

Municipal Elections – March 11, 2025

CANVASSING BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

IN ATTENDANCE:

Canvassing Board Members

County Judge Jennifer Wigand Hilal, Chair
Beam Furr, County Mayor
Joe Scott, Supervisor of Elections

SOE Staff

Mary Hall, Chief Deputy Supervisor of Elections
Kevron Aird, Deputy Supervisor of Elections
Tiawan McNeal,
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:

6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Judge Jennifer Hilal at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were Judge Jennifer Hilal, County Mayor Beam Furr and Supervisor of Elections, Joe Scott.

Pledge of allegiance

A motion to approve the minutes from the previous Canvassing Board meeting held on February 19th was granted by the present board members.

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

(37) Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballots with voter intent presented to the board for review and determination. A motion to approve the duplication of these ballots and bring them back to the Canvassing Board for verification was granted by the board.

(10) UOCAVA ballots that had been received and duplicated were presented to the board for confirmation that they were duplicated properly. A motion confirming the ballots were accurately duplicated and ready to be tabulated was granted by the board.

Damaged ballots without voter intent were duplicated and presented to the board to ensure proper duplication. A motion confirming the ballots were accurately duplicated and ready to be tabulated was granted by the board.

VBM ballots were stored in a bin with serial numbers 0391790 and 0391789.

(1) VBM ballot was received from a voter who had moved away. A motion to reject the ballot was granted by the board.

(1) VBM ballot was received from a deceased voter, accompanied by a note from the voter's spouse notifying the office of the voter's passing. A motion to reject the ballot was granted by the board.

(28) VBM ballots received from voters who live in the same household and signed each other's ballots. A motion for the approved ballots to be processed and to request a cure affidavit for the ballots not approved was granted by the board.

Election results displayed at 7:00 p.m.

(2) VBM ballots presented to the board for voter intent. Motion given to each of the ballots.

Supervisor Joe Scott explained to the audience that the Canvassing Board would count write-in votes by creating a tally next to the qualifying write-in candidates. Kevron Aird provided an explanation on how signatures were exported in an Excel format. The ballot signatures were captured when ballots were processed through the 850s machine, which directly exports the signature data into an Excel spreadsheet. Once all votes are counted, a motion will be made to add the official number of votes.

Two voters who live in the same household signed each other's ballots. Motion to approve ballots was granted by the board.

A motion to recess for 30 minutes was granted by the board. The board resumed at 8:00 p.m., after which another motion was made and granted for a 10-minute recess.

Back on record at 8:13 p.m. The Canvassing Board reviewed the voter intent ballots that had previously been duplicated to ensure accuracy. A motion confirming that all ballots were duplicated correctly and are ready to be tabulated was granted by the board.

One damaged ballot that was duplicated presented for the board to review. The board confirmed it was duplicated correctly and ready to be tabulated was granted by the board.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Canvassing Board meeting will be held on Friday, March 14th at 10:00 a.m.

RECESS

With no further business to be conducted, a motion was granted by the board to recess the Canvassing Board meeting at 8:30 p.m. until Friday, March 14th until 10:00 a.m.