



Observer Reporting Form

Feature Evaluated	Yes	No	Comments
Meeting started on time?	X		
All members present?	X		
Members attentive?	X		
Did members appear to have done their "homework?"	X		
Were members courteous to each other and the public?	X	X	For the most part, however Commissioner Lambert interrupted several speakers
Agenda sent/posted 72 hours before?	X		
Agenda items clearly described what was to be discussed?	X		
Adequate opportunity for public input?	X		
Was there an appearance that some action items were discussed in closed rather than open session?		X	
Was background information available to the public?	X		Com. Briggs posted info regarding # of required signatures on petition to recall an elected official by other States on the Commission Forum. Articles in the News Sentinel
Facilities adequate? (room size, lighting, ventilation, speakers audible, accessible to handicapped)	X		

Were any issues on the agenda relevant to LWV positions or programs? Ordinance of the Knox County Charter to amend the provision to recall an elected official from office passed on first reading. After much discussion and voting provision added to ordinance that requires signatures on the petition to recall elected official to be 25% of votes cast in the last Gubernatorial election. I feel as well as other League observers that 25% is too high making the process to recall an elected official too difficult. Two public meetings will be scheduled before the next Commission meeting on Jan 25th to gather public input.

Do you recommend League action on any of these issues? To develop statement to be read at one or both of the public meetings regarding the necessity to have a recall process that is clear, fair and not too difficult for our citizens to recall an elected official

Other Concerns:

Observer: Barbara Nicodemus

Meeting: Knox County Commission

Date: December 14, 2009