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General Election – November 3, 2026

CANVASSING BOARD MEETING
Monday, November 2, 2026

IN ATTENDANCE:

Canvassing Board Members
- County Judge Melinda Brown, Chair
- County Judge Phoebee Francois, Alternate
- Commissioner Michael Udine
- 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: 12:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Judge Melinda Brown at 12:00 p.m. Present were Judge Melinda Brown and Supervisor of Elections Joe Scott. Judge Phoebee Francois arrived few minutes after.

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 892 blank Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballots. The Canvassing Board approved making the blank ballots available for public inspection.

A total of 113 VBM ballots with overvotes were presented to the Board for confirmation. A motion was made and granted to determine that all ballots contained overvotes, except for one ballot, which would be reviewed for voter intent.

A total of 421 VBM ballots containing voter-intent were presented to the Canvassing Board for review and determination.
Herman Schnell, representing the Republican Party, pointed out another race on the ballot under review that contained similar markings. The Board acknowledged his comment. The determination passed by a vote of 2–1. The Board continued reviewing VBM ballots containing voter-intent markings.

Lisa Rask, representing the Republican Party, commented that the marking on the ballot under review was more than a dot. Supervisor Joe Scott requested the hard copy of ballot #2825 for closer review.

Supervisor Joe Scott also requested hard copies of ballots #2868 and #2899 for closer review.

Herman Schnell inquired about the markings on the ballot under review. The Board agreed that the option marked with a check mark represented the voter's intent. Mr. Schnell referred to page 6 of the State's Voter Intent Guide, and the Board acknowledged his comment. A hard copy of the ballot was provided to the Board for review. The Board upheld its previous determination and continued reviewing VBM ballots containing voter-intent markings.

The Board requested a closer review of ballot #2909.

Herman Schnell inquired about the asterisk markings on ballot #927. The Board acknowledged his comment.

Lisa Rask requested that ballot #945 be reviewed again because a race containing voter-intent markings had not been completed. The Board reviewed the ballot and made a determination.

Monica Elliott, representing the League of Women Voters, raised a concern regarding a possible issue with the system's ballot-marking functionality. Kevron Aird explained that the system was functioning properly.

The Board recessed for five minutes at 1:25 p.m.

Following the recess, the Board resumed reviewing VBM ballots containing voter-intent markings. Hard copies of ballots #2993, #3031, and #3076 were provided to the Board for closer review.

Lisa Rask and Cori Meltzer, representing the Republican Party, stated that the voter had circled the party of choice in each race, demonstrating consistency and clear voter intent. The Board reviewed ballot #3106 more closely and determined that the valid votes were for Democratic candidates. The motion passed by a vote of 2–1.

Lisa Rask commented on the consistency of the voter's markings. The Board acknowledged her comment, made a determination, and approved it by a vote of 2–1.

The Republican National Committee (RNC) requested that its objections to the following duplicated ballots be entered into the record: #2785, #2803, #2829, #2869, #2895, #2904, #2927, #2990, #3055, #3106, #3127, #3132, and #3136.

At 2:45 p.m., Commissioner Michael Udine released Judge Phoebee Francois from further participation. The Board continued reviewing VBM ballots containing voter-intent markings and requested hard copies of ballots #3163 and #2971 for closer review.

The Board recessed for five minutes at 3:06 p.m.

Following the recess, Chief Deputy Mary Hall presented six VBM ballots from public inspection for the Board's review. Two ballots, from precincts N012 and R028, were approved. Four ballots, from precincts T019, A067, X022, and E017, required cure affidavits.

12 VBM ballots from deceased voters, stored in a bag secured with seal #1208609, were presented to the Board for review. The Board determined that nine ballots would be referred to the State Attorney's Office for investigation and approved the remaining three ballots.

Herman Schnell, representing the Republican Party, commented that the postmark applied by the United States Postal Service indicates when a ballot was sent to the Supervisor of Elections' Office. Judge Brown explained that the Postal Service no longer postmarks ballots in the same manner and that the Board was therefore reviewing the dates on which the voters signed the ballots.

26 VBM ballots with signature differ and accompanied by cure affidavits, stored in a bag secured with seal #1208604, were presented to the Board for review. The Board approved all ballots except one involving a German identification document.

1 VBM ballot signed by someone other than the voter, residing in the same household, was presented to the Board for review. The ballot was stored in a bag secured with seal #1208603.

6 VBM ballots signed by someone other than the voter and accompanied by cure affidavits were presented to the Board for review. These ballots were stored in a bag secured with seal #1208605.

3 VBM ballots without signatures and accompanied by cure affidavits were presented to the Board for review. The ballots were stored in a bag secured with seal #1208606.

23 VBM ballots from voters who had moved out of the county, stored in a bag secured with seal #1208608, were presented to the Board for review. Legal Counsel Devona Reynolds-Perez explained that the Board should consider the date the Supervisor of Elections' Office received each VBM ballot and the date the voter moved. All ballots under review had been received before the respective voters moved.

5 VBM ballots from potentially ineligible voters, stored in a bag secured with seal #1208607, were presented to the Board for review. The Board agreed to hold these ballots until Thursday, November 5, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., to allow time for voters to submit proof of eligibility.

Monica Elliott, representing the League of Women Voters, asked how many ballots were in question. Jim Pruden, representing the Republican Party, asked whether any ballots that remained uncured after Thursday would be referred to the State Attorney's Office. Supervisor Scott said ballots will be referred to State Attorney’s Office.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Canvassing Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 3rd at 4:00 p.m.

RECESS

There being no further business to come before the Board, Judge Melinda Brown recessed the Canvassing Board meeting at 4:13 p.m.