

Anderson County Election Commission (ACEC) Minutes

**Thursday, August 21, 2025
4:00 p.m. ET, Room 118A, Courthouse**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Jane Miller. In addition to Miller, Commissioners David Bradshaw, Bill Gallaher, Marion Stanford, and William "Bear" Stephenson were present, along with Election Administrator Mark Stephens and Chief Deputy Kim Eby.

Visitors:

Attending from the public: Lou Ann Cristy, Liz Ibbotson, Chase Lindsey, Robert Walker and John White.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gallaher to approve the agenda. A second was made by Commissioner Bradshaw with all voting in favor.

II. Public Comment (Previously approved motion limits each speaker to 3 minutes)

Robert Walker spoke regarding Open Government. Lou Ann Cristy asked about an email address for each Commissioner.

III. Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Stephenson to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2025 meeting. Bradshaw seconded the motion with all voting in favor.

IV. Administrator's Report

• Website

Administrator Stephens received a phone call from the State Comptroller's Office in Nashville, and he reported that they were very complementary of the ACEC website.

Administrator Stephens presented a recent benchmarking exercise conducted by Election Office staff that compared Election Office websites across all 95 Tennessee counties, looking specifically at:

- How many counties have an independent election office website
- How many counties publish election commission meeting agendas
- How many counties publish election commission meeting minutes

The results of this website benchmark were as follows:

- 44 of 95 counties have an independent election office website
- 41 of 95 counties publish election commission meeting agendas
- 9 of 95 counties publish election commission meeting minutes

This benchmark confirms that the ACEC website provides information consistent with the top Election Office websites across Tennessee counties. This benchmark detail data is provided in the attached Exhibit A.

Commissioner Stanford stated she was not interested in the other county election office websites, but rather she wanted to be sure that the ACEC website meets our needs.

- **Meeting Minutes**

Anderson County Law Director, James Brooks, met with Administrator Stephens and recommended that meeting minutes not be given out until the Election Commission has approved and signed the official copy.

In a memo from Law Director Brooks, the Anderson County Commission has requested a copy of the Election Commission minutes be placed in the County Commission packets each month.

A motion was made by Bradshaw to advise any interested party that Election Commission meeting minutes are available to be printed from the Election Commission website that are published after final approval. Stephenson seconded the motion with all voting in favor.

V. Review of Previous Action Items

1. COMPLETED - Place the photo of the new Election Commission onto the website – Mark Stephens.
2. COMPLETED - Place the signed minutes for March and April on the website – Mark Stephens.
3. THIS ACTION WAS CARRIED FORWARD - Chair Miller asked the Commissioners to review the website for any content revisions/additions, and to bring this to the next ACEC meeting on August 21, 2025.

VI. New Action Items

1. Consult with Information Technology Director Brian Young about the feasibility and cost of obtaining county email addresses for each Election Commissioner – Mark Stephens.
2. Chair Miller asked the Commissioners to review the website for any content revisions/additions, and to provide to Administrator Stephens prior to or at the next ACEC meeting on October 16, 2025 – Election Commissioners

VII. Open Records Request

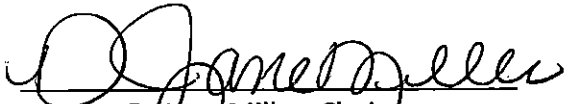
Chair Miller stated that she had received a certified letter from Commissioner Stanford requesting all documents concerning the Performance Review for Administrator Stephens, pursuant to the Tennessee Public Records Act. Chair Miller stated she has referred this open records request to the Anderson County Open Records Custodian, Andrew Stone, for review and will have a report in the October meeting.

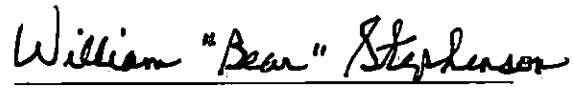
VIII. Set Next Meeting

The next ACEC meeting was set for October 16, 2025 at 3:30 pm in Room 118A of the Anderson County Courthouse. There will not be an ACEC September meeting.

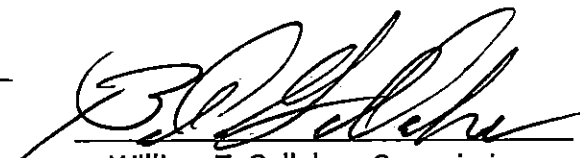
IX. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Gallaher with a second by Commissioner Stephenson. All voted in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.


D. Jane Miller, Chair


William "Bear" Stephenson, Secretary


David Bradshaw, Commissioner


William T. Gallaher, Commissioner


Marion Stanford, Commissioner

Attachment: Exhibit A, TN Counties = Website Address, Agenda and/or Minutes
(as of August 2025)

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*highlighted: **yellow** = independent election website

pink = posts an agenda

blue = posts minutes

1. Anderson—acelection.com, **agenda**, **minutes**
2. Bedford—bedfordcountyttn.gov/departments/elections, **informal agenda**, no minutes
3. Benton—bentoncotnelections.com, **agenda**, no minutes
4. Bledsoe—N/A
5. Blount—blounttn.gov/447/Election-Commission, **agenda**, no minutes
6. Bradley—bradleyelections.com, no agenda, no minutes
7. Campbell—campbellelections.com, **agenda**, no minutes
8. Cannon—cannoncountyttn.gov/election-commission, no agenda, no minutes
9. Carroll—carrollcountytnelections.com, no agenda, no minutes
10. Carter—cartercountyttn.gov/services/election_office, no agenda, no minutes
11. Cheatham—cheathamcountyttn.gov/election_commission, **agenda**, **minutes**
12. Chester—votechestercountyttn.gov, no agenda, no minutes
13. Claiborne—claibornevotes.com, no agenda, no minutes
14. Clay—claycountytnelections.com, no agenda, no minutes
15. Cocke—cockecountyelections.org, no agenda, no minutes
16. Coffee—coffeecountyttn.gov/158/Election-Commission, **agenda**, no minutes
17. Crockett—crockettvote.com, **informal agenda**, no minutes
18. Cumberland—cumberlandcountyttn.gov/directory/election-commission, **agenda**, no minutes
19. Davidson—nashville.gov/departments/elections, **agenda**, **minutes**
20. Decatur—decaturcountyttn.gov/departments, no agenda, no minutes
21. DeKalb—dekalbelelections.com, **agenda**, no minutes
22. Dickson—dicksoncountyelection.com, no agenda, no minutes
23. Dyer—dyercounty.com/election-commission, no agenda, no minutes
24. Fayette—fayettettn.us/departments/election, no agenda, no minutes
25. Fentress—fentresscountyttn.gov/election-commission, no agenda, no minutes
26. Franklin—franklincotn.us/election_commission, no agenda, no minutes
27. Gibson—gibsonelections.com, no agenda, no minutes
28. Giles—gilescountyttn.gov/elections, no agenda, no minutes
29. Grainger—graingervotes.com, no agenda, no minutes
30. Greene—greenecountytngov.com/election-commission, no agenda, no minutes
31. Grundy—N/A
32. Hamblen—hamblencountyttn.gov/election-commission, **agenda**, no minutes
33. Hamilton—electhamiltontn.gov, no agenda, **minutes**
34. Hancock—hancockcountyttn.com/election-commission, no agenda, no minutes
35. Hardeman—hardemanvotes.com, no agenda, no minutes
36. Hardin—hardincoelections.com, **agenda**, no minutes
37. Hawkins—hawkinscountyttn.gov/election_commission, **agenda**, no minutes
38. Haywood—haywoodvotes.com, no agenda, no minutes
39. Henderson—hendersoncoec.com, **agenda**, no minutes
40. Henry—henrycountyttn.org/elections-and-voting, no agenda, no minutes
41. Hickman—N/A
42. Houston—explorehoustoncountyttn.com/departments/elections, no agenda, no minutes
43. Humphreys—humphreystn.com/election_commission, no agenda, no minutes
44. Jackson—jacksoncotn.com/countydepartments, no agenda, no minutes
45. Jefferson—jeffersoncountyttn.gov/election-commission, **agenda**, no minutes
46. Johnson—jctnvote.com, no agenda, no minutes

47. **Knox**—knoxcounty.org/election_agenda, no minutes
48. **Lake**—lakecountyttn.gov/government/election-commission, no agenda, no minutes
49. **Lauderdale**—lauderdaleelections.com_informalagenda, no minutes
50. **Lawrence**—lawrencecountyttn.gov/government/departments/election-commission, no agenda, no minutes
51. **Lewis**—lewiscountyelection.org, no agenda, no minutes
52. **Lincoln**—lincolncountyttn.gov/county_directory/election_commission, no agenda, no minutes
53. **Loudon**—loudoncountytvotes.com_agenda, no minutes
54. **McMinn**—mcminnelections.com_agenda, no minutes
55. **McNairy**—N/A
56. **Macon**—maconcountyttn.gov/government/election_administrator, no agenda, no minutes
57. **Madison**—madisoncountyttn.gov/150/Election-Commission_agenda, no minutes
58. **Marion**—marionvotes.com_agenda_minutes
59. **Marshall**—marshallcountyttn.com/election-office, no agenda, no minutes
60. **Mauzy**—maurycounty-tn.gov/227/Election-Commission, no agenda, no minutes
61. **Meigs**—meigscounty.org/election-commission, no agenda, no minutes
62. **Monroe**—monroecountyelectioncommission.com, no agenda, no minutes
63. **Montgomery**—montgomerytn.gov/election_agenda, no minutes
64. **Moore**—metromoorecounty.org/elections, no agenda, no minutes
65. **Morgan**—morganelections.com_informalagenda, no minutes
66. **Obion**—obionvotes.com, no agenda, no minutes
67. **Overton**—overtonvotes.com, no agenda, no minutes
68. **Perry**—gov.perrycountyttn.com/departments-services/election-commission, no agenda, no minutes
69. **Pickett**—pickettelection.info, no agenda, no minutes
70. **Polk**—votepolktn.com_agenda, no minutes
71. **Putnam**—putnamcountyttn.gov/election-commission_agenda, no minutes
72. **Rhea**—rheavote.com_informalagenda, no minutes
73. **Roane**—roanecountyttn.gov/election-commission_agenda, no minutes
74. **Robertson**—robertsoncountyttn.gov/departments/elections_agenda, no minutes
75. **Rutherford**—rutherfordcountyttn.gov/election_agenda, no minutes
76. **Scott**—votescotttn.gov_informalagenda, no minutes
77. **Sequatchie**—N/A
78. **Sevier**—seviercountyttn.gov/government/election_commission, no agenda, no minutes
79. **Shelby**—electionsshelbytn.gov_agenda_minutes
80. **Smith**—smithcountyelection.com, no agenda, no minutes
81. **Stewart**—stewartcountyelection.com_agenda_minutes
82. **Sullivan**—sselect.org, no agenda, no minutes
83. **Sumner**—votesumnertn.org_agenda_minutes
84. **Tipton**—tiptonco.com/election_commission_agenda_minutes
85. **Trousdale**—trousdalecountytnelections.org, no agenda, no minutes
86. **Unicoi**—unicoivotes.com, no agenda, no minutes
87. **Union**—unioncountyttnvotes.com_agenda, no minutes
88. **Van Buren**—N/A
89. **Warren**—warrencountyttn.gov/government/election_commission_agenda, no minutes
90. **Washington**—wcecoffice.com_agenda, no minutes
91. **Wayne**—waynecountyttn.org/offices/election, no agenda, no minutes
92. **Weakley**—weakleycountyttn.gov/electioncommission, no agenda, no minutes
93. **White**—whitecountyttnvotes.gov_agenda, no minutes
94. **Williamson**—williamsoncounty-tn.gov/40/Election-Commission_agenda, no minutes
95. **Wilson**—wilsontnvotes.gov_informalagenda, no minutes