

General Election – November 3, 2026

CANVASSING BOARD MEETING Wednesday, October 21, 2026

IN ATTENDANCE:

Canvassing Board Members

County Judge Melinda Brown, Chair
Michael Udine, County Commissioner
Joe Scott, Supervisor of Elections

SOE Staff

Mary Hall, Chief Deputy Supervisor of Elections
Robert Scott, Information Technology Director
Tiawan McNeal, Voter Services Director
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 Melinda Brown at 2:00 p.m. Present were Judge Melinda Brown, and Supervisor of Elections Joe Scott.

Pledge of Allegiance

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was granted by the present Canvassing Board members.

The paper Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballots reviewed by the Canvassing Board members during the previous meeting, along with the corresponding duplicated ballots, were presented to the present Board members to verify that the ballots had been duplicated correctly.

A total of 168 Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballots requiring voter intent review were electronically presented to the Canvassing Board members for their review. Herman Schnell, representing the Republican Party, commented on a previously reviewed ballot with voter intent determination made. The Canvassing Board members present agreed that the vote should be

recorded as “No.” The Board then continued reviewing the remaining VBM ballots requiring voter intent determinations. Mr. Schnell objected to ballot #1850, and the objection was noted by the Canvassing Board members.

Commissioner Michael Udine joined the meeting. All Board members continued reviewing the VBM ballots requiring voter intent determinations.

Lisa Rask, representing the Republican National Committee (RNC), inquired about the word “abandoned” appearing on some of the ballots reviewed by the Board. It was agreed that an explanation would be provided after the review of the VBM ballots requiring voter intent determinations was completed.

Following the conclusion of the review, Kevron Aird explained that the word “abandoned” appeared on three original VBM ballots that were scanned into the system and did not contain any races that required duplication. The Canvassing Board reviewed all three ballots again and confirmed that none contained a race requiring duplication.

Rita Reagon, representing Election Protection, inquired about the difference between the numbers displayed in the “Exported” and “Ready to Print” ballots. It was explained that the software used was Runbeck’s Novus system. One represents the number for the duplicated ballot, and the other is the number of original ballots uploaded into the software in this case was 168.

The meeting recessed at 3:33 p.m. for 10 minutes.

The meeting resumed following the 10-minute recess.

A total of 73 VBM ballots containing overvotes were presented to the Canvassing Board for review and confirmation that the votes constituted overvotes.

A total of 467 blank VBM ballots were presented to the Canvassing Board members for review. A motion was made and approved to make the ballots available for public inspection. The motion further provided that ballots confirmed to be blank would not require Board review; however, any ballot displaying voter intent would be brought before the Board for review was granted by the board.

7 VBM ballots with signatures that differed from the signatures on file with cure affidavits were presented to the Board for review. The ballots were stored in a bag with seal number 0391683. A motion to approve six of the seven ballots was granted. One ballot required further review and was to be brought back before the Board. A motion was also made to authorize the six approved ballots for tabulation was granted by the board members.

3 VBM ballots returned without voter signatures, accompanied by cure affidavits, were presented to the board members for review. The ballots were stored in a bag with seal number 0391675. A motion to approve all three ballots was granted by the board.

3 VBM ballots signed by someone other than the voter were presented to the Board for review. The ballots were stored in a bag with seal number 0391684. A motion to determine that the signatures did not match was granted by the board.

A challenge/protest form concerning one VBM ballot was presented to the Board for review. A motion to send a request for a cure affidavit was granted by the Board members.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Canvassing Board meeting will be held on the following dates:

Monday, October 26th at 4:00 pm - Commissioner Michael Udine

Wednesday, October 28th at 1:00 pm - Commissioner Lamar Fisher

RECESS

There being no further business to come before the Board, Judge Melinda Brown recessed the Canvassing Board meeting at 4:05 p.m.