

# State Election Commission

## August 1 and 8, 2024, at 11:00 AM

### Secretary of State's Office

#### Call-in Information:

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Conference ID: 528 857 524#

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#### **Members:**

Matthew Chapman – Chair  
Mac Warner, WV Secretary of State  
Caleb David  
Benjamin Sullivan

#### **Agenda:**

- 1) Call to Order at 11:01 AM.
- 2) Approval of Minutes from June 14, 2024.
  - Mr. David moves to approve the minutes.
  - Mr. Warner seconds.
  - Motion passed.
- 3) Consideration of application by Nathan Brown, Attorney for City of Williamson, for removal of candidate from ballot (vote required).
  - Mr. Warner recommends that the meeting be postponed to August 8 so Mr. Hatfield will have his attorney present. Discussion leads to look at 9:00am as the meeting time.
  - Mr. Chapman states that August 6<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to hear back from Mr. Hatfield on confirmation.
  - Mr. Chapman requests a motion to recess
    - Mr. Sullivan motions
    - Mr. David seconds
    - Motion passed.
- 4) Executive Session
  - Mr. David motions to go into Executive Session at 11:33 AM.
  - Mr. Warner seconds.
  - Motion passed.

- Mr. David moves to leave executive session at 11:58 AM.
  - Mr. Sullivan seconds.
  - Motion passed.
- 5) Other Business
- Mr. Kersey provides an update on the HAVA Grants.
- 6) Adjournment
- Mr. David motions to recess the meeting.
  - Mr. Warner seconds.
  - Motion passed at 12:04 PM.

Quorum established for reconvening at 9:04 AM August 8, 2024

- Meeting called to order at 9:05 AM
- Mr. Hatfield's attorney is not in attendance. Mr. Hatfield asks that no decision be made by the committee until the 13<sup>th</sup> of September.
- Mr. Chapman asks if Mr. Hatfield is withdrawing his guilty plea. Mr. Hatfield refers to guidance from his attorney that he does not discuss specifics of the case.
- Mr. Sullivan asks for confirmation that Mr. Hatfield signed a guilty plea for a felony and if someone who has plead guilty can be on the ballot. Mr. Cook confirms that Mr. Hatfield has plead guilty and Election code does not permit him to be on the ballot. The court date in September is simply regarding sentencing.
- Mr. Chapman states that according to Election code Mr. Hatfield is not eligible to vote.
- Mr. Kersey reads the guilty plea that has been accepted by the court.
- Mr. Sullivan asks Mr. Chapman what the next step would be. Mr. Chapman states that a ruling by motion/vote is necessary.
  - Mr. Sullivan motions that based upon the facts and WV election code that Mr. Hatfield be removed from the ballot, effective immediately.
  - Mr. David seconds
  - Motion passed.
- Mr. David motions that we adjourn at 9:27 AM
- Secretary Warner seconds
- Motion passed and the meeting is adjourned at 9:27 AM.