

Primary Election – August 18, 2026

CANVASSING BOARD MEETING Wednesday, August 5, 2026

IN ATTENDANCE:

Canvassing Board Members

County Judge Florence Taylor Barner, Chair
Robert McKinzie, County Vice Mayor
Joe Scott, Supervisor of Elections

SOE Staff

Mary Hall, Chief Deputy Supervisor of Elections
Robert Scott, Director of Information Technology
Tiawan McNeal, Director of Voter Services
Kevron Aird, Election Systems Manager
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: 2:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Judge Florence Taylor Barner at 2:00 p.m. Present were Judge Florence Taylor Barner and Supervisor of Elections Joe Scott.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Supervisor of Elections legal counsel, Devona Reynolds Perez, reviewed the Voter Intent Standards with the present Canvassing Board members.

Following the PowerPoint presentation, the Canvassing Board proceeded to the next agenda item, which was to consider and approve or reject duplicated Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballots and UOCAVA (Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act) ballots, submitted Vote-by-Mail cure affidavits, and blank ballots, undervotes, and overvotes with no voter intent questions.

Vice Mayor Robert McKinzie joined the Canvassing Board meeting.

The following categories of Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballots were presented to the Canvassing Board by Tiawan McNeal:

(4) Damaged VBM ballots with overvotes: Four damaged VBM ballots with overvotes were presented for review. The Board determined that all four ballots contained overvotes. A motion to duplicate the ballots was approved.

(121) VBM ballots with voter intent: The Board reviewed each ballot individually and made a determination on each ballot.

(71) Duplicated sets of VBM ballots: The duplicated ballots were presented to confirm they had been duplicated correctly. A motion authorizing the Canvassing Board Alternates to review the duplicated ballots was approved. A second motion confirming that the ballots had been duplicated correctly was also approved.

(4) Duplicated VBM ballots with overvotes: Four VBM ballots with overvotes that had previously been reviewed by the Board were presented again to verify that the duplication had been completed correctly. A motion confirming that the ballots were duplicated properly and authorizing them to be tabulated was approved.

Chief Deputy Mary Hall asked the Board whether members of the public who were having difficulty viewing the ballots on the screen could move closer to the Board area during the ballot review. The Board approved the request.

(119) VBM ballots with clear overvotes: These ballots were presented for review. A motion to approve and tabulate the ballots was approved.

(18) Blank VBM ballots: These ballots were presented for review. A motion confirming that all 18 ballots were blank and ready to be tabulated was approved.

A member of the public, Herman Schnell of the Republican Party, asked when the ballots would be tabulated. Kevron Aird responded that the ballots would be tabulated at the end of the day.

(85) UOCAVA ballots: These ballots were presented for review. A motion authorizing the Canvassing Board Alternates to review and confirm that the ballots had been duplicated correctly and to tabulate them was approved. A second motion confirming that the ballots had been duplicated correctly was also approved.

Chief Deputy Mary Hall then presented the following Vote-by-Mail ballot categories:

(1) VBM ballot signed by someone other than the voter (stored in bag with seal #0391859): The ballot accompanied by a cure affidavit was presented for review. The Board determined that the ballot had been properly cured and approved it for tabulation.

(2) Public inspection challenges/protests (stored in bag with seal #0391860): A motion to approve, open, and tabulate the ballots was approved.

(18) VBM ballots for which staff issued cure affidavits (stored in bag with seal #0391853): The Board determined that all ballots had been properly cured. A motion to open and tabulate the ballots was approved.

(16) VBM ballots signed by someone other than the voter residing in the same household, accompanied by cure affidavits (stored in bag #0391857): The Board determined that the ballots had been properly cured. A motion authorizing staff to open and tabulate the ballots was approved.

(2) VBM ballots with no signatures, accompanied by cure affidavits (stored in bag #0391858): The Board determined that the ballots had been properly cured with valid photo identification. A motion to approve and tabulate the ballots was approved.

(4) Voter ballot certificates with no enclosed ballots: Four ballot certificates that did not contain ballots from precincts X11, X011, E12, and N10 were presented to the Board.

(2) VBM ballots received inside a single voter's ballot certificate envelope; the certificate envelope was properly signed. Chief Deputy Mary Hall recommended that the ballots be rejected. A motion to reject ballots was approved.

(1) VBM ballot with an overvote: The ballot was presented for review, and the Board confirmed that it contained an overvote.

(1) VBM ballot accompanied by a voter's note indicating that the voter had received the incorrect party ballot: A motion determining that the ballot was an undervote was approved.

(1) VBM ballot previously reviewed for voter intent: This ballot was returned to the Board because the Board's determination had not been documented. The Board reviewed the ballot again and made its determination.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Canvassing Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

RECESS

There being no further business to come before the Board, Judge Florence Taylor Barner recessed the Canvassing Board meeting at 3:54 p.m.