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General Election – November 3, 2026

CANVASSING BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, October 28, 2026

IN ATTENDANCE:

Canvassing Board Members
- County Judge Melinda Brown, Chair
- Lamar Fisher, 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: **3:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Judge Melinda Brown at 3:00 p.m. Present were Judge Melinda Brown, Commissioner Lamar Fisher, 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.

Herman Schnell, representing the Republican National Committee (RNC), requested confirmation that his objections to certain Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballots reviewed by the Canvassing Board during the previous meeting were documented in the minutes. The Board confirmed that the objections had been noted.

Legal Counsel Devona Reynolds Perez emphasized that individuals objecting to a ballot must complete the objection form available on the Supervisor of Elections website.

Jim Pruden, representing the RNC, informed the Canvassing Board that the 580 blank ballots presented during the previous meeting had been reviewed by the public and confirmed to be blank.

Protests concerning VBM ballots reviewed during Public Inspection were secured in a bag with seal number 0392986. The VBM ballots were presented for public inspection again, and the protests were withdrawn.

Chief Deputy Mary Hall presented 347 VBM ballots containing voter intent to the Canvassing Board for review and determination.

Herman Schnell objected to the last ballot reviewed. The Board reconsidered the ballot and determined that it constituted a vote for the candidate. The motion passed by a vote of two to one.

Herman Schnell requested that the Board refer to page 6 of the State's Voter Intent Guide. The Board acknowledged his comment.

Kevron Aird requested that the Canvassing Board revisit the last ballot reviewed for voter intent. The Board reconsidered the ballot and determined that its original decision would stand.

The Board recessed for five minutes at 3:53 p.m.

Upon reconvening, the Board continued reviewing VBM ballots containing voter intent.

Herman Schnell, representing the RNC, inquired about the Board's determination regarding the Chief Financial Officer race. The Board referred to page 7 of the Voter Intent Guide. Mr. Schnell noted an inconsistency, which the Board acknowledged. The Board continued its review of VBM ballots containing voter intent.

Herman Schnell requested that the Canvassing Board Members refer to page 19 of the Voter Intent Guide. The Board reviewed the referenced page and acknowledged his comment. The Board then closely reviewed a ballot containing voter intent and made its determination before proceeding with the remaining VBM ballots containing voter intent.

The RNC requested that its objections to the following duplicated ballots be recorded: 2314, 2392, 2440, 2483, 2550, 2313, and 2309.

The Board recessed for five minutes at 5:06 p.m.

Upon reconvening, Chief Deputy Mary Hall presented 51 VBM ballots containing overvotes for the Board's review and confirmation. The Board confirmed that all 51 ballots contained overvotes.

A total of 528 blank ballots will be made available for public inspection.

The Board reviewed the Public Inspection schedule for Monday, November 2nd, and Tuesday, November 3rd, with the RNC representatives and members of the public. Public Inspection will be conducted at 8:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. on both days. VBM ballots collected at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, will be made available for public inspection at 8:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE

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

- Monday, November 2nd at 12:00 p.m. – Judge Phoebe Francois & Commissioner Michael Udine

RECESS

There being no further business to come before the Board, Judge Melinda Brown recessed the Canvassing Board meeting at 5:24 p.m.