

Presidential Preference Primary & Municipal Elections - March 19, 2024

CANVASSING BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

IN ATTENDANCE:

Canvassing Board Members

County Judge Nina W. Di Pietro, Chair
Michael Udine, County Commissioner (Alternate for Mayor Nan Rich)
Joe Scott, Supervisor of Elections

SOE Staff

Mary Hall, Chief Deputy Supervisor of Elections
Shaun Robinson, Election Planning & Development Specialist
Tiawan McNeal, Early Voting & Vote-by-Mail Manager
Other members of the SOE's staff

Also, in Attendance

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

MEETING CONVENED: 3:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Judge Nina W. Di Pietro at 3:00 p.m. Participating at this time was Judge Nina W. Di Pietro and Supervisor of Elections Joe Scott. County Commissioner Michael Udine (Alternate for Mayor Nan H. Rich) arrived a few minutes after the meeting started.

Motion to approve the Canvassing Board meeting minutes from the preceding meeting was granted by the Canvassing Board members.

Chief Deputy Mary Hall called Shaun Robinson to present to the Canvassing Board members the duplicated ballots. Additionally, Shaun Robinson presented to the Canvassing Board members samples of ballots duplicated manually and using the Novus System. The board reviewed both types of duplications. They also reviewed the duplications performed using the Novus System of the damaged ballots. Motion to approve that ballots were properly duplicated was granted by the Canvassing Board members. Ballots will be available for Public Inspection the next day.

Tiawan McNeal presented the following Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballot categories.

(33) – Voter Intent presented to the Canvassing Board members for review and determination. Motion to duplicate ballots and put them out for Public Inspection was granted by the Canvassing Board members.

(13) – Blank Ballots presented to the Canvassing Board members for review. Supervisor Joe Scott instructed his staff that if there is no writing on the ballot, then it is a blank ballot. And, if there is some type of marking on the ballot, then it should be considered an undervote. Canvassing Board members voted on (8) blank ballots and (5) undervote ballots.

The following VBM ballots were stored in a bag with Seal # 0371010.

(38) UOCAVA ballots received via fax and duplicated were presented to the Canvassing Board members for their review. Motion that all ballots are properly duplicated was granted by the Canvassing Board members.

(10) Challenged/ Protest ballots from Public Inspection were presented to the Canvassing Board members for their review. Ballots were challenged by members of the public because the signatures did not match.

#273 – motion to approve ballot as valid was granted by the Canvassing Board members.

#073 – motion to approve ballot as valid was granted by the Canvassing Board members.

#039 – motion to approve ballot as valid was granted by the Canvassing Board members.

#035 – motion to approve ballot as valid was granted by the Canvassing Board members.

#073 - motion to approve ballot as valid was granted by the Canvassing Board members.

#001 – motion to approve ballot as valid was granted by the Canvassing Board members.

#557 – motion to approve ballot as valid was granted by the Canvassing Board members.

#114 – motion to approve ballot as valid was granted by the Canvassing Board members.

#087 – motion to approve ballot as valid was granted by the Canvassing Board members.

#315 – motion to approve ballot as valid was granted by the Canvassing Board members.

(3) VBM ballots with cure affidavits presented to the Canvassing Board members for their review. Motion to approve ballots with cure affidavits was granted by the Canvassing Board members.

(3) VBM ballots received from voters who moved away. Motion to reject (2) ballots due to voters moving out of the county before the ballot was received by the office. (1) ballot will be set aside for counsel to investigate further, and it will be presented at the next Canvassing Board meeting.

(3) VBM ballots certificates/envelopes received with no ballots enclosed. The VBM envelopes were presented to Canvassing Board members, so it is recorded that three individuals intended to cast their votes. However, it is noted that these individuals did not actually submit their ballots.

(2) VBM ballots received from deceased voters. Motion to reject ballot was granted by the Canvassing Board members.

(1) VBM ballot certificate signed by someone other than the voter. The ballot will be put on hold until the next Canvassing Board session, pending further investigation by counsel.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Canvassing Board meeting will be held on Monday, March 18, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

RECESS

With no further business to be conducted, Judge Nina W. Di Pietro recessed the Canvassing Board meeting at 3:56 p.m.