

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Knox County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building, Main Street. Those members present were Commissioners Dasha Lundy, Courtney Durrett, Randy Smith, Kyle Ward, John Schoonmaker, Terry Hill, Charles Busler, Richie Beeler, Carson Dailey, Larsen Jay and Justin Biggs. Also present were Ms. Sherry Witt, Knox County Clerk, Mr. David Buuck, Knox County Law Director, and members of the news media.

Ms. Sherry Witt, Knox County Clerk, presided.

The following proceedings were had and entered of record to-wit:

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IN RE: CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Sherry Witt, Knox County Clerk, called the meeting to order.

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IN RE: ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Angie Nesbitt, Clerk Recorder, called the roll.

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IN RE: CONSIDERATION OF THE RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION WITH THE ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR:

Consideration of the re-organization of the Knox County Commission with the election of Chair and Vice-Chair was before the Board of Commissioners.

Upon roll call for nominations for Chair of the Knox County Commission, Commissioner Lundy nominated Commissioner Beeler. Commissioner Durrett passed. Commissioner Smith passed. Commissioner Ward passed. Commissioner Schoonmaker passed. Commissioner Busler nominated Commissioner Schoonmaker. Commissioner Beeler passed. Commissioner Dailey passed. Commissioner Jay passed. Commissioner Biggs passed. Commissioner Hill arrived later at the meeting.

At this time, Commissioner Schoonmaker withdrew his name from nomination.

Commissioner Jay moved that the nominations cease and Commissioner Beeler be elected Chair of the Knox County Commission by acclamation. Commissioner Schoonmaker seconded the motion and upon voice vote the motion carried 10-0-0-1. Commissioner Hill arrived later at the meeting.

Commissioner Richie Beeler was elected Chair of the Knox County Commission.

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At this time, Ms. Witt, Knox County Clerk, stepped down from the Chair and Commissioner Beeler, Chairman, presided.

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Upon roll call for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Knox County Commission, Commissioner Durrett passed. Commissioner Smith passed. Commissioner Ward nominated Commissioner Biggs. Commissioner Schoonmaker passed. Commissioner Busler passed. Commissioner Beeler passed. Commissioner Dailey nominated Commissioner Schoonmaker. Commissioner Jay passed. Commissioner Biggs passed. Commissioner Lundy passed. Commissioner Hill arrived later at the meeting.

Commissioner Jay moved to cease nominations. Commissioner Durrett seconded the motion and upon voice vote the motion carried 10-0-0-1. Commissioner Hill arrived later at the meeting.

Upon roll call for Vice-Chair of the Knox County Commission, Commissioners Smith, Ward, Beeler, Biggs, Lundy and Durrett voted for Commissioner Biggs. Commissioners Schoonmaker, Busler, Dailey and Jay voted for Commissioner Schoonmaker. Commissioner Hill arrived later at the meeting. Commissioner Biggs received 6 votes. Commissioner Schoonmaker received 4 votes.

Commissioner Justin Biggs was elected Vice-Chair of the Knox County Commission.

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IN RE: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS TO THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION (STANDING COMMITTEES NOT COMPOSED OF THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION INCLUDE THE RULES COMMITTEE, INSOLVENCY BOARD AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE) - R-21-9-101-SS:

Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing Commissioners to the Standing Committees of the Knox County Commission (Standing Committees not composed of the entire membership of the Commission include the Rules Committee, Insolvency Board and Legislative Affairs Committee) was before the Board of Commissioners.

The following Commissioners were nominated for appointment to the Insolvency Board: Commissioners Busler, Dailey, Jay and Biggs.

The following Commissioners were nominated for appointment to the Legislative Affairs Committee: Commissioners Lundy, Durrett, Schoonmaker, Busler and Dailey.

The following Commissioners were nominated for appointment to the Rules Committee: Commissioners Lundy, Hill, Busler, Dailey and Jay.

Commissioner Lundy moved to approve Resolution R-21-9-101-SS - Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing Commissioners to the Standing Committees of the Knox County Commission (Standing Committees not composed of the entire membership of the Commission include the Rules Committee, Insolvency Board and Legislative Affairs Committee). Commissioner Jay seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Lundy, Durrett, Smith, Ward, Schoonmaker, Busler, Beeler, Dailey, Jay and Biggs voted aye. Commissioner Hill arrived later at the meeting. The motion carried 10-0-0-1.

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A brief recess was taken at this time and the following committees convened and elected its Chair and Vice-Chair as follows:

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Cable TV Committee: Commissioner Durrett – Chair; Commissioner Lundy – Vice-Chair.

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Finance Committee: Commissioner Schoonmaker - Chair; Commissioner Jay - Vice-Chair.

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Insolvency Board - Commissioner Jay - Chair; Commissioner Dailey - Vice-Chair.

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Legislative Affairs Committee: Commissioner Schoonmaker – Chair; Commissioner Busler - Vice-Chair.

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Rules Committee: Commissioner Dailey - Chair; Commissioner Hill - Vice-Chair.

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The Board of Commissioner's meeting reconvened at this time.

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IN RE: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, APPOINTING/REAPPOINTING A COMMISSIONER TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF KNOX COUNTY ALONG WITH THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION - R-21-9-102-SS:

Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing/reappointing a Commissioner to serve on the Board of

Directors of the Development Corporation of Knox County along with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Commission was before the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Biggs nominated Commissioner Durrett.

Commissioner Dailey nominated Commissioner Jay.

Commissioner Dailey moved that the nominations cease.

Commissioner Busler seconded the motion and upon voice vote the motion carried 11-0-0-0.

Upon roll call vote for appointment/reappointment of a Commissioner to the Board of Directors of the Development Corporation of Knox County, Commissioners Schoonmaker, Hill, Busler, Beeler, Dailey, Jay, Biggs, Lundy, Durrett, Smith and Ward voted for Commissioner Durrett. Commissioner Durrett received 11 votes.

Commissioner Schoonmaker moved to approve Resolution R-21-9-102-SS - Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing Commissioner Durrett to serve on the Board of Directors of the Development Corporation of Knox County along with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Commission. Commissioner Dailey seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Lundy, Durrett, Smith, Ward, Schoonmaker, Hill, Busler, Beeler, Dailey, Jay and Biggs voted aye. The motion carried 11-0-0-0.

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IN RE: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, PROVIDING FOR THE COMMISSION'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE JOINT EDUCATION COMMITTEE THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2022 AND APPOINTING/REAPPOINTING FOUR (4) COMMISSIONERS TO SERVE ON SAID COMMITTEE - R-21-9-103-SS:

Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, providing for the Commission's continued participation in the Joint Education Committee through August 31, 2022 and appointing/reappointing four (4) commissioners to serve on said Committee was before the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Hill nominated Commissioner Ward. Commissioner Ward declined. Commissioner Biggs nominated Commissioner Smith.

Commissioners Lundy, Durrett and Dailey indicated they would like to be reappointed to the committee.

Commissioner Dailey moved that the nominations cease.

Commissioner Durrett seconded the motion and upon voice vote the motion carried 11-0-0-0.

Commissioner Lundy moved to approve Resolution R-21-9-103-SS - Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, providing for the Commission's continued participation in the Joint Education Committee through

August 31, 2022 and appointing Commissioner Randy Smith and reappointing Commissioners Dasha Lundy, Courtney Durrett and Carson Dailey to serve on said Committee. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Lundy, Durrett, Smith, Ward, Schoonmaker, Hill, Busler, Beeler, Dailey, Jay and Biggs voted aye. The motion carried 11-0-0-0.

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IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Knox County Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Beeler declared the meeting adjourned.

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RICHIE BEELER, CHAIRMAN