

General Election – November 5, 2024

CANVASSING BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

IN ATTENDANCE:

Canvassing Board Members

County Judge Betsy Benson, 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
Tiawan McNeal, Early Voting 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 included, but were not limited to Camille Cooledge, representing the Republican Party. Larry Davis and Jared Brown representing the Democratic Party

MEETING CONVENED: 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Judge Betsy Benson at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were Judge Betsy Benson, 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 November 4, 2024, with a minor correction, was approved by the board members present.

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

A total of 272 Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballot cards with voter intent were presented to the board for review and determination. Camille Cooledge directed the board's attention to a specific section of the voter intent guidelines. Jared Brown representative from the Democratic Party also commented on the ballot in question. The board concurred with Ms. Cooledge assessment. On a separate ballot card, Larry Davis from the Democratic Party observed that the voter's intent appeared to favor Democratic candidates. The board acknowledged Mr. Davis's comment and set this ballot card aside to be preserved. A motion to duplicate the 272 voter intent ballot cards was approved by the board.

76 ballot cards with overvotes were presented to the board for review. Three of these cards were reviewed specifically for voter intent. A motion was approved by the board to tabulate 73 of the ballot cards as overvotes, and to duplicate the 3 cards with voter intent and move them to the voter intent stack.

A motion to recess for 15 minutes to allow staff to prepare for the display of election results at 7:00 p.m. was approved by the board.

Back in session, the board was asked to re-review two ballot cards with voter intent that had been previously examined. A motion to duplicate the ballots in accordance with the board's voter intent decision was approved.

25 Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballots were received from voters who had moved out of the county. A motion to reject all of these ballots was approved by the board.

171 duplicated ballots from precinct W018 and 165 duplicated ballots from precinct X023, both containing the South Broward Drainage District, Zone 3 race, were presented for the board's review. The board completed its review of the duplicated W018 ballots, and a motion confirming that these ballots were duplicated correctly and proceed to process them was approved. The board then reviewed the duplicated ballots from precinct X023, and upon completing this review, approved a motion confirming that these ballots were also duplicated correctly and ready for processing.

The board recessed for 10 minutes starting at 8:11 a.m.

Back in session, the board proceeded to review 36 additional duplicated ballots from precinct X023. A motion confirming that these ballots were duplicated properly and could be processed by the Supervisor of Elections staff was approved by the board. Next, 37 additional duplicated ballots from precinct W018 were provided for review. After completing the review, a motion to process these ballots was also approved by the board.

2 UOCAVA Vote-by-Mail ballots were presented to the board for review. The board confirmed that the ballots were duplicated correctly, and a motion to process the ballots was approved.

Two W018 ballots requiring re-duplication due to errors found during public inspection were presented to the board for review. A motion confirming that the ballots were properly duplicated and to process them was approved by the board.

Vote-by-Mail ballots were stored in a bin sealed with numbers 0391722 and 0391721. 74 VBM ballots with cure affidavits were presented to the board for review. 73 of these ballots were properly cured, and a motion to process them was approved by the board. 1 VBM ballot with no Tier 1 (identification). The board will defer one ballot, pending from the Supervisor of Elections staff to reach out to the voter.

The board recessed at 9:01 a.m. for 59 minutes. Upon reconvening, the board announced another recess until 10:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Canvassing Board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

RECESS

After resuming the session and with no further business to be conducted, a motion was granted by the board to recess the Canvassing Board meeting at 10:17 p.m.