



LIBERTY COUNTY ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Liberty County Courthouse - 1923 Sam Houston St, Room 203 - Liberty, Texas 77575

December 13, 2022

4:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER :

BE IT REMEMBERED that on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022**, at 4:02 p.M., Judge Jay Knight called to order a special-called meeting of the Liberty County Elections Commission of Liberty County, Texas, with the following members present, to-wit:

Hon. Jay Knight, County Judge, Chairman
Hon. Lee Haidusek Chambers, County Clerk, Vice-Chairman
Hon. Richard Brown, Tax Assessor-Collector, Secretary
Hon. Emily Cook, Liberty County Republican Party Chairperson, Voting Member
Hon. Michael Mark, Liberty County Democratic Party Chairman, Voting Member (via Zoom)

Other elected officials and county department executives present:

Hon. Matthew Poston, County Attorney
Hon. Kim Harris, Treasurer
Klint Bush, Elections Administrator

Having a quorum established, the Liberty County Elections Commission considered the following matters:

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST :

Notice to the Liberty County Elections Commission of a conflict of interest that may require the Commission member to be excused or abstain from voting on a particular agenda item.

NONE DECLARED.

3. RULES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT :

The Liberty County Elections Commission will consider, discuss and approve any limitations to the time allotted for public comment.

MOTION TO LIMIT PUBLIC COMMENT TO A TIME NOT TO EXCEED THREE (3) MINUTES PER PERSON.

MOTION BY: Richard Brown
SECONDED BY: Michael Mark
VOTED AYE: Emily Cook, Jay Knight, Lee Chambers, Richard Brown, Michael Mark
VOTED NO: None
ABSTAINED FROM VOTE: None
ABSENT FOR VOTE: None
THE MOTION PASSED.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT :

Public comment on a specified agenda item will be allowed subject to the limitations approved by the Commission members.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ADDRESSED THE COMMISSION:

- 1. REVEREND AUBREY VAUGHAN, CLEVELAND, TEXAS: SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF ALLOWING KLINT BUSH TO CONTINUE AS ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR**
- 2. JOHN ADDISON, DAYTON, TEXAS: SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF ALLOWING KLINT BUSH TO CONTINUE AS ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR**
- 3. LUTHER MARTINEZ, CLEVELAND, TEXAS: SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF ALLOWING KLINT BUSH TO CONTINUE AS ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR**
- 4. JULIA MARTINEZ, CLEVELAND, TEXAS: SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF ALLOWING KLINT BUSH TO CONTINUE AS ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR**
- 5. WESLEY THOMAS, DAYTON, TEXAS: SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF ALLOWING KLINT BUSH TO CONTINUE AS ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR**
- 6. ANITA SIKES, CLEVELAND, TEXAS: SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF ALLOWING KLINT BUSH TO CONTINUE AS ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR**
- 7. LINDA WEAVER, LIBERTY, TEXAS: SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF ALLOWING KLINT BUSH TO CONTINUE AS ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR**
- 8. STEPHEN BUSH, HARDIN, TEXAS: SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF ALLOWING HIS SON, KLINT BUSH, TO CONTINUE AS ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR**

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION :

The Liberty County Elections Commission may adjourn into an Executive Session as authorized under Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with legal counsel) and Section 551.074 (personnel matters) for the following reasons: (1) Receive an update from legal counsel, including but not limited to County Attorney Matthew Poston, regarding allegations of criminal conduct by present Elections Administrator, Klint Bush, as they relate to his functions with the Liberty County Housing Authority; (2) Discuss a temporary plan of action regarding the employment status and/or discipline of Liberty County Elections Administrator, Klint Bush; and (3) Discuss a temporary plan of action for the management of the Elections Department.

Motion to adjourn into an Executive Session as authorized under Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with legal counsel) and Section 551.074 (personnel matters) for the following reasons:

- (1) Receive an update from legal counsel, including but not limited to County Attorney Matthew Poston, regarding allegations of criminal conduct by present Elections Administrator, Klint Bush, as they relate to his functions with the Liberty County Housing Authority;**
- (2) Discuss a temporary plan of action regarding the employment status and/or discipline of Liberty County Elections Administrator, Klint Bush; and**
- (3) Discuss a temporary plan of action for the management of the Elections Department.**

MOTION BY: Richard Brown

SECONDED BY: Lee Chambers

VOTED AYE: Emily Cook, Jay Knight, Lee Chambers, Richard Brown, Michael Mark

VOTED NO: None

ABSTAINED FROM VOTE: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

THE MOTION PASSED.

THE LIBERTY COUNTY ELECTIONS COMMISSIONER ADJOURNED INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 4:23 P.M.

6. RECONVENE MEETING AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION :

THE LIBERTY COUNTY ELECTIONS COMMISSION RECONVENED AFTER AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:00 P.M.

7. ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR :

Discuss, consider and approve a temporary plan of action regarding the employment status and/or discipline of Liberty County Elections Administrator, Klint Bush.

MOTION TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND, WITH PAY, THE EMPLOYMENT OF ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR KLINT BUSH, AND TO HAVE THE LIBERTY COUNTY ELECTIONS COMMISSION REVISIT THE TEMPORARY ACTION IN SIXTY (60) DAYS.

**MOTION BY: Richard Brown
SECONDED BY: Michael Mark
VOTED AYE: Jay Knight, Lee Chambers, Richard Brown, Michael Mark
VOTED NO: None
ABSTAINED FROM VOTE: Emily Cook
ABSENT FOR VOTE: None
THE MOTION PASSED.**

8. ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT :

Discuss, consider and approve a temporary plan of action for the management of the Elections Department, if required.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE TEMPORARY MANAGEMENT OF THE ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT BY THE COUNTY CLERK, LEE CHAMBERS, AND HAVE THE LIBERTY COUNTY ELECTIONS COMMISSION REVISIT THE TEMPORARY ACTION IN SIXTY (60) DAYS.

**MOTION BY: Michael Mark
SECONDED BY: Richard Brown
VOTED AYE: Jay Knight, Lee Chambers, Richard Brown, Michael Mark
VOTED NO: Emily Cook
ABSTAINED FROM VOTE: None
ABSENT FOR VOTE: None
THE MOTION PASSED.**

9. ADJOURN :

**MOTION TO ADJOURN.
MOTION BY: Richard Brown
SECOND BY: Michael Mark
VOTED AYE: 5
VOTED NO: 0
ABSENT FOR VOTE: 0
THE MOTION PASSED.**

HAVING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:07 P.M.

THESE DULY RECORDED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LIBERTY COUNTY ELECTIONS COMMISSION OF LIBERTY COUNTY, TEXAS, ARE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

**HON. RICHARD BROWN, TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR
ACTING AS THE SECRETARY OF THE LIBERTY COUNTY ELECTIONS COMMISSION
DECEMBER 13, 2022**

Richard J. Brown, Secretary
12/13/2022