

MINUTES
Non-Partisan Elections Citizens Committee
Thursday, August 12, 2021
War Memorial Building

A previously and publicly announced meeting of the Non-Partisan Elections Citizens Committee was called to order by Chairman Rich Maddux on Thursday, August 12, 2021, at 5:32 p.m. at the War Memorial Building, Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

ROLL CALL

Besides Chairman Maddux, members in attendance were Dr. Darvin Adams, Nancy Askew, Frances Torain Dunbar, Tom Glover, Andra Gold, Rev. Perry Greenwade, Faye Hendricks (arrived 6:09 p.m.), and Dan Kemp (left 7:15 p.m.). Absent were: Bertha Wimberly, Diane Wood, and Shannon Worden.

Staff in attendance were Crissy Fletcher, City Clerk; Seth Meek, Police Captain, and Jessica Gapp, City Attorney's Office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Kemp moved to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2021 meeting; seconded by Ms. Askew. There being no discussion, all members present voted aye.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of new members

Chairman Maddux introduced Ms. Dunbar and announced Ms. Wimberly was also recently appointed to the Committee.

Review committee objectives

Chairman Maddux reminded members the Committee's tasks were outlined in the Mayor's Executive Order. Members discussed concerns and agreed more information needed gathered before the Committee could address pros and cons of changing to a non-partisan election system.

Review and discuss updated data and data sources

Ms. Hendricks reviewed 2000-2020 primary and general local elections results. Ms. Dunbar moved to include this information in the report to Mayor Lynch and City Council; seconded by Dr. Adams. Committee members discussed the necessity of an explanation when the information is presented. Chairman Maddux indicated that would be worked out in the process. Following discussion, all members present voted aye.

Discuss community forum format, objectives, and potential presentations

Members discussed the need to contact those cities that changed from partisan to non-partisan elections as well as those that have not changed. Possible presenters mentioned included: State Board of Elections, individuals from Louisville, Shively, and Covington, Kentucky League

of Cities, political science professors, and Levi Peterson.

Objectives for next meeting

Committee members agreed the forum should be discussed in detail at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

No comments were made.

CHAIR COMMENTS

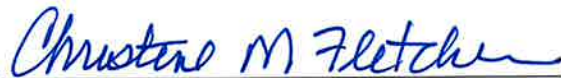
No comments were made.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, Mr. Glover moved to adjourn at 7:24 p.m.; seconded by Ms. Askew. There being no discussion, all members present voted aye.

APPROVAL CERTIFICATION

The foregoing are true and accurate minutes of the Non-Partisan Elections Citizens Committee meeting held Thursday, August 12, 2021. The minutes were approved on October 14, 2021 on motion by Mr. Gold; seconded by Ms. Hendricks. All members present voted aye.



Christine M. Fletcher, MMC
City Clerk