

General Election – November 3, 2026

CANVASSING BOARD MEETING

Monday, October 26, 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:

4:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Judge Melinda Brown at 4:00 p.m. Present were Judge Melinda Brown, Commissioner Michael Udine, 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.

Chief Deputy Mary Hall presented 157 VBM ballots with voter intent to the Canvassing Board members for review and determination.

Herman Schnell, representing the Republican Party, commented on a previously reviewed ballot that contained a marked line and a crossed-out selection. He referenced Sample 6 from the State Guide. The Board determined that the ballot did not match the example provided in Sample 6. His comment was noted, and the Canvassing Board continued reviewing the remaining VBM ballots with voter intent.

Mr. Schnell later approached the podium again to comment on another ballot under review. He asked whether all bubbles on the ballot had been matched and reviewed. The Board did not identify any discrepancies and continued reviewing the ballots with voter intent.

Lisa Rask, representing the Republican National Committee (RNC), provided her opinion regarding a ballot under review. The Board acknowledged her comments and continued reviewing the remaining ballots.

A total of 79 VBM ballots containing overvotes were presented to the voters for review. The ballots were confirmed to be overvotes.

Jim Pruden, representing the RNC, asked how many ballots with voter intent had been reviewed today. The Board confirmed that 157 VBM ballots with voter intent had been reviewed.

A total of 580 blank ballots were presented. The Board approved a motion to set the ballots aside for public inspection and authorized staff to review them and bring any ballots containing voter intent before the Board for further review and determination.

4 VBM ballots challenged or protested during public inspection were secured in a bag with seal number 0392936. Cure affidavits are to be requested for three ballots from precincts T011, T017, and H002. One ballot from precinct J011 was approved.

5 VBM ballots returned by voters who are deceased were secured in a bag with seal number 0393000. The ballots are to be denied.

3 VBM ballots without signatures, for which cure affidavits had been received, were secured in a bag bearing seal number 0392950 presented to the Board for review.

11 VBM ballots with signature mismatches and attached cure affidavits were secured in a bag with seal number 0392935 presented to the board for review.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Canvassing Board meeting will be held on the following date(s):

- Wednesday, October 28th at 3:00 pm - Commissioner Lamar Fisher

RECESS

There being no further business to come before the Board, Judge Melinda Brown recessed the Canvassing Board meeting at 5:13 p.m.