

ST. LUCIE COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD ACTION MINUTES
FOR AUGUST 20, 2024 PRIMARY ELECTION

AUGUST 13, 2024

CANVASSING BOARD ATTENDEES:

- ❖ Judge Jeffrey Hendriks (County Court Judge)
- ❖ Judge Dan Vaughn (Senior Circuit Court Judge)
- ❖ Debora Johnson (Substitute Member for County Commission)

ATTORNEYS:

- ❖ Ciara Forbes, Esq. (Assistant St. Lucie County Attorney)
- ❖ Caroline Valentin, Esq. (Assistant St. Lucie County Attorney)
- ❖ Nicholas Gieseler, Esq. (Supervisor of Elections Counsel)

ELECTIONS STAFF:

- ❖ Kris Barcomb (Supervisor of Elections Staff)
- ❖ Amber McCants (Supervisor of Elections Staff)
- ❖ Peter Lomonaco (Supervisor of Elections Staff)
- ❖ Neal Sullivan (Supervisor of Elections Staff)
- ❖ Tywann Clemons (Supervisor of Elections Staff)
- ❖ Roberto Sandifer (Voting Equipment Technician)
- ❖ Other SOE staff
- ❖ Kathy Cabre Enloe (Court Reporter-Esquire Reporting, Inc.)

PUBLIC ATTENDEE SPEAKERS:

- ❖ NONE

CANVASSING BOARD BUSINESS:

- ❖ Meeting called to order at 8:02 A.M. Mrs. Walker introduced Canvassing Board members and counsel.
- ❖ Mrs. Walker announced dates of publication of the Canvassing Board Meeting on July 12, 2024, in the News Tribune, and on July 18, 2024, in El Hispano, and on the SOE website.

- ❖ Mrs. Walker announced there were 1,757 ballots to be canvassed at today's session, having been verified by staff. Board will review 25 ballots, including five signature cure affidavits and 20 mismatched signature/household envelopes. Mrs. Walker advised the signature cure affidavits had been available for inspection during inspection period.
- ❖ Judge Vaughn moved to commence opening of ballots for today's session. Second by Ms. Johnson. Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Walker instructed poll workers to maintain confidentiality/secretcy when opening envelopes.
- ❖ Two damaged ballot envelopes were presented to the Board. Once opened, one of the ballots remained intact and was sent for tabulation. The second ballot was torn and was duplicated. Five signature cure affidavits were reviewed by the Board and individually voted on and logged. SOE staff then presented 20 mismatched signature/household ballot envelopes. Though already verified by staff and not required under criteria, the Board undertook to review each pair and vote individually on each. One pair of envelopes were deemed questionable. The Board instructed staff to send these two voters signature cure affidavits. Staff presented the Board with two envelopes received that contained two ballots within the same envelope. Attorney Valentin confirmed those cannot be accepted under current law and Board criteria. Those ballots were marked rejected. Staff presented the Board with one envelope received without a ballot inside. Envelope marked rejected.
- ❖ Mrs. Walker thanked poll workers for their assistance and excused them.
- ❖ The Board reviewed and duplicated, where necessary, ballots from today's session.
- ❖ Upon completion, the cage under Seal #0649868 was broken. Boxes with today's paperwork under Seals #95-007 and #95-008 were properly sealed and placed in cage under Seal #0648111.
- ❖ Mrs. Walker announced the next meeting would be Saturday, August 17, 2024, at 9:00 A.M., following public inspection held at 8:00 A.M.
- ❖ Judge Hendriks made a motion to adjourn at 10:03 P.M. Second by Judge Vaughn. Motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Meeting adjourned at 10:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Cabre Enloe, Court Reporter