



Observer Corps Report

Observer:

Meeting Observed:

Meeting Date:

Agenda

Video Recording

Three Main Observations:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Feature Evaluated	Yes	No	Comments
Meeting started on time?	X		
All members present?			7 people present
Members attentive?	X		
Did members come prepared to discuss agenda items?	X		
Agenda posted 72 hours prior to meeting?	X		
Agenda items clearly described what was to be discussed?	X		
Adequate opportunity given for public input?	X		
Was there an appearance that		X	

some action items were discussed in closed rather than open session?			
Was background information available to the public?	X		
Facilities adequate (room size, lighting, ventilation, speakers, audible, ADA accessible)?	X		

Were there any issues on the agenda relevant to LWV positions or programs? View the League’s [National](#), [State](#), and [LWVKKC](#) policy positions.

LWVKKC Policy Positions: Childcare, Land Use, Health, Homeless/Mentally Ill Persons, Urban Forestry, Use of School Facilities by Communities, Teacher Recruitment & Retention

League Position	Issue
	Voted for early voting to run from 8 AM -8 PM
	Discussing some voting location change for 3 sites to better accommodate people and workers efforts. Will close early on some Wed and other days. Will be published. Motion carried
	<p>Republican and Dem sample ballots. Approve all candidates, including some independent candidates will not be on either ballot.</p> <p>Election of workers recommended for each location for early voter locations & the workers for the officials for election day. Republicans approve, Dems approve and they all approve all.</p> <p>Appointment of officials for absentee ballots for May 5 election approved.</p> <p>Approval of machine technicians for each caucus and then for all.</p> <p>No certified write-in candidates for May 5 election.</p> <p>Reviewing 4 applications to vote that needed to be revised. Approved</p> <p>Verified signatures on petitions for candidates for Aug 6 election. Today is the deadline for the parties to remove anyone removed from list. Likely to be there. All candidates for the 45 positions have been approved. Done until Mar 22, 2027 election.</p> <p>Many of workers for election have not worked since Nov, 2024. Will begin training/retraining in the next 2 weeks. Have 10 new officers among 80 poll workers. Normal number.</p> <p>Items for training about:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Photo I.D. Concern about whether women will not have allowable ID if the federal government passes SAVE bill. Currently, our state or federal ID with a photo will be acceptable. 2. New Photo IDs that are given to non-US citizens. They are not acceptable for voting in TN. They will need to use a ballot that will be uncounted until they come

	<p>and present an acceptable ID within 48 hours at city/county bldg. Look at Photo. Cannot take any temporary ID.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. The language on the new ballot signature is that the state is now requiring that we sign a form that says that the person is a member of the party or intends to be a member of the party. Additional to what is posted in the room. Now on the election day ballot information. He has to do what the legislature requires. The election commission cannot vote on this ... it is required by state. Question raised that the bill passed talks about the sign posting, but where did the order come from that it be on the ballot application itself. Seems that the state level person "made the decision". He did not think it was a big deal. But member of committee is asking how that decision was made. 4. Activities – Accepting domestic, military and oversees citizens were able to request absentee ballots beginning Feb 4. Already have 500 requests. Met with reporters on Feb 8, 9 to talk about voting process. Spoke to a class at UT with very engaged class about voting. Registered 75 or so new citizens this year. Registered 200+ students in high school as well as giving recent seminar. Led to some discussion about how to get more students registered. 5. Public machine test at downtown west in 2 weeks. Other detail deadlines to meet before May 5 election. 6. Discussing date and time for meeting to certify the May 5 vote. 7. Locking and sealing the absentee ballots for those to come in soon. 8. Have about 200 voter registrations to check for the deadline of April 5. 9.

Do you recommend League action on any of these issues?

We need to let people know about the change in ballot application form. It only refers to your position on the day of voting, it does not require that you have signed up in any way for a specific party. The state legislature and the state office is trying to reduce voting to only party members ... but they require no evidence of current membership at the time of voting.

Other notes/concerns?