

**BROWARD COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD**  
**MARCH 19, 2024 PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY & MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**  
**GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR OBSERVERS AND MEETINGS**

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Unless otherwise provided by public notice, the Broward County Canvassing Board will convene and conduct its meetings at the Voting Equipment Center at 1501 N.W. 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Lauderdale, Florida (“VEC”) for the March 19, 2024 Presidential Preference Primary & Municipal Elections. The Board hereby adopts the following procedures for its meetings and establishes the following guidelines for observers.

- In-person public inspection of Vote-by-Mail Ballot envelopes and other materials to be considered by the Canvassing Board at its scheduled meetings will proceed as per the schedule posted at the Broward County Supervisor of Elections (BCSOE) website [www.browardvotes.gov](http://www.browardvotes.gov) (“Public Inspection Period”). In addition to the Public Inspection Period, the Canvassing Board may establish additional inspection periods for materials that must be considered in a timely fashion but were not available during the daily Public Inspection Period.
- Anyone wishing to raise a challenge or objection regarding any document or Vote-by-Mail Ballot Envelope from a Public Inspection Period, or other inspection period set by the Canvassing Board, must do so in writing and include all information required by Florida law. Forms for the public to make written objections/challenges to specific ballot duplications will be provided at the VEC and is also posted on the BCSOE website at: [Browardvotes.gov \(Challenge Form\)](http://Browardvotes.gov/Challenge_Form). Items subject to objection or challenge, along with the written objection/challenge, will be presented to the Canvassing Board for consideration at the Board’s next scheduled meeting (or a special meeting, if called). Any other objections and challenges regarding matters being considered during a Canvassing Board meeting may be made orally during the Canvassing Board meeting but, if required by law, must be reduced to writing by the individual making the challenge or objection immediately thereafter.
- Ballots, Vote-by-Mail Ballot Envelopes, cure affidavits, and other materials may be viewed during the Public Inspection Period; however, any document containing a voter signature is exempt from the Florida Public Records Act’s copying provisions and may not be copied, video-recorded, or photographed. The required cure affidavit forms and instructions pursuant to Section 101.68(4)(e) can be found at: <https://www.browardvotes.gov/Voter-Information/Cure-Your-Signature>.
- Pursuant to Sections 101.572 and 101.5614, Florida Statutes (2022), candidates, political parties, and political committees may designate one representative each to: (i) observe the duplication of Vote-By-Mail ballots; and/or (ii) to review ballot materials prior to tabulation, including reviewing Vote-By-Mail envelopes and signature matches. Candidates, political

parties, and political committees should complete and submit to the BCSOE the Observer Request form posted on the BCSOE website: [Browardvotes.gov](http://Browardvotes.gov) ([Request-to-Review-Ballot-Materials](#)) with a signed letter designating their respective representatives, if applicable. In addition, pursuant to Section 101.5614(4)(a), prior to being permitted to view the duplication process, each individual observer of Vote-By-Mail Ballot duplication must sign an affidavit acknowledging certain disclosure prohibitions and penalties. The affidavit is posted on the BCSOE website [Browardvotes.gov](http://Browardvotes.gov) ([Affidavit-of-VBM-Duplication-Observer](#)) and should be completed and sent to the BCSOE.

- All completed forms including the required Affidavit should be sent to BCSOE via email at [bsheppard@browardvotes.gov](mailto:bsheppard@browardvotes.gov).
- All Canvassing Board meetings will be in-person and streamed via the internet via videoconferencing so that members of the public may observe and participate. The videoconference link will be posted at [www.browardvotes.gov](http://www.browardvotes.gov).
- The VEC, including without limitation, the Canvassing Board meeting room has certain capacity limits. Therefore, the number of observers in the Canvassing Board meeting room, public inspection room, and the tabulation room may be reduced to accommodate persons statutorily authorized to be present to observe the process. All other persons may observe through an online portal. The online portal link will be provided in the Canvassing Board meeting agenda.
- Except during times designated for public comment, members of the public (whether in person or appearing via videoconference) shall not interrupt Canvassing Board meetings, except to make an objection provided by law or to respond to an inquiry by the Canvassing Board. Each candidate or political party can only have a single attorney speak on behalf of the candidate/party at the Canvassing Board meetings.
- For individuals appearing in person, phones and other electronic devices must be turned to “vibrate” or “silent” during the Canvassing Board meetings. For individuals appearing by video conference or telephone, phones/electronic devices must be muted except when recognized by the Canvassing Board to speak during public comment periods or when making an objection to the Canvassing Board.
- Any individual who violates the procedures for participation established by the Canvassing Board or disrupts the canvassing process may be removed from the Canvassing Board meeting or disconnected or muted (if appearing electronically) at the direction of the Chair of the Canvassing Board.
- These procedures may be amended or modified at any time by majority vote of the Canvassing Board as may be needed, to ensure good order during meetings or to ensure that canvassing and Canvassing Board meetings are performed in accordance with the Florida Election Code.

**\*\*Additional specific guidelines and procedures relating to the COVID-19 public health emergency may be adopted by the Canvassing Board.**

## QUESTIONS OF VOTER INTENT

During the canvassing of Vote-by-Mail ballots, certain ballots may require duplication if they are unable to be read by the tabulation machines or if the machines read a ballot as containing overvotes or undervotes. During this process, the Canvassing Board is empowered by Florida law to determine questions of voter intent. If the Canvassing Board determines that a voter has clearly indicated a definite choice for purposes of counting a vote cast on a ballot, the ballot is to be counted.

The examples shown below are common examples of ballots that may be brought to the Canvassing Board for consideration of voter intent. The Canvassing Board may, but is not required to, make decisions as to how it will treat future ballots that exhibit the same kinds of markings as shown on these examples. Notwithstanding any advance vote of the Canvassing Board regarding its views of voter intent relating to these examples, additional factors may be present on an actual ballot that is presented to the Canvassing Board for a question of voter intent.


### Example 1

40	<b>Favorite Dog Breed</b> (Vote for One) <b>Raza de Perro Favorito</b> (Vote por Uno) <b>Chen Kwaze Pi Renmen</b> (Vote pou Youn)	<b>Favorite Florida Beach</b> (Vote for One) <b>Playa Favorito en Florida</b> (Vote por Uno) <b>Plaj Pi Renmen nan Florid</b> (Vote pou Youn)
43	<input type="radio"/> Bull Dog	<input type="radio"/> Clearwater Beach
45	<input type="radio"/> Labrador Retriever	<input type="radio"/> Cocoa Beach
46	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Miniature Pinscher	<input type="radio"/> Fort Lauderdale Beach
	<input type="radio"/> Pit Bull	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Palm Beach
	<input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in / Escribir / A Lekri	<input type="radio"/> Siesta Beach
	<b>Favorite Superhero</b> (Vote for One) <b>Superheroe Favorito</b> (Vote por Uno) <b>Superhero Pi Renmen</b> (Vote pou Youn)	<input type="radio"/> South Beach
53	<input type="radio"/> Black Panther	<input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in / Escribir / A Lekri
	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Captain America	
	<input type="radio"/> Iron Man	
	<input type="radio"/> Spider-Man	
	<input type="radio"/> Superman	
	<input type="radio"/> Wonder Woman	
	<input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in / Escribir / A Lekri	
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**Example 2**

40	<b>Favorite Dog Breed</b> (Vote for One) <b>Raza de Perro Favorito</b> (Vote por Uno) <b>Chen Kwaze Pi Renmen</b> (Vote pou Youn)	<b>Favorite Florida Beach</b> (Vote for One) <b>Playa Favorito en Florida</b> (Vote por Uno) <b>Plaj Pi Renmen nan Florid</b> (Vote pou Youn)
46	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Bull Dog <input type="radio"/> Labrador Retriever <input checked="" type="radio"/> Miniature Pinscher <input type="radio"/> Pit Bull <input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in / Escribir / A Lekri	<input type="radio"/> Clearwater Beach <input type="radio"/> Cocoa Beach <input type="radio"/> Fort Lauderdale Beach <input type="radio"/> Palm Beach <input type="radio"/> Siesta Beach <input checked="" type="radio"/> South Beach <input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in / Escribir / A Lekri
51	<b>Favorite Superhero</b> (Vote for One) <b>Superheroe Favorito</b> (Vote por Uno) <b>Superhero Pi Renmen</b> (Vote pou Youn)	
61	<input type="radio"/> Black Panther <input type="radio"/> Captain America <input type="radio"/> Iron Man <input type="radio"/> Spider-Man <input checked="" type="radio"/> Superman <input type="radio"/> Wonder Woman <input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in / Escribir / A Lekri	


**Example 3**

40 42 43	<p><b>Favorite Dog Breed</b> (Vote for One) <b>Raza de Perro Favorito</b> (Vote por Uno) <b>Chen Kwaze Pi Renmen</b> (Vote pou Youn)</p>	<p><b>Favorite Florida Beach</b> (Vote for One) <b>Playa Favorito en Florida</b> (Vote por Uno) <b>Plaj Pi Renmen nan Florid</b> (Vote pou Youn)</p>	
44	<p><input type="radio"/> Bull Dog <input checked="" type="radio"/> Labrador Retriever <input type="radio"/> Miniature Pinscher <input type="radio"/> Pit Bull <input type="radio"/> <u>Escribir / A Lekri</u> Write-in / Escribir / A Lekri</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Clearwater Beach <input type="radio"/> Cocoa Beach <input checked="" type="radio"/> Fort Lauderdale Beach <input type="radio"/> Palm Beach <input type="radio"/> Siesta Beach <input type="radio"/> South Beach <input type="radio"/> <u>Escribir / A Lekri</u> Write-in / Escribir / A Lekri</p>	
52	<p><b>Favorite Superhero</b> (Vote for One) <b>Superheroe Favorito</b> (Vote por Uno) <b>Superhero Pi Renmen</b> (Vote pou Youn)</p>		
61	<p><input type="radio"/> Black Panther <input type="radio"/> Captain America <input checked="" type="radio"/> Iron Man <input type="radio"/> Spider-Man <input type="radio"/> Superman <input type="radio"/> Wonder Woman <input type="radio"/> <u>Escribir / A Lekri</u> Write-in / Escribir / A Lekri</p>		


**Example 4**

41 42 43	<p><b>Favorite Dog Breed</b> (Vote for One) <b>Raza de Perro Favorito</b> (Vote por Uno) <b>Chen Kwaze Pi Renmen</b> (Vote pou Youn)</p>	<p><b>Favorite Florida Beach</b> (Vote for One) <b>Playa Favorito en Florida</b> (Vote por Uno) <b>Plaj Pi Renmen nan Florid</b> (Vote pou Youn)</p>	
44	<p><input type="radio"/> Bull Dog</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Labrador Retriever</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Miniature Pinscher</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Pit Bull</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____</p> <p>Write-in / Escribir / A Lekri</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Clearwater Beach</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Cocoa Beach</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Fort Lauderdale Beach</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Palm Beach</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Siesta Beach</p> <p><input type="radio"/> South Beach</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____</p> <p>Write-in / Escribir / A Lekri</p>	
51	<p><b>Favorite Superhero</b> (Vote for One) <b>Superheroe Favorito</b> (Vote por Uno) <b>Superhero Pi Renmen</b> (Vote pou Youn)</p>		
61	<p><input type="radio"/> Black Panther</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Captain America</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Iron Man</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Spider-Man</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Superman</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Wonder Woman</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____</p> <p>Write-in / Escribir / A Lekri</p>		

**Example 5**

40	<b>Favorite Dog Breed</b> (Vote for One) <b>Raza de Perro Favorito</b> (Vote por Uno) <b>Chen Kwaze Pi Renmen</b> (Vote pou Youn)	<b>Favorite Florida Beach</b> (Vote for One) <b>Playa Favorito en Florida</b> (Vote por Uno) <b>Plaj Pi Renmen nan Florid</b> (Vote pou Youn)	
43	<input type="radio"/> Bull Dog	<input type="radio"/> Clearwater Beach	
45	<input type="radio"/> Labrador Retriever	<input type="radio"/> Cocoa Beach	
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47	<input type="radio"/> Pit Bull	<input type="radio"/> Palm Beach	
	<input type="radio"/> _____	<input type="radio"/> Siesta Beach	
	Write-in / Escribir / A Lekri	<input type="radio"/> South Beach	
		<input type="radio"/> _____	
		Write-in / Escribir / A Lekri	
	<b>Favorite Superhero</b> (Vote for One) <b>Superheroe Favorito</b> (Vote por Uno) <b>Superhero Pi Renmen</b> (Vote pou Youn)		
54	<input type="radio"/> Black Panther		
	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Captain America		
	<input type="radio"/> Iron Man		
	<input type="radio"/> Spider-Man		
	<input type="radio"/> Superman		
	<input type="radio"/> Wonder Woman		
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	Write-in / Escribir / A Lekri		
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**Example 6**


41 43	<p><b>Favorite Dog Breed</b> (Vote for One) <b>Raza de Perro Favorito</b> (Vote por Uno) <b>Chen Kwaze Pi Renmen</b> (Vote pou Youn)</p>	<p><b>Favorite Florida Beach</b> (Vote for One) <b>Playa Favorito en Florida</b> (Vote por Uno) <b>Plaj Pi Renmen nan Florid</b> (Vote pou Youn)</p>	
47 48	<p><input type="radio"/> Bull Dog <input type="radio"/> Labrador Retriever <input type="radio"/> Miniature Pinscher <input type="radio"/> Pit Bull <input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in / Escribir / A Lekri</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Clearwater Beach <input type="radio"/> Cocoa Beach <input type="radio"/> Fort Lauderdale Beach <input type="radio"/> Palm Beach <input checked="" type="radio"/> Siesta Beach <input type="radio"/> South Beach <input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in / Escribir / A Lekri</p>	
51 61	<p><b>Favorite Superhero</b> (Vote for One) <b>Superheroe Favorito</b> (Vote por Uno) <b>Superhero Pi Renmen</b> (Vote pou Youn)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Black Panther <input type="radio"/> Captain America <input checked="" type="radio"/> Iron Man <input type="radio"/> Spider-Man <input type="radio"/> Superman <input type="radio"/> Wonder Woman <input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in / Escribir / A Lekri</p>		



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41	<b>Favorite Dog Breed</b> (Vote for One) <b>Raza de Perro Favorito</b> (Vote por Uno) <b>Chen Kwaze Pi Renmen</b> (Vote pou Youn)	<b>Favorite Florida Beach</b> (Vote for One) <b>Playa Favorito en Florida</b> (Vote por Uno) <b>Plaj Pi Renmen nan Florid</b> (Vote pou Youn)
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46	<b>Favorite Superhero</b> (Vote for One) <b>Superheroe Favorito</b> (Vote por Uno) <b>Superhero Pi Renmen</b> (Vote pou Youn)	
48	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Black Panther <input type="radio"/> Captain America <input type="radio"/> Iron Man <input type="radio"/> Spider-Man <input type="radio"/> Superman <input type="radio"/> Wonder Woman <input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in / Escribir / A Lekri	
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**Example 8**

41 42 43	<p><b>Favorite Dog Breed</b> (Vote for One) <b>Raza de Perro Favorito</b> (Vote por Uno) <b>Chen Kwaze Pi Renmen</b> (Vote pou Youn)</p>	<p><b>Favorite Florida Beach</b> (Vote for One) <b>Playa Favorito en Florida</b> (Vote por Uno) <b>Plaj Pi Renmen nan Florid</b> (Vote pou Youn)</p>	
44	<p><input type="radio"/> Bull Dog <input checked="" type="radio"/> Labrador Retriever <input type="radio"/> Miniature Pinscher <input type="radio"/> Pit Bull <input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in / Escribir / A Lekri</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Clearwater Beach <input type="radio"/> Cocoa Beach <input checked="" type="radio"/> Fort Lauderdale Beach <input type="radio"/> Palm Beach <input type="radio"/> Siesta Beach <input type="radio"/> South Beach <input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in / Escribir / A Lekri</p>	
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