

Primary Election - August 23, 2022 CANVASSING BOARD MEETING Friday, August 12, 2022

IN ATTENDANCE

Canvassing Board Members:

County Judge Robert F. Diaz, Chair
Michael Udine, County Mayor
Joe Scott, Supervisor of Elections

SOE Staff:

Mary Hall, Chief Deputy Supervisor of Elections
Other members of the SOE's staff

Also in Attendance:

Devona Reynolds Perez, SOE Counsel
Scott Andron, Canvassing Board Counsel
Members of the Public

MEETING CONVENED: 9:00 A.M.

Agenda Item #1: Meeting was called to order by Judge Robert F. Diaz at 9 a.m. Introduction of Canvassing Board members.

Agenda Item #2: Motion to approve the minutes from the preceding Canvassing Board meeting was granted by Canvassing Board members.

Agenda Item #3: Chief Deputy Mary Hall presented to the Canvassing Board members Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballots that were challenged during Public Inspection. VBM ballots were stored in a bag with seal #1948450.

(3) Vote-by-Mail ballots challenged during Public Inspection. Motion to request Cure Affidavit for ballots returned by voters, Mesia and Maxkin, was granted by the Canvassing Board members. Motion to approve signature on VBM ballot returned by voter, Ayala, was granted by Canvassing Board members.

(207) Voter Intent VBM ballots presented to Canvassing Board members for review and to make determination. Motion to reconsider 1 VBM ballot – one of the races on ballot had two bubbles and one of the bubbles was also marked with an “X.” For consistency purpose, the board will have same motion made during the Review Sample Ballots and Approve Procedures for Considering Questions of Voter Intent that took place at the Canvassing Board meeting on July 19th. Motion that it is a vote for Jeff Holness passed two to one.

Supervisor Scott explained that bubbles on one side of the page lines up with the other side of the page. If the voter's mark bleeds through, then it might mark the bubble on the other side of the ballot by mistake. Voter Intent ballots must be looked at closely.

Chief Deputy Mary Hall requested permission for staff to duplicate ballots. Motion to duplicate ballots, be placed out for Public Inspection and to only be reviewed for error in duplication was granted by the Canvassing Board members.

(127) Duplicated VBM ballots presented to Canvassing Board members for review. Motion that ballots were duplicated properly was granted by Canvassing Board members.

Motion for a 10 min recess was granted by Canvassing Board members.

(33) Duplicated Overseas VBM ballots presented to Canvassing Board members for review and approval.

(17) Blank VBM ballots presented for review. Motion that ballots are blank was granted by the Canvassing Board members.

(146) Overvotes VBM ballots presented for review. Motion that 143 Overvote VBM ballots are all overvotes was granted by Canvassing Board members. Motion that 1 vote is for Velez was granted. Motion that 1 vote is for Coward (and a pen drop for another candidate) passed two to one. Motion that 1 vote is for Marassi was granted.

Overvotes VBM ballots reviewed and approved by Canvassing Board members will be run through the tabulation machines a second time.

Motion for ballots reviewed today to be placed out for Public Inspection and for ballots that already went through Public Inspection to be tabulated was granted by the Canvassing Board members.

(16) VBM ballots with Cure Affidavits were presented to Canvassing Board members for review. Motion to approve 16 VBM ballots with Cure Affidavit was granted by Canvassing Board members.

Ballots reviewed today will be available for Public Inspection tomorrow at 8:30 a.m.

The office has received over 70,000 VBM ballots so far.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Judge Diaz will be at the Supervisor of Elections Office to observe the duplication process on Wednesday, August 17th at 4:00 p.m. Next Canvassing Board meeting will be held on Friday, August 19th at 1:00 p.m.

RECESS

With no further business to be conducted, Judge Robert Diaz recessed the Canvassing Board meeting at 11:19 a.m.