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General Election – November 3, 2026

CANVASSING BOARD MEETING
Friday, November 6, 2026

IN ATTENDANCE:

Canvassing Board Members
- County Judge Melinda Brown, Chair
- County Commissioner Lamar Fisher
- 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: **9:00 A.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Judge Melinda Brown at 9:00 a.m. Present were Judge Melinda Brown, Commissioner Lamar Fisher and Supervisor of Elections Joe Scott.

Pledge of Allegiance

Herman Schnell, representing the Republican Party and the Mario Diaz-Balart Campaign, requested 10 to 15 minutes to inspect the ballots scheduled to be presented before the Canvassing Board meeting began. The Canvassing Board advised that the ballots would be put out for public inspections after reviewed by the Board.

Jim Pruden, representing the Republican Party, asked about the protests filed against Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballots during the previous public inspection. He was advised that those ballots would be reviewed during this meeting.

Lisa Rask, representing the Republican Party, referenced Section 572(2), which addressed the same provision previously read by Legal Counsel Devona Reynolds Perez.

Chief Deputy Mary Hall would like to continue with the ballots containing voter intent from the previous meeting. A total of 212 ballots had been duplicated and were ready for tabulation. The Board agreed to proceed with tabulating these ballots.

A total of 170 Vote-by-Mail ballots from overseas voters received by 7:00 p.m. on November 3, 2026, were presented for approval and are ready to be tabulated. The Board authorized staff to proceed with tabulating the ballots.

14 Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots (FWABs) had been received as of the previous day and were presented for tabulation. A motion to tabulate all Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots was approved by the Board. It was emphasized by legal counsel Devona Reynolds Perez that the Office had waited to determine whether regular ballots had been received from these voters, as required by law.

One ballot containing voter intent was presented to the Board for review and determination.

17 additional UOCAVA ballots received by mail were presented. The Board was advised that Florida law allows the Supervisor of Elections Office to receive ballots from UOCAVA voters up to 10 days after Election Day. A motion to tabulate the ballots was approved by the Board.

Director of Operations Ben Williams presented the provisional ballots cast on Election Day. The provisional ballots were stored in bins with seal numbers 0395877 and 0395878.
A total of 103 provisional ballots had been reviewed by Supervisor of Elections staff and met all applicable criteria for approval. A motion to accept and tabulate the 103 provisional ballots was approved by the Board.

The remaining provisional ballots were presented by category and were stored in a bin with seal numbers 0395878 and 0395879. The following categories were reviewed to the Board:

- Provisional ballots cast by voters who registered after the registration deadline were presented. A motion to reject these ballots was approved by the Board.
- Provisional ballots cast by individuals who were not registered to vote in the State of Florida were presented. A motion to reject these ballots was approved by the Board.
- Provisional ballots cast by voters with an ineligible registration status were presented. A motion to reject these ballots was approved by the Board.
- Provisional ballots cast by voters who had already voted early or by mail were presented. A motion to reject these ballots was approved by the Board.
- Provisional ballots submitted in envelopes that were not signed by the voter were presented. Staff had sent the affected voters cure affidavits; however, no completed cure affidavits were returned. A motion to reject these ballots was approved by the Board.
- Provisional ballots cast by voters in the incorrect precinct were presented. A motion to reject these ballots was approved by the Board.
- Provisional ballots cast by voters in a different precinct within the same polling location were presented. A motion to reject these ballots was approved by the Board.

Legal Counsel Devona Reynolds Perez presented one provisional ballot cast by a voter experiencing homelessness. The voter had cast the provisional ballot in Precinct Z073 and did not have a fixed residence in Broward County. Based on applicable Florida law, Legal Counsel recommended accepting the provisional ballot. A motion to accept the ballot was approved by the Board.

Two duplicated ballots containing voter intent were presented to the Board for review and confirmation.

3 VBM ballots without voter signatures and returned cure affidavits were stored in a bag with seal number 1208616. The ballots were presented to the Board for review. A motion to approve, open, and tabulate the ballots was approved by the Board.

7 VBM ballots signed by someone other than the voter, but by another member of the same household, were stored in a bag bearing seal number 1208617. The ballots were presented to the Board for review. A motion to approve, open, and tabulate the ballots was approved by the Board.

Jim Pruden requested the total number of rejected ballots. Staff advised that the team was still working on stamping and counting the ballots.

11 VBM ballots with signatures differ and with corresponding cure affidavits were stored in a bag with seal number 1208615.

Rita Reagon, representing Election Protection, inquired about the delays experienced on the morning of Election Day and whether any of the provisional ballots were cast and included in the 127 provisional ballots that were approved. Ben Williams explained that the Office could not determine whether any specific number of provisional ballots cast during the morning hours were included in the approved provisional ballots.

4 VBM ballots from voters who had moved out of Broward County were stored in a bag with seal number 1208613. A motion to reject the ballots because the voters had moved out of the County before the Supervisor of Elections Office received the ballots was approved by the Board.

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous Canvassing Board meeting was approved by the Board members.

One VBM ballot received from a deceased voter was stored in a bag with seal number 1208614. The ballot was rejected because the voter had died before the ballot was received by the Supervisor of Elections Office.

The Board reviewed additional VBM ballots stored in bins with seal numbers 1208619 and 1208618. The following categories were presented:

- 12 VBM ballots signed by someone other than the voter, without a cure affidavit. A motion to reject the ballots was approved by the Board.
- 21 VBM ballots signed by someone other than the voter but by another member of the same household, without a cure affidavit. A motion to reject the ballots was approved by the Board.
- 27 VBM ballots without voter signatures and without cure affidavits. A motion to reject the ballots was approved by the Board.
- 53 VBM ballots with signature discrepancies and without cure affidavits: A motion to reject the ballots was approved by the Board.
- 15 VBM ballots protested during the previous public inspection: The ballots were presented to the Board for review. A motion to accept four ballots and reject eleven ballots was approved by the Board.

Rita Reagon requested the total number of ballots that were just accepted and rejected. The Judge provided the requested information.

Herman Schnell, representing the Republican Party and the Mario Diaz-Balart Campaign, also requested the number of ballots that were just accepted and rejected.

Jim Pruden, representing the Republican Party, commented that there had been more protests during this last public inspection than in the preceding weeks.

VBM ballots received from potentially ineligible voters were provided to Legal Counsel for review and presentation to the Board.

Legal Counsel Devona Reynolds Perez reviewed the ballots received from noncitizen voters. Ms. Reynolds Perez explained that Florida law allowed voters to provide proof of eligibility by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 5, 2026. She recommended rejecting the ballots received from noncitizen voters and to refer them to the State Attorney's Office. A motion to reject the ballots was approved by the Board.

Legal Counsel Scott Andron presented the VBM ballots received from voters with felony convictions. Mr. Andron explained that Florida law allowed voters to provide proof of eligibility by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 5, 2026. He recommended rejecting the ballots. A motion to reject the ballots was approved by the Board.

The Board discussed the notice of the machine recount scheduled for Monday, November 9, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. The notice of meeting will be posted, and the City of Cooper City will be notified of the change in the recount time.

Victoria Olsen, representing the League of Women Voters, inquired about the recount. The Board clarified that the machine recount would be conducted for Cooper City Question 1 on Monday, November 9, 2026.

The Board recessed for 45 minutes at 9:58 p.m.

Upon reconvening, the Board subsequently recessed for 15 minutes at 11:19 a.m.

Upon reconvening, the First Unofficial Results were reviewed and signed by the Canvassing Board members.

NEXT MEETING DATE

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

- Monday, November 9th at 11:30 a.m. - Commissioner Lamar Fisher will attend from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Judge Phoebee Francois will attend from 1:00 p.m. until conclusion.
- Friday, November 13th at 12:00 p.m. – Commissioner Michael Udine

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There being no further business to come before the Board, Judge Melinda Brown recessed the Canvassing Board meeting at 12:50 p.m.