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## General Election – November 5, 2024

### CANVASSING BOARD MEETING

### Thursday, November 7, 2024

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

##### Canvassing Board Members

County Judge Betsy Benson, Alternate Chair  
County Commissioner Michael Udine  
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 Jim Pruden and Herman Schnell representing the Republican Party. Monica Elliott and Monica Salas representing the League of Women Voters

**MEETING CONVENED: 4:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Judge Betsy Benson at 4:00 p.m. In attendance were Judge Betsy Benson, Commissioner Michael Udine 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, was approved by the board members present.

Chief Deputy Mary Hall requested permission from the board to allow the Supervisor of Elections staff to tabulate ballot cards with voter intent previously reviewed by the board. A motion to approve the request was granted by the board. Chief Deputy Hall then presented the following ballot cards to the Canvassing Board members for their review:

A total of 127 Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballot cards with voter intent were presented to the board for review and determination. The board approved a motion for the Supervisor of Elections (SOE) staff to begin duplicating and tabulating the reviewed ballot cards while continuing to review the remaining cards in the stack. Additionally, the board granted a motion to duplicate and tabulate the remaining ballot cards.

47 ballot cards with overvotes were presented to the board for review. Three ballot cards were moved to the voter intent stack. The board approved a motion to tabulate the 44 overvote ballot cards and to duplicate and tabulate the three voter intent ballot cards. Herman Schnell inquired about the duplicated overseas ballot cards, and Supervisor Scott noted that, moving forward, the original ballot cards should be made available along with the duplicated ballot cards.

8 duplicated ballots from precinct W018 presented to the board to verify that they are properly duplicated. A motion that ballots were properly duplicated and to be processed was granted by the board.

1 VBM ballot card that needs further specification presented to the board. A motion for the ballot to be duplicated and tabulated was granted by the board.

43 VBM ballots with cure affidavits presented to the board for review. A motion to approve and process ballots was granted by the board.

78 VBM ballots with no signature  
679 VBM ballots with signature difference  
90 VBM ballots signed by other

The board granted a motion to reject Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballots without a cure affidavit by 5:01 p.m. An audience member inquired about why VBM ballots with signature differences are reviewed by the Supervisor of Elections (SOE) staff. It was explained that, as a standard practice throughout the meetings, these ballots are reviewed by SOE staff before being submitted to the Canvassing Board and these ballots were made available for public inspection.

**Election Day Provisional Ballots** presented by Ben Williams, Director of Election Day Operation and Outreach (EDOO).

Ballots stored in bin with seal numbers 0567566 and 0567567 – 39 provisional ballots recommended to be accepted. A motion to accept and tabulate after getting a count by the staff was granted by the board.

Bin with seal numbers 0567501 and 0567502 – 159 voters who registered after the book closing. A motion to reject provisional ballots cast by voters registered after the registration deadline was granted by the board. Monica Elliott from the League of Women Voters asked about the number of ballots that had been rejected, and the board provided the requested information.

Bin with seal numbers 0567546 and 0567547 - 3 cast provisional ballots by voters with civil rights issues. The legal counsel will research them further and bring them to the board for further review later today.

6 voters cast provisional ballots, but upon review, staff noticed that some had signature discrepancies or were not signed at all. The board granted a motion to reject these provisional ballots by 5:01 p.m., pending verification by SOE staff that no cure affidavits for these ballots were received by 5:00 p.m. Herman Schnell inquired about the signature matching on some of the provisional ballots and suggested that they be reviewed by the board. The board acknowledged his comment, noting that there is no requirement for them to review the signatures.

16 provisional ballots cast in the wrong precinct. A motion to reject ballots as illegal was granted by the board.

7 Provisional ballots cast in the same polling place, but at the wrong precinct. The precincts ballots are the same. A motion to approve and tabulate those provisional ballots was granted by the board. Supervisor Joe Scott mentioned that this training issue will be corrected.

13 Voters cast provisional ballots because they were inactive for two years and they became ineligible. A motion to reject ballots was granted by the board.

9 Voters voted by mail and showed up at their precinct to cast a ballot in person and were given a provisional ballot. A motion to reject ballots as ineligible since voters voted by mail was granted by the board. Herman Schnell inquired on the status of Juliana Ospina and Jose Fernandez' provisional ballots. Status information is not yet available.

1 voter scanned a blank ballot into the DS200 and cast a provisional ballot. A motion to reject the provisional ballot was granted by the board.

7 Voters voted early and cast a provisional ballot on election day. A motion to reject ballots and refer them for investigation to the State Attorney's Office and the Election Crimes and Security Department was granted by the board.

18 voters with incomplete status which make them not registered voted provisional ballots. After verifying that no cure affidavit or supplemental information was submitted by the voters, a motion to reject ballots as invalid was granted by the board.

41 Voters are not registered in Florida and cast a provisional ballot. A motion to reject ballots was granted by the board.

7 Various ineligible status such as: address not legal, 2 moved out of county, registered elsewhere, not citizen, pending registration, not active registration. A motion to reject ballots as invalid was granted by the board.

Legal counsel Devona Reynolds Perez presented four provisional ballots cast in person and one Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballot cast by voters who were ineligible and adjudicated guilty, with supporting documentation provided. The board granted a motion to reject these ballots. Jim Pruden asked if the ballots would be referred for investigation, and it was noted that a determination would be made based on the circumstances. Two unique situations involved voters who cast provisional ballots. In one case, the voter was identified incorrectly; the board granted a motion to approve the ballot due to a clerical error by the Clerk of the Courts' Office. In the other case, the voter had previously had their rights restored and should not have been made ineligible; the board also granted a motion to approve this ballot. One ballot was from a voter who had been rendered ineligible due to pending fees related to a felony conviction and had voted in person. The board granted a motion to reject this ballot. Additionally, information was received from the Town of Southwest Ranches regarding a voter who was reportedly not registered at a residential address. The board granted a motion to approve this ballot.

Motion to recess for 15 minutes. Back in session, 44 VBM ballots with cure affidavits presented to the board for review. Motion that all 44 VBM ballots are valid and to be processed was granted by the board.

1 previously reviewed voter intent ballot card was presented to the board to re-review and make sure it is duplicated correctly.

**Early voting Provisional Ballots** stored in bins with seal #s 0474662 and 0474672, 0474692, 0474691, 0474673, 0474652.

41 early voting provisional ballots that the staff is recommending accepting. A motion for ballots to be accepted as valid from eligible voters who have not previously voted was granted by the board.

22 provisional ballots were cast by voters who did not present identification when voting early and did not cure their ballots. The board granted a motion to reject two of these

provisional ballots and to approve the remaining 20. Monica Salas from the League of Women Voters asked for clarification on the ballots recently reviewed, and Judge Benson provided an explanation. 2 provisional ballots from voters who were not registered because of inactivity for two years. A motion to reject ballots was granted by the board. 173 provisional ballots from voters who registered after the book closing. A motion to reject ballots as invalid was granted by the board. 7 additional provisional ballots with no voter identification that need to be checked for signature. A motion to approve ballots was granted by the board. 7 provisional ballots from voters who voted by mail and when the voters' certificates were pulled, the signature did not match the voters' signature on the provisional ballot. Motion to approve and tabulate ballots was granted by the board. Herman Schnell inquired again whether any of these ballots belong to the voters that he brought to the attention of the Supervisor of Elections staff. He was able to identify one of the voters. 16 additional voters that were inactive for over 2 years and became ineligible. A motion to reject ballots was granted by the board. 123 provisional ballots from voters who are not registered, or registration is incomplete. A motion to reject ballots was granted by the board. 25 additional provisional ballots from voters who registered after book closing. A motion to reject ballots was granted by the board.

### **Vote-by-Mail Category**

2 VBM ballots signed by each other voter; however, voters don't live in the same household. Only one of the ballots was cured. A motion to reject both ballots was granted by the board. 28 VBM ballots with cure affidavits received before 5 pm today presented to the board for review. Motion to approve and tabulate ballots was granted by the board.

The board recessed until 8:05 p.m. Upon reconvening, it recessed again for an additional 15 minutes. When back in session, Kevron requested time to transfer the numbers from the recently tabulated ballots and upload the results to the state, so the document requiring the board's signature would be ready for printing. The board agreed to recess for 20 minutes while the first unofficial results were generated. The board recessed again until 8:50 p.m. When back on record, the board was still waiting for staff to generate the first unofficial results and recessed once more at 8:52 p.m.

When back in session, Kevron Aird presented the first unofficial results and a summary report to the board for comparison against the results. The first unofficial results for the municipal elections were also presented for review and signature. The board reviewed and signed the First Unofficial Results.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next Canvassing Board meeting will be held on Monday, November 18, 2024 at 8:00 a.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 9:50 p.m.