

General Election – November 5, 2024

CANVASSING BOARD MEETING

Thursday, October 31, 2024

IN ATTENDANCE:

Canvassing Board Members

County Judge Deborah Carpenter-Toye, Alternate Chair
County Commissioner Lamar P. Fisher
Joe Scott, Supervisor of Elections

SOE Staff

Mary Hall, Chief Deputy Supervisor of Elections
Kevron Aird, Deputy Supervisor of Elections
Other members of the SOE's staff

Also, in Attendance

Devona Reynolds Perez, SOE Counsel
Scott Andron, Canvassing Board Counsel
Members of the public included, but were not limited to, Jim Pruden, representing the Donald Trump campaign, Alicia Bhambhani and Herman Schnell, representing the Republican Party, Monica Elliott representing the League of Women Voting of Broward County.

MEETING CONVENED:

2:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Judge Deborah Carpenter-Toye at 2:00 p.m. In attendance were Judge Deborah Carpenter-Toye, Commissioner Lamar P. Fisher and Supervisor of Elections Joe Scott.

Pledge of allegiance

A motion to approve the minutes from the previous Canvassing Board meeting held on October 29th was granted by the present board members.

Chief Deputy Mary Hall presented the following ballot cards to the Canvassing Board members for their review:

The Canvassing Board reviewed 211 ballot cards with voter intent, presented for determination. Jim Pruden, representing the Donald Trump campaign, requested that the currently reviewed ballot card be set aside. Commissioner Lamar Fisher briefly stepped out of the meeting, while the board continued its review of ballot cards. A second ballot card was later requested by Mr. Pruden to be set aside. The board granted a motion for the

duplication of these ballot cards, and to be made available for public inspection before tabulation.

71 ballot cards with overvotes were also presented for confirmation. The board set aside one ballot card for further voter intent review. A motion was granted to tabulate the 70 confirmed overvotes and to duplicate the ballot set aside, make it available for public inspection and return it to the Canvassing Board for review.

Bin #0391049 and Bin #0391900 contained the following VBM ballots:

- 13 VBM ballots with cure affidavits were reviewed. A motion was granted that all 13 VBM ballots with cure affidavits are properly cured with tier one and to be processed.
- 12 VBM ballots from voters who had moved were rejected per Florida law, which mandates rejection if ballots are received after the voter's move date. The board approved this motion to reject.

Bin #0857050 and Bin #0857049 contained 223 VBM ballots from voters in the same household. Mr. Pruden had requested a second review due to potential errors noted during the initial signature inspection. The Supervisor of Elections (SOE) staff conducted this additional review. Alicia Bhambhani, representing the Republican Party, requested clarification regarding the 223 ballots. She understood that individuals from the same household had mistakenly signed each other's ballots upon returning them. However, the reason for the uneven number of ballots was unclear to her. It was then explained to the audience that the uneven number was due to one household submitting three Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballots. The board granted a motion to approve these VBM ballots from voters in the same household, which had been reviewed by the SOE staff.

Monica Elliott from the League of Women Voters (LWV) of Broward County asked if the ballots reviewed by the Canvassing Board would be tabulated. Supervisor Joe Scott confirmed that ballots would be, and close counts of duplicated ballots are kept for close races. Herman Schnell, representing the Republican Party, introduced Laureano Chileuitt, a candidate for South Broward Drainage District (SBDD) Zone 3, who inquired about Zone 3 race included on some of the Zone 2 ballots. Supervisor Scott reiterated the process, stating that these ballots will be duplicated and available for public inspection starting tomorrow, with further discussion to occur outside the Canvassing Board meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Canvassing Board meeting will be held on Friday, November 1, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

RECESS

With no further business to be conducted, a motion was granted by the board to recess the Canvassing Board meeting at 3:36 p.m.