



Primary Election – August 20, 2024

CANVASSING BOARD MEETING

Thursday, August 22, 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:

5:05 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Judge Giuseppina Miranda at 5:05 p.m. In attendance were Judge Giuseppina Miranda, and County Commissioner Lamar P. Fisher. Mayor Nan H. Rich arrived at 5:13 p.m.

A motion to approve the minutes from the previous Canvassing Board meeting, held on August 20th was granted by the board.

Devona Reynolds Perez, SOE legal counsel presented to the board: (2) Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballots that were challenged by the SOE office because of felony. Letters were sent to the voters asking for clemency information. Voters were contacted using the contact information on file. Motion to reject both ballots was granted by the board. (1) VBM ballot from a voter who was sent a letter about his voter's status and was notified about providing any clemency information by today at 5 pm. The voter is within the 30-days timeframe to respond. After further investigation, the voter has not been granted clemency, and still owns penalty fees. Ballot was rejected by the board. (1) VBM ballot is from a voter who satisfied the financial obligations with the Clerks of Courts and provided receipts that he paid any pending fees. All requisites provided to the board to review. Ballot was approved by the board. (1) voter voted a provisional ballot. Voter provided a receipt of payment and satisfaction of judgement from the Clerks of Courts. Ballot was approved by the board.

Chief Deputy Mary Hall presented the following categories to the Canvassing Board members:

UOCAVA Ballots: These voters had the option to fax their ballots back to the Supervisor of Elections Office, thereby waiving their right to privacy. Once received, the UOCAVA ballots are duplicated by the SOE staff. The board reviewed the ballots to make sure that they are properly duplicated. A motion that ballots are duplicated correctly and to be processed by SOE staff was granted by the board.

Duplicated Vote-by-Mail Ballots Sets: ballots presented to the board for review. Motion to ask SOE staff to process these ballots was granted by the board.

Duplicated Vote-by-Mail Ballots with Voter Intent Issues: These ballots were presented to the board at their last meeting and duplicated based on the board's determination. One ballot needs to be corrected. Everything else is properly duplicated and is approved for SOE staff to process ballots.

Vote-by-Mail Ballots with Voter Intent Issues (5 ballots): These ballots were presented to the board for review and determination. Motion to direct SOE staff to duplicate the ballots according to the board's determinations and to process them was granted by the board.

Vote-by-Mail Ballots with Overvotes (16 ballots): the board confirmed that the ballots contained overvotes.

(11) Early Voting Provisional Ballots (seal # 2172777): provisional ballots presented to the board for review. (7) voters voted Provisional ballots at an early voting site. Voters didn't have an ID. Signatures on the provisional ballots were verified against information from our system and they matched. The board was asked to review and confirm the provisional ballots. Two provisional ballots were rejected because signature does not match, and other ballots are approved by the board. (2) Voters registered after book closing and voted a provisional ballot. Ballots were rejected. (1) Voter voted a VBM ballot and voted a provisional ballot in person at an early voting site. Ballot was rejected by the board. (1) Voter voted a provisional ballot because didn't want to vote under the party affiliation that he/she was assigned to. Ballot was rejected by the board.

Vote-by-Mail Ballots with Cure Affidavits (seal #s 0562550 and 0562690): (19) ballots with cured affidavit reviewed by the board. Motion to approve and process all ballots with cure affidavit was granted by the board.

Election Day Provisional Ballots (seal #s 0574525, 0574508) – (3) Provisional ballots with matching signature are being recommended to be accepted. Board reviewed and approved ballots. (1) Voter inserted his ballot into the DS200 and wanted to vote on a different ballot. Ballot was rejected. (2) voters cast a VBM ballot and voted provisional ballots at their precincts. Ballots were rejected. (1) Voter cast his ballot in the wrong precinct. Ballot was rejected.

VBM ballots with voter intents and VBM ballot to be corrected because duplicated incorrectly were presented to the board for review. The board reviewed and approved ballots to be processed.

(43) Vote-by-Mail ballots signed by other than voter and have not been cured. Ballots were rejected by the board.

(12) Voters signed their VBM ballot outside the red box. Motion to accept (3) ballots and to reject the rest was granted by the board.

(13) VBM ballots received from voters that voted early. Ballots were rejected.

(76) VBM ballots returned with no signature and no cure affidavit provided (seal #s 0826197 0826198) presented to the board for review. Ballots were rejected.

VBM ballots returned with signature differ and not cured (150 ballots) (seal # 0562631 and 0570722) presented to the board for review. Ballots were rejected by the board.

Motion to recess at 7:28 p.m. and to reconvene at 7:45 p.m. was granted by the board.

Back in session. First Unofficial Reports presented to the board for their review and signature. Totals reviewed and signed by the board.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Canvassing Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 27th at 4:00 p.m.

RECESS

With no further business to be conducted, Judge Giuseppina Miranda recessed the Canvassing Board meeting at 8:00 p.m.