

General Election – November 5, 2024

CANVASSING BOARD MEETING Monday, November 18, 2024

IN ATTENDANCE:

Canvassing Board Members

County Judge Betsy Benson, 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 Jim Pruden
representing the Trump campaign.

MEETING CONVENED: 8:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by Judge Betsy Benson at 8:00 a.m. In attendance were Judge Betsy Benson, and Commissioner Lamar P. Fisher. Supervisor of Elections Joe Scott will join the meeting upon his arrival.

Pledge of allegiance

A motion to approve the minutes from the Canvassing Board meeting held on November 7, 2024, was made and approved by the board members present.

Tiawan McNeal presented 33 provisional ballots cast during early voting for the board's review. These ballots had been reviewed during the previous meeting but were not stamped at that time. Additionally, one provisional ballot was approved but not stamped during the last meeting. A motion to approve the ballots was made and granted by the board members present. Ballots were stamped as approved by the board.

- 3 provisional ballots were presented for the board's approval. The board reviewed and determined each ballot to be valid. A motion authorizing the Supervisor of Elections (SOE) staff to tabulate the three approved ballots was made and granted by the members present.

- 30 provisional ballots were presented to the board with a recommendation for rejection due to reasons such as being cast by out-of-state voters, late registration, or lack of registration. A motion to reject the 30 provisional ballots, as determined by the SOE staff to be invalid and illegal, was made and granted by the members present. Supervisor Joe Scott joined the meeting at this time.

Ben Williams presented provisional ballots that were cast on Election Day. These ballots are being reviewed after the completion of the first unofficial report.

- 50 ballots were recommended for acceptance. A motion to approve the ballots as valid and to authorize SOE staff to tabulate them was granted by the board. Additionally, a motion to sequester the tabulated ballots was approved by the board.
- 20 provisional ballots cast by voters that were ineligible due to civil rights. The SOE staff confirmed that the rights for the individuals were not restored. A motion to reject ballots as invalid ballots and to sequester ballots was granted by the board.
- 4 provisional ballots cast in the wrong precinct but same polling location. A motion to approve the ballots as valid, tabulate and sequester ballots was granted by the board.
- 2 voters cast provisional ballots and voted by mail. A motion to reject ballots as invalid was granted by the board.
- 3 provisional ballots cast by voters that voted early. A motion to reject ballots as invalid was granted by the board.
- 4 provisional ballots cast by voters with ineligible status. A motion to reject ballots as invalid was granted by the board.
- 43 provisional ballots cast by voters who are not registered in Broward County. A motion to reject ballots as invalid was granted by the board.
- 10 provisional ballots cast by voters with incomplete status. A motion to reject ballots as invalid was granted by the board.
- 2 provisional ballots cast by voters whose registration was removed. A motion to reject ballots as invalid was granted by the board.
- 3 provisional ballots cast by voters who didn't sign the envelope and did not provide an affidavit by the deadline. A motion to reject ballots as invalid was granted by the board.
- 78 provisional ballots were cast by voters who were registered after book closing. A motion to reject ballots as invalid and to sequester ballots was granted by the board.

Supervisor of Elections Joe Scott displayed the numbers for the presidential write-in candidates to be included in the final results, and indicated that any votes for non-qualifying write-in candidates to be recorded as undervotes. A motion to accept the numbers for the presidential write-in candidates and classify votes for non-qualifying write-in candidates as undervotes was made and approved by the board.

There are no FWAP or UOCAVA ballots requiring presentation to the board. Chief Deputy Mary Hall informed the board that the office received 119 FWAP ballots, 66 overseas ballots by mail, and 99 UOCAVA Federal ballots by mail prior to the deadline.

The board recessed until 9:50 a.m. to allow staff to complete the tabulation of the reviewed ballots and populate the final results. Upon reconvening, the Supervisor of Elections (SOE) explained that the staff was experiencing the same reporting issue encountered during the First Unofficial Results. A motion to recess until 10:20 a.m. was approved by the board.

When the board reconvened, staff members were still finalizing paperwork. The board recessed again until 10:35 a.m. After returning to session, it was discovered that contests were incorrectly ordered. Some city questions appeared in the same category as candidates.

Although staff believed this issue was resolved, the questions were removed rather than being reclassified under the appropriate amendment and question categories. Staff contacted Tallahassee for assistance, prompting another 30-minute recess.

Upon reconvening, staff prepared the final results for the board's review and signature. While waiting, the board approved a motion to begin the automated post-election audit immediately after the final results were concluded. After reviewing the final results against the ES&S summary, the board approved and signed them. A motion authorizing SOE staff to submit the final results to the Division of Elections and proceed with the automated post-election audit was granted.

Individualized city results were also presented to the board for their signature. Kevron Aird explained the results of the automated post-election audit, which met the required threshold (99.9999841%). The board signed the post-election audit results.

Jim Pruden, representing the Trump campaign, inquired about which precincts would be included in the audit. It was confirmed that all precincts would be used in the automated audit system. He also expressed gratitude to the board and SOE staff for their professionalism and hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be conducted, a motion was granted by the board to adjourn the Canvassing Board meeting at 12:11 p.m.