

Primary Election – August 20, 2024

CANVASSING BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

IN ATTENDANCE:

Canvassing Board Members

County Judge Giuseppina Miranda, Chair
Nan H. Rich, County Mayor
Lamar P. Fisher, County Commissioner

SOE Staff

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

Also, in Attendance

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

MEETING CONVENED: 10:11 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by Judge Giuseppina Miranda at 10:11 a.m. In attendance were Judge Giuseppina Miranda, County Mayor Nan H. Rich, and County Commissioner Lamar P. Fisher.

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from the last Canvassing Board meeting held on July 17th was approved by the board.

A PowerPoint presentation was given by Scott Andron, legal counsel. Scott Andron and Devona Reynolds Perez reviewed the revised rule 1S-2.027 Standards for Determining Voter Intent with the board. Some determinations of voter intent, such as those in slide #28, will be made on a case-by-case basis. The board granted a motion to approve the new standards, which will take effect on August 8th for the Primary Election.

Chief Deputy Mary Hall presented to the board the Vote-by-Mail certificates that were challenged or protested by observers during public inspection:

- Two voters' certificates from precinct X018: single character signature and incomplete image. Protest was withdrawn for each case.
- One voter's certificate from precinct M011: signature different/no match. The challenger was not present, so the board proceeded to review the voter's certificate, which was approved.

- Two voters' certificates from the same household, where each signed the other's ballot. Both certificates were approved.
- Three voters' certificates from the same household, where each signed the other's ballot. The certificates were accepted.
- One voter's certificate was signed by a daughter who is not a registered voter. Further investigation is needed, and the matter will be brought before the board in the next Canvassing Board meeting.

For the record, the Republican Party is not challenging based on F.S. 101.111.

Chief Deputy Mary Hall also presented 257 Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballots for the Canvassing Board to review and determine voter intent.

A 15-minute recess was taken at 1:13 p.m.

The meeting was resumed about 1:30 p.m. The Canvassing Board continued reviewing VBM ballots for voter intent and made determinations on each ballot. VBM ballots with overvotes and undervotes were presented to the Canvassing Board members for their review, confirming that they were clear undervotes and overvotes. A motion to confirm that the blank, undervotes and overvotes ballots were accurately identified was granted.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Canvassing Board meetings will be held on the following dates and time:

- Thursday, August 15th at 11:00 a.m.
- Monday, August 19th at 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 20th at 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 22nd at 5:00 p.m.

RECESS

With no further business to be conducted, Judge Giuseppina Miranda recessed the Canvassing Board meeting at 2:23 p.m.