# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 9:00 a.m. on September 12, 2022, in the Board Room of the Madison County Chancery and Administrative Building in the City of Canton, Mississippi. The meeting was webcast live to the public through the County's website. The following Commissioners were present at the beginning of the meeting:

District One Commissioner Helen Carney District Two Commissioner Lauren Payne District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy

District Four Commissioner Dan Dickinson participated *via* teleconference. Circuit Clerk Anita Wray and Commission Attorney Spence Flatgard were also present.

Commissioner Truesdale called the meeting to order and began the meeting with a prayer. Commissioner Payne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Commission next reviewed the proposed minutes of its August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner Payne made a motion that the minutes be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dickinson.

The Commission approved its minutes of its meeting, voting as follows:

District One Commissioner Helen Carney-"Aye" District Two Commissioner Lauren Payne-"Aye" District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale-"Aye" District Four Commissioner Dan Dickinson-"Aye" District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy-"Aye"

Circuit Clerk Wray provided the VR-001 Voter Movement Reports detailed the movement of 192 voters in the County since August, which the Commission acknowledged and is available for inspection in the Circuit Clerk's office. Clerk Wray reported that five (5) candidates had filed timely petitions with the required number of signatures to qualify as candidates for school boards.

The Commission approved the following candidates for office placement on the general election ballot upon a motion by Commissioner Payne, a second by Commissioner Lacy and a unanimous vote of the Commission:

### Madison County Board of Education (District 1):

- 1) Jason Scott Dean
- 2) Kendall A. McCoy

### Madison County Board of Education (District 2):

- 1) William (Bill) Raymond Grissett, Jr.,
- 2) Rylon D.Thompson

# Board of Trustees of the Canton Municipal Separate School District (Territory outside the City of Canton, Mississippi):

1) Peter Brown

The Commission met its statutory obligation to consider the list of citizens who had been convicted of felonies since the last statutory purge date and determine whether they had committed a disenfranchising crime. The Commission Attorney had reviewed the list provided by the Circuit Clerk of (9) names and recommended names to be purged from the voter rolls. The Commission reviewed the recommended list. The action to purge those nine (9) names, should they be found to be registered voters, was taken upon a motion by Commissioner Lacy, a second by Commissioner Payne and a unanimous vote of the Commission. Commissioner Payne volunteered to execute the Commission's action.

The Commissioners submitted their lists of names to be purged from voter rolls by District on a SEMS VR-007 Report showing voters who were deceased or who had moved. The Reports included the following totals of voters in each District: District 1-22, District 2-36, District 3-34, District 4-19 and District 5-39. The names to be purged on the VR-007 Reports were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Lacy, a second by Commissioner Payne and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commissioners then submitted their lists of names to be placed on inactive status voter rolls by District from August  $3^{rd}$  to the HAVA deadline on August  $10^{th}$  with the appropriate notation on the SEMS VR-007 Report: District 1-4, District 2-329, District 3-2, District 4-1 and District 5-17. The names to be placed on inactive status were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Payne, a second by Commissioner Lacy and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

In Old Business, the Commission discussed upcoming poll manager training and the scheduling of poll worker training for new poll workers with dates to be coordinated.

#### In New Business:

- The Commission approved the request of *William Howell* to be included on the permanent absentee ballot list for District 1 upon a motion by Commissioner Carney, a second by Commissioner Payne and a unanimous vote of the Commission.
- The Commission approved the request of *Doris Algood* to be included on the permanent absentee ballot list for District 3 upon a motion by Commissioner Truesdale, a second by Commissioner Lacy and a unanimous vote of the Commission.
- The Commission approved the request of *Tanyia Jean Moore* and *Wendon Preston Moore*, *Sr.* to be included on the permanent absentee ballot list for District 4 upon a motion by Commissioner Dickinson, a second by Commissioner Payne and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commission Attorney gave his brief report.

## **During Commissioner Comments:**

Commissioner Payne reported that the recent national election conference was very informative. She encouraged other counties and officials from the Secretary of State's office to consider attending in the future, and that she really appreciated the Board of Supervisors allowing the commissioners to attend.

Commissioner Truesdale conveyed that she had received suggested names of poll workers from the Secretary of State and would pass those on for this fall's election.

Commissioner Dickinson agreed with Commissioner Payne's observation that the Denver conference was excellent and offered helpful ideas from other states that may help serve our voters.

The Commission concluded its consideration of its agenda items and adjourned the meeting, with its next meeting to be held on October 12, 2022, upon a motion from Commissioner Payne, a second from Commissioner Carney and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

PAT TRUESDALE

**CHAIRMAN** 

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Attest:

SECRETARY