

Primary Election – August 18, 2026

CANVASSING BOARD MEETING

Thursday, August 20, 2026

IN ATTENDANCE:

Canvassing Board Members

County Judge Florence Taylor Barner, Chair
County Judge Olga Levine
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: 4:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Judge Florence Taylor Barner at 4:00 p.m. Present were Judge Florence Taylor Barner, Judge Olga Levine 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 the following Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballot categories to the Canvassing Board members for review and consideration:

- (6) VBM ballots with signature differences and cure affidavits, stored in a bag with seal #0391648. A motion that the ballots were properly cured and ready to be opened and processed was approved by the Board members.
- (2) VBM ballots with no signatures, stored in a bag with seal #0391649. A motion to approve, open, and process the ballots was approved by the Board members.
- (9) VBM ballots signed by someone other than the voter with cure affidavits, stored in a bag with Seal #0391646. A motion that the ballots were properly cured and to open and process the ballots was approved by the Board members.

Ben Williams, Operations Director, presented the Early Voting provisional ballots that were reviewed by Supervisor of Elections (SOE) staff and recommended for the Board members to approve. The ballots were stored in bins with Seal Numbers 0879695 and 0879606. A motion that (6) Early Voting provisional ballots were properly cured and approved for processing was approved by the Board members. Permission was granted by the Board to tabulate the ballots.

Ben Williams presented the Election Day provisional ballots stored in bins with Seal Numbers 0879698 and 0879687. The provisional ballots were reviewed by SOE staff and recommended for approval. A motion to approve, open, and tabulate (17) Election Day provisional ballots was approved by the Board members.

Early Voting

- (2) voters cast ballots during Early Voting under a party affiliation different from the party under which they were registered. It was recommended that the ballots be rejected. A motion to reject the ballots was approved by the Board members.
- (1) voter cast a provisional ballot and was registered after Book Closing. A motion to reject the provisional ballot was approved by the Board members.
- (1) 17-year-old voter cast a provisional ballot. A motion to reject the provisional ballot was approved by the Board members.
- (1) voter cast a provisional ballot after already voting a VBM ballot. A motion to reject the provisional ballot was approved by the Board members.
- (4) voters had a challenge on their ballots. The ballots were reviewed by legal counsel, who recommended rejection. A motion to reject the ballots if no proof was provided by 5:00 p.m. was approved by the Board members.

Election Day

- (10) voters registered after Book Closing and cast provisional ballots. A motion to reject the ballots was approved by the Board members.
- (2) individuals were not registered in the State of Florida. A motion to reject the ballots was approved by the Board members.
- (6) voters voted in the wrong party. A motion to reject the ballots was approved by the Board members.
- (2) voters cast their ballots in the wrong precinct. A motion to reject the ballots was approved by the Board members.
- (4) voters submitted affidavits without identification, stored in a bag with Seal #0391647. A motion to reject the ballots by 5:00 p.m. if they were not properly cured was approved by the Board members.
- (37) VBM ballots with no signatures, stored in a bag with Seal #0391650. A motion to reject the ballots by 5:00 p.m. if they were not properly cured was approved by the Board members.
- (36) VBM ballots signed by someone other than the voter, stored in a bag with Seal #0391643. The ballots were to be rejected.

A motion to reject all ballots that were not properly cured by the 5:00 p.m. deadline was approved by the Board members.

- 33 sets of VBM ballots from voters who signed each other's ballots and who reside in the same household. The Board members reviewed the ballot envelopes and made determinations as appropriate.

- (77) VBM ballots with signature differences, stored in a bin with Seal #0391644. The Board members reviewed the ballot envelopes, approved (4) ballots, and rejected the remaining ballots.
- (3) VBM ballots signed by someone other than the voter with no match. A motion to reject the ballots was approved by the Board members.

Recess for 30 minutes (returning at 6:30 p.m.)

Board back in session

Permission to export the results to the state was granted by the board members. First set of unofficial was presented to the board for review and signature.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Canvassing Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

RECESS

There being no further business to come before the Board, Judge Florence Taylor Barner recessed the Canvassing Board meeting at 7:06 p.m.