

**Plantation Acres Improvement District  
Special Election - June 23, 2026  
CANVASSING BOARD MEETING  
Thursday, June 25, 2026**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Canvassing Board Members

County Judge Kenneth Gottlieb, Chair  
Robert McKinzie, County Vice Mayor  
Mary Hall, Chief Deputy Supervisor of Elections (Alternate)

SOE Staff

Kevron Aird, Election Systems Manager  
Ben Williams, Operations Director  
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: 5:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Judge Kenneth Gottlieb at 5:00 p.m. Present were Judge Kenneth Gottlieb, County Vice Mayor Robert McKinzie, and Chief Deputy Mary Hall (alternate for Supervisor of Elections Joe Scott).

Pledge of Allegiance

A motion to approve the minutes from the previous Canvassing Board meeting was made and approved by the Board.

Herman Schnell, representing the Republican Party, addressed the Board. Mr. Schnell served as an Election Day poll watcher for the Plantation Acres Improvement District (PAID) Special Election. He expressed concern that, at the close of polls, poll workers were required to enter the total number of votes cast into the poll pads before printing the total tape. According to Mr. Schnell, the poll workers from the precinct he was observing did not enter the vote totals from the DS200 voting machines into the poll pads, resulting in discrepancies in the numbers printed on the tapes. He stated that he did not believe the reconciliation process was completed and that the procedures outlined in the Poll Worker Handbook were not followed.

Mr. Schnell also noted that both voting machines reported 99 ballots cast. He stated that both machines reported 77 "Yes" votes and 22 "No" votes and questioned the coincidence of both machines reporting the same total number of ballots cast.

Benjamin Williams, Director of the Operations Department, responded on behalf of the Supervisor of Elections (SOE) Office. Mr. Williams explained that poll workers contacted the SOE Office to report the issue and were guided through the shutdown procedures by SOE staff. He stated that the reconciliation process was completed at the SOE Office and that, under the updated procedures in the Poll Worker Handbook, the poll workers were not responsible for completing the reconciliation at the precinct.

Brian Schaffer, a Plantation resident and chair of a political committee, also addressed the Board. He stated that he was present at the precincts when the polls closed and again raised concerns regarding the identical vote totals reported by the two voting machines. He also expressed concern about the time it took for one precinct to post its results. Based on these concerns, Mr. Schaffer requested that the Canvassing Board conduct a manual recount.

Mr. Williams clarified that the total tapes are not required to be posted at the precinct and may instead be posted at the Supervisor of Elections Office.

Devona Reynolds Perez, legal counsel, advised regarding Mr. Schaffer's request. She stated that the Canvassing Board could not order a recount based solely on the concerns presented. A recount may only be conducted if the election results meet the statutory threshold of 0.5 percent or less, as required by law.

A motion to certify the Plantation Acres Improvement District (PAID) Special Election was made and approved by the Canvassing Board.

A motion to proceed with the Post-Election Audit was made and approved by the Board.

Kevron Aird explained and demonstrated the Post-Election Automated Independent Audit System, which compares the ballots scanned by the Independent Audit System with the ballots tabulated for Election Day and Vote-by-Mail ballots. The audit found no discrepancies between the two systems.

A motion to approve the post-election audit was made and approved by the Board. The Post-Election Audit form was completed and signed by the Board members.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Judge Kenneth Gottlieb adjourned the Canvassing Board meeting at 5:18 p.m.