

**MERIT SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
November 1, 2023, 1:00 P.M., Main Assembly Room,
City/County Building, 400 W. Main Street**

Present at this meeting: John Valliant, Subcommittee Chairman; Clarence Vaughn, Board Member; John Marshall, Board Member; Larsen Jay, Knox County Commission; David Buuck, Mike Moyers and Myers Morton; Knox County Law Director

Chairman Valliant called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Valliant opened discussion regarding the motion to amend Rule and Regulation 3.2 (f) and Knox County Ordinance Sec 42-53 (c) to narrow restrictions on board member's political activities to apply exclusively to elections for Knox County Sheriff. After lengthy discussion, Mr. Vaughn made a motion to add additional language to the original proposed motion to expand the restrictions beyond elections for Knox County Sheriff to include state and local politics, government, elected positions and offices and allow political participation in national/federal elections; board members Valliant and Marshall voted no. Motion failed 1-2.

Mr. Marshall made a motion to send the original proposed motion to amend Rule and Regulation 3.2 (f) and Knox County Ordinance Sec 42-53 (c) to narrow restrictions on board member's political activities to apply exclusively to elections for Knox County Sheriff back to the full board at the November 20, 2023, meeting for a vote; board member Vaughn voted no. Motion passed 2-1.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

Paula M. Taylor
Executive Director

John Valliant
Subcommittee Chairman