



# Marion County Election Commission

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### Meeting Minutes for June 17, 2025

Location: MC Election Commission Office  
109 Academy Avenue  
Jasper, TN 37347

In Attendance: Commissioners Russ Hood, Anita Tipton, Vanessa Blevins, Deb Conley, Rhkisha Whisnant, AOE David Riley

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chair Hood

#### Old Business:

- I. Approval of Minutes for June 17, 2025 meeting: Motion: Tipton; Second: Conley; Unanimous commission approval

#### New Business:

- I. Approval of agenda: Motion: Conley, Second: Tipton; unanimous board acceptance
- II. No members of the public in attendance for public comment
- III. Discussion: No current avenue to adopt a remote attendance policy at current time
- IV. Discussion: Website would stay the same with regard to no pictures of the board members; bios would remain; edits to emailed to AOC
- V. Discussion: AOE discussed running pilot for remote Early Voting site in Whitwell; determining factors included reception, security, and hardware installation permitted.
  - a. Concerns articulated over serving one part of the county and not the other(s); Riley said the office had to start somewhere and Whitwell showed willingness to allowing the security requirements (including temporarily replacing door locks, installation of static IP port, etc.)
  - b. Board members expressed concerns of leaning out over our skis, Riley said felt like we need to learn what we don't know before presidential cycle and redistricting...avoid being caught completely "flat footed" at a crucial time in the future
- VI. M Brown registration appeal; voter inadvertently toggled 'yes' on felony question; properly responded to deficiency notice; Motion: Hood, Second: Whisnant, Unanimous commission approval
- VII. Title VI Policy Language distributed; vote was tabled until August for board to have time to read, Table vote Motion: Blevins, Second: Conley, board unanimously approved table vote
- VIII. Approval of New Voter Applications – Monthly Review (7 of 65), 0 deficiencies (identical to June stats); Motion: Blevins; Second Conley; board unanimously approved
- IX. Blevins brought up incorporating Election Office into 'Back to school' events; Riley asked for a pause on that for 'at least' a year given there is a established state program where the MCEC holds registration drive-esques at the high schools already;
- X. Adjournment: Motion: Tipton; Second Blevins; unanimous of present board