



Observer Reporting Form

Feature Evaluated	Yes	No	Comments
Meeting started on time?	X		
All members present?	X		Chris Heagerty Chair, Cassandra Stuart, Bob Bowman, Cameron Brooks. Rob McNutt swore oath at top of meeting.
Members attentive?	X		
Did members appear to have done their "homework?"	X		
Were members courteous to each other and the public?	X		
Agenda sent/posted 72 hours before?		X	Could not find agenda on county election website
Agenda items clearly described what was to be discussed?		X	Obtained agenda at meeting, public forum moved up to beginning of agenda by chair without committee vote and without prior audience notification.
Adequate opportunity for public input?		X	By moving public forum to much earlier on agenda, when typically at end of the agenda, may have excluded public input
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	
Facilities adequate? (room size, lighting, ventilation, speakers audible, accessible to handicapped)	X		

Were any issues on the agenda relevant to LWV positions or programs? The League has expressed concern to the Secretary of State Tre Haggart & the Knox County General Assembly delegation regarding the process that allows approval of an Election Commissioner who has admittedly & repeatedly violated voting election law (McNutt). Jamey Dobbs, LWVKKC President was unable to present the League's concerns at this meeting because public forum was moved to beginning of meeting without notice. Ms Dobbs was unexpectedly delayed and missed public forum by a few minutes. She had anticipated that public forum would be at the end as reflected by the agenda.

Do you recommend League action on any of these issues? Yes, that the League partner with the State and National Leagues to investigate the State process for the selection of election commissioners and determine a course of action to encourage change to make the process more open and ethical securing the integrity of the process.

Page 2 Other Concerns

Other Concerns: New Commission sworn in replacing Paul Crilly with Roy McNutt. Bowman's interpretation of state law was that it was required that a new Administrator of Elections be selected. When asked by Commissioner Stuart if Bowman had contacted the State Election Commission to seek advice on the requirement of a new administrator selection, he said, he had not. Stuart asked Greg McKay, current Administrator of Elections, if he had contacted the State Election Commission to ask if it is required to appoint or reappoint the Administrator of Elections when a new commission is sworn in. Greg McKay stated, he had contacted the State Election Commission and was told that it was not required. On a 3-2 party line vote, commission decided to take applications for the position of Administrator of Elections until 9am on April 25th, at noon that day, each commissioner will submit a list of their top 3 to the chairman. The commission will interview the top 3 vote getters and select the administrator in a public meeting on April 27th. The Commission on a 3-2 party line vote terminated Greg McKay and place Scott Frith, administrative assistant in McKay's position. Bowman had recommended the termination of McKay stating if they did not immediately terminate McKay that Democrats could claim a "holdover time and a person in that position could claim a two year term".

Observer: Barbara Nicodemus Meeting: Knox County Election Commission

Date: April 15, 2011