

## Primary Election – August 20, 2024

### CANVASSING BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

##### Canvassing Board Members

County Judge Betsy Benson, Chair (Alternate for Judge Giuseppina Miranda)  
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  
Gregg Mendenhall (SOE Consultant)  
Other members of the SOE's staff

##### Also, in Attendance

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

**MEETING CONVENED: 10:00 A.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Judge Betsy Benson at 10:00 a.m. In attendance were Judge Betsy Benson, County Mayor Nan H. Rich, and County Commissioner Lamar P. Fisher.

Chief Deputy Mary Hall welcomed the Canvassing Board members and audience to the meeting.

Kevron Aird provided an outline of the Logic and Accuracy (L&A) Testing process. The following election equipment will be tested today: 37 Election Day DS200s, 8 Early Voting DS200s, 12 DS850s, 2 Express Votes, and 16 Fujitsu FI-7900. He requested permission from the Canvassing Board members to commence the Logic and Accuracy Testing, which was granted.

Zero tapes were presented to the Canvassing Board members for their review to ensure that all machines were zeroed out before testing. No zero-tape needed to be reviewed from the Express Votes since they are marking machines, not counting machines.

While the testing was being conducted, the board considered the pending items on the agenda. Permission was granted to open and process Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballots starting on Monday, July 22nd. The motion to authorize the processing of VBM ballots after the completion of the L&A Test and the opening, tabulating, and duplication of VBM ballots

conditional on the approval of the L&A results was granted by the Canvassing Board members.

The motion to approve the Guidelines and Procedures for the Conduct of Board Meetings, Observer and Public Participation at Meetings, Public Inspection, Review of Duplicated Ballots, and Review of Procedures for Voter Intent Questions was granted by the Canvassing Board members. Legal Counsel Devona Reynolds Perez mentioned that rule 1S-2.027 regarding voter intent questions is in the works. Mr. Vandebogart indicated that the revised version of rule 1S-2.027 would be adopted by the Division of Elections before the Primary Election. Legal Counsel Devona Reynolds Perez reviewed the current rule 1S-2.027 with the board. The motion to approve the current standards for determining voter choice on the ballot, subject to change, was granted by the board. Chief Deputy Mary Hall explained that ballots with voter intent determinations made by the Canvassing Board members are duplicated and placed for public inspection daily.

The results from the L&A Test are compared with the predetermined results already provided to the board. Overvotes and undervotes are included in the results. The motion that the L&A Test results were reviewed, and no discrepancies found was granted by the board. The L&A Test was accurate. Permission to zero-out the voting machines and bring the zero results to the board for review was granted.

#### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

Next Canvassing Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 7, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

#### **RECESS**

With no further business to be conducted, Judge Betsy Benson recessed the Canvassing Board meeting at 12:12 p.m.

Attachment: DS200 Seal List