present, and three guests signed in to make public comments. The sign-in sheet is Attachment 2.

- Cynthia Mercante, Brentwood resident, President, League of Women Voters Williamson County (LWVWC) addressed the Commission about the LWVWC’s poll observation report. She advised that LWVWC had seven members volunteer as poll observers for the May 6, 2025 Brentwood Municipal Election. Ms. Mercante sent a poll observation report to Administrator Gray and all Commissioners on May 18, 2025 but advised that everything overall went well. She remarked that a few voters had trouble with the heavy entry door at the Library. Ms. Mercante requested that WCEC release the registration deadline information for the upcoming Franklin Municipal Election soon after the Candidate Qualifying deadline. She commented that LWVWC is very appreciative of WCEC and the poll officials.
- Dorinda Caryle Smith, Franklin resident, League of Women Voters Williamson County addressed the Commission about a bill she wishes for WCEC to be aware of. It is the SAVE (Safeguard American Voter Eligibility) Act and would require individuals to provide documentary proof of U.S. citizenship when registering to vote in federal elections. She’s concerned this bill will impact new voters, existing voters, and would allow a private right of action against an election official. Ms. Smith concluded that the League of Women Voters wants every eligible voter to be allowed to vote.
- Sharon Spigel, Franklin resident addressed the Commission about Executive Order No. 14248 to the Election Assistance Commission titled “Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of America’s Elections” signed by the President on March 25, 2025. Ms. Spigel provided her complete comments to Administrator Gray and the Commissioners. She had questions about two parts of the Executive Order addressed to the Election

Assistance Commission related to the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines 2.0 and a section titled, "Improving Security of Voting Systems".

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

(1) Approve the minutes of the April 22, 2025, Election Commission Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Williamson made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 22, 2025, Election Commission meeting; Commissioner Burnett seconded the motion. It was approved by 4-0 vote.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

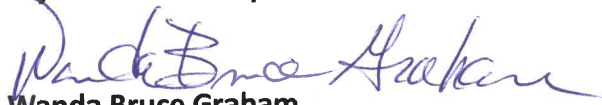
(1) Certify the Results from the May 6, 2025, City of Brentwood Municipal Election. Secretary Graham made a motion to certify the Results of the May 6, 2025, City of Brentwood Municipal Election; Commissioner Burnett seconded the motion. It was approved by 4-0 vote.

(2) Set the time and date of the May 6, 2025, City of Brentwood Post Election Performance Audit. Administrator Gray and Commissioners discussed potential dates and will forward availability dates to Administrator Gray and Chair Duda between the period June 24 – 30, 2025.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS (No Action to be Taken): Administrator Gray advised Commissioners and guests that the African American Heritage Society invited WCEC to have a tent at the Juneteenth Celebration at the McLemore House in Franklin on June 19, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Administrator Gray invited Commissioners to come out and support the event. He also advised Commissioners that the four incumbent Franklin Alderman have obtained petitions for the upcoming October 28, 2025 Franklin Municipal Election. Administrator Gray also advised Commissioners that the WCEC Budget passed out of County Commission committee. Secretary Graham asked about WCEC's Capitol Request and Administrator Gray advised that the next County Commission budget action will occur on June 20, 2025.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting of the WCEC will be determined by Chair Duda in coordination with Administrator Gray and all Commissioners will be notified accordingly. The WCEC meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.


Wanda Bruce Graham
Secretary, WCEC

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 - WCEC 5-19-2025 Meeting Agenda**
- Attachment 2 - WCEC 5-19-2025 Public Comment Sign-in Sheet**

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Jonathan Duda, Chairman
Wanda Bruce Graham, Secretary
Jim Burnett, Member
Donna Choate, Member
Rod Williamson, Member
Chad Gray, Administrator of Elections

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Williamson County Election Commission will convene in person on Monday, May 19, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at the Williamson County Election Commission Office located at 405 Downs Blvd, Franklin. **Time for Public Comment is provided during the meeting.**

For more information, please email Chad Gray, Administrator of Elections at chad.gray@williamsoncounty-tn.gov

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Public Comment (Pursuant to Public Chapter 300)
(Attendees will sign up prior to the start of the meeting)
- IV. Old Business
 - (1) Approve the minutes from the April 22, 2025 Meeting
- V. New Business
 - (1) Certify the Results from the May 6, 2025, City of Brentwood Municipal Election
 - (2) Set the time and date of the May 6, 2025, City of Brentwood Post Election Performance Audit
- VI. Other Business (No Action to be Taken)
- VII. Adjournment

Attachment 1

WILLIAMSON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION (WCEC)
MEETING/PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN-IN SHEET
405 DOWNS BLVD. FRANKLIN, TN 37064

WCEC MEETING

DATE:

5/19/2025

CHAIR: JONATHAN DUDA

**FIRST AND LAST NAME
(PLEASE PRINT)**

CITY OF RESIDENCE

**WISH
TO
SPEAK
(X)**

**AGENDA ITEM OR
GENERAL TOPIC**

Cynthia Mercante

ERENTWOOD

X

Bwood Comm Election

DORINDA Smith

FRANKLIN

X

General Topic

Sharon Spiegel

Franklin

X

General Topic

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