

Primary Election – August 18, 2026

CANVASSING BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, August 12, 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
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, Vice Mayor Robert McKinzie 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.

Chief Deputy Mary Hall presented thirty (30) Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballots containing voter intent marks to the Canvassing Board for review and determination.

Herman Schnell, representing the Republican Party, acknowledged the passing of Larry Davis, who was associated with the Democratic Party. The Board observed a moment of silence in his memory.

The Board proceeded to review the VBM ballots containing voter intent marks and made a determination on each ballot presented. A motion to duplicate the ballots was approved by the Board.

Forty-one (41) VBM ballots with overvotes were presented to the Board for review and confirmation that the ballots contained overvotes. A motion confirming that all forty-one (41) ballots contained clear overvotes and authorizing the duplication of the ballots was approved by the Board.

Nine (9) blank VBM ballots were presented to the Board for review. A motion that all ballots are blank and to be processed was approved by the Board.

Two (2) damaged VBM ballots containing overvotes were presented to the Board. A motion determining that the ballots contained overvotes and to be tabulated was approved by the Board.

Monica Elliott, representing the League of Women Voters (LWV), asked why the two damaged ballots containing overvotes were not included with the larger group of overvote ballots previously presented to the board. It was explained that the two ballots were damaged and therefore were presented separately.

One VBM ballot was received with a Miami-Dade ballot enclosed inside. The voter received credit for returning the ballot because the voter's signature matched. The Supervisor of Elections (SOE) indicated that the ballot should be treated as an empty voter certificate.

Herman Schnell, representing the Republican Party, asked whether the Miami-Dade ballot was a Vote-by-Mail ballot or an Early Voting ballot. It was confirmed that the ballot was a Vote-by-Mail ballot.

Sixteen (16) VBM ballots with signature discrepancies, for which voters completed and returned cure affidavits, were presented to the Board for review. The ballots were stored in a bag with seal number 0391882. A motion determining that fifteen (15) ballots were clearly cured and that one (1) ballot required further review was approved by the Board.

Six (6) VBM ballots with no signatures and accompanying cure affidavits were presented to the Board for review. The ballots were stored in a bag with seal number 0391886. A motion determining that five (5) ballots were approved and that one (1) ballot required further investigation was approved by the Board.

Forty-four (44) VBM ballots signed by someone other than the voter from the same household, all accompanied by cure affidavits, were presented to the Board for review. The ballots were stored in a bag with seal number 0391884. A motion determining that forty-one (41) of the forty-four (44) ballots were approved and properly cured was approved by the Board.

Twenty (20) VBM ballots signed by someone other than the voter and accompanied by cure affidavits were presented to the Board for review. The ballots were stored in a bag with seal number 0391883. A motion to approve eighteen (18) ballots and send two (2) ballots for further investigation was approved by the Board.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Canvassing Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

RECESS

There being no further business to come before the Board, Judge Florence Taylor Barner recessed the Canvassing Board meeting at 2:43 p.m.