

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY ELECTION
COMMISSION (WCEC)**

SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

**APPROVED & SIGNED MINUTES WITH
ATTACHMENTS**



WANDA BRUCE GRAHAM

SECRETARY, WCEC

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
MINUTES – September 8, 2025**

The Williamson County Election Commission (WCEC) met in person on Monday, September 8, 2025 at the Williamson County Election Commission Office located at 405 Downs Boulevard, Franklin, Tennessee.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Jonathan Duda called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. The agenda is **Attachment 1**. A roll call of members was taken, and all five of the Williamson County Election Commissioners were present as follows: Chair Jonathan Duda; Commissioner James “Jim” Burnett III; Donna Choate; Commissioner Rodney “Rod” Williamson and Secretary Wanda Bruce Graham. Administrator of Elections, Chad Gray was present.

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENT: Chair Duda reviewed the Meeting/Public Comment sign-in sheet, eight guests were present (six signed in), and two guests signed in to make public comments. The sign-in sheet is **Attachment 2**.

- Ragan Grossman, Franklin resident, Chair, Williamson County Democratic Party (WCDP) addressed WCEC and thanked the WCEC for all of its hard work during each election. She further remarked that this commission has always done an exceptional job of ensuring our elections are fair, professionally run, and efficient. She commented that as a native of Franklin she could say with conviction the commission’s exceptional reputation has spanned decades. Ms. Grossman further commented that in 2025 there are 1,954 counties across 40 states using voting machines with QR codes and barcodes and that there has been no evidence nationwide to suggest barcodes have resulted in election manipulation. She remarked to the commission that this is all smoke and mirrors; creating a problem that doesn't exist to exploit distrust for political gain. Ms. Grossman hopes that her strong, positive message on behalf of the local Democratic Party is confirmation to the community since we are the minority party. She remarked that leaders in this country have tried to set a precedent that when you lose, you cry foul, and it should be very telling that members of our winning party are the ones constantly questioning processes and trustworthiness of our elections. She concluded by saying she can only imagine what these meetings will look like when local political power is restored to a healthy balance, and Williamson County has some elected officials from both parties.
- Linda Sherman, Franklin resident, League of Women Voters Williamson County addressed WCEC regarding the mailer she received from WCEC providing upcoming information related to the U.S. Congressional District 7 Special Primary & General Elections Tuesday: October 7, 2025 and General Election Tuesday, December 2, 2025 with Early Voting and Election Day Vote Center locations. She thanked WCEC and

remarked that some people do not know there is a special election and this information card will be very helpful.

- **Chair Duda remarks after Public Comments:** Chair Duda thanked both guests for their remarks to the WCEC. He further remarked that the Division of Elections for Tennessee was recognized as the number one state again for the 4th year in a row by Heritage Foundation's Election Integrity Scorecard. He's proud the State received this designation. He also commented about Ms. Sherman's appreciation for receipt of the WCEC mailer regarding the upcoming special elections. Chair Duda called for a recess at 4:10 p.m. to allow Administrator Gray time to provide copies of the Franklin Tomorrow's "I Voted Stickers" for the October 28, 2025 City of Franklin Municipal Election to be shared with Commissioners and guests; meeting resumed at 4:18 p.m.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

- (1) Approve the minutes from the August 12, 2025 Meeting.

Commissioner Burnett made a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 12, 2025, Election Commission meeting; Commissioner Williamson seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously by 5-0 vote.

(2) Update on Franklin Tomorrow's Current "I Voted Sticker" Competition in advance of the October 28, 2025 City of Franklin Municipal Election. Chair Duda remarked there were approximately 100 submittals. He commented that Franklin Tomorrow did a good job advertising the competition. He further remarked the stickers will be printed by Franklin Tomorrow for the election; the sponsor who will print them is a member of Franklin Tomorrow. WCEC can object if the Commission finds any one sticker objectionable. He and Administrator Gray participated with the Franklin Tomorrow committee making the selections. Administrator Gray commented that the competition was first held two years ago, and this competition is good public relations (PR). Chair Duda noted there were no objections from WCEC to the four selections at Attachment 3.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

(1) Appoint the Election Day and Early Voting Poll Officials for the October 28, 2025, City of Franklin Municipal Election. Secretary Graham made a motion to approve the Election and Early Voting Poll Officials list provided by Administrator Gray to WCEC for the City of Franklin Municipal Election, October 28, 2025 with Administrator Gray having the discretion to revise as needed; Commissioner Choate seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved by 5-0 vote.

(2) Lock the Early Voting/Absentee and Election Day Ballot Boxes for the October 28, 2025, City of Franklin Municipal Election. Chair Duda advised that Commissioners will lock the Early Voting/Absentee and Election Day Ballot Boxes for the October 28, 2025, City of Franklin Municipal Election immediately following the adjournment of the WCEC September 8, 2025 meeting.

(3) Appoint the Absentee Counting Board Members for the October 7, 2025, Special 7th Congressional Primary (Conditional on the number of ballots received). Administrator Gray advised that in accordance with T.C.A. (§)2-6-302 if the county election commission determines that there are fewer than one hundred (100) absentee ballots to be counted, the county election commission may act as the absentee ballot counting board. Commissioner Burnett made a motion to appoint the Absentee Counting Board for the October 7, 2025, Special 7th Congressional Primary if required in accordance with T.C.A. (§)2-6-302; Commissioner Williamson seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved by 5-0 vote.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS (No Action to be Taken):

- Immediately following the meeting, a public open house will be held for any interested individuals to view the voting machine and ballot set up for the upcoming October 7, 2025, Special 7th Congressional District Primary. WCEC Machine Technicians John Brake and Jim Atkins along with WCEC Deputy Jared Potts are facilitating the open house.
- Administrator Gray advised that Tuesday, September 15, 2025 is National Voter Registration Day and WCEC staff will be visiting local public and private high schools to conduct voter registration. WCEC staff will also be present at the Williamson County College, Career, & Science Fair being held at the Williamson County Agriculture Event Center on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 from 4:30-7:30 p.m.
- WCEC Voting Machine Inspection/Open House for the City of Franklin Municipal Election will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.
- WCEC will meet on Monday, October 13, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. to certify the 7th Congressional District Special Primary Election results at 1320 West Main St. in the County Mayor's Conference Room.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: Williamson County Election Commissioners will arrive on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 by 3:00 p.m. to convene the WCEC Absentee Counting Board or perform duties as the WCEC Absentee Counting Board. Reminder: WCEC will meet on Monday, October 13, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. to certify the 7th Congressional District Special Primary Election results at 1320 West Main St. in the County Mayor's Conference Room. The WCEC meeting was adjourned by Chair Duda at 4:38 p.m.



Wanda Bruce Graham
Secretary, WCEC

- Attachment 1 - WCEC 9-8-2025 Meeting Agenda (2 pages)
- Attachment 2 - WCEC 9-8-2025 Public Comment Sign-in Sheet (1 page)
- Attachment 3 – Franklin Tomorrow “I Voted Stickers” (4 pages)

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Jonathan Duda, Chairman
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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, September 8, 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 August 12, 2025 Meeting
 - (2) Update on Franklin Tomorrow's Current "I Voted Sticker"
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Attachment 1

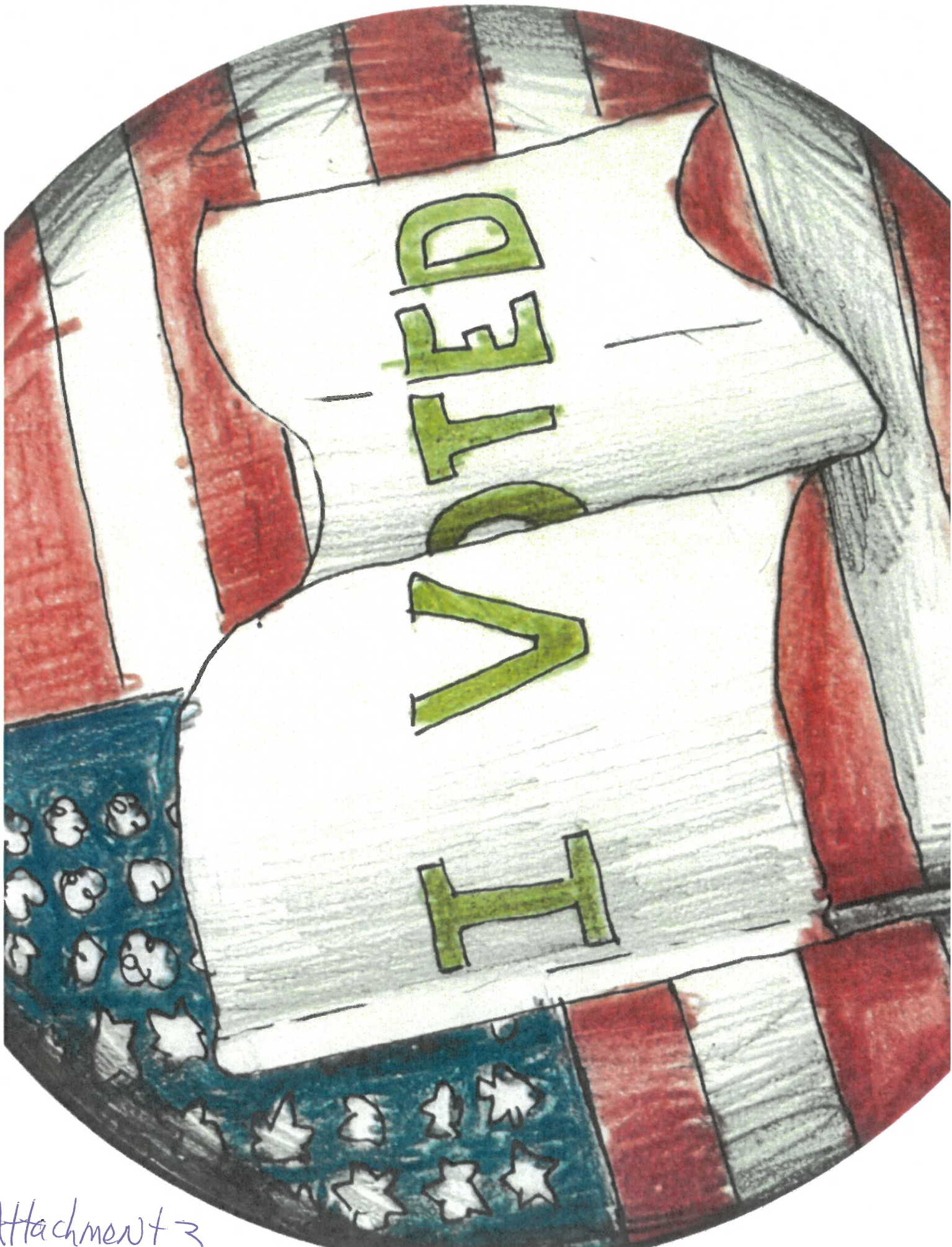
(3) Appoint the Absentee Counting Board Members for the October 7, Special 7th Congressional Primary (Conditional on the number of ballots received)

VI. Other Business (No Action to be Taken)

VII. Adjournment

Immediately following the meeting a public open house will be held for any interested individuals to view the voting machine and ballot set up for the upcoming October 7, 2025 Special Congressional District 7 Primary.

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Attachment 3

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