

PUBLIC NOTICE
CANVASSING BOARD AND L&A SCHEDULE
CITY OF FORT PIERCE SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION – January 13, 2026

The following is the *tentative* schedule of meetings for the City of Fort Pierce Special Runoff Election for City Commissioner, District 2, Seat 2. All meetings will be held at the Supervisor of Elections Office Election Center, 4132 Okeechobee Road, Fort Pierce. Anyone who would like to speak during the public comment period, or provide documents to the canvassing board to review, must complete the Public Comment form during sign-in at the meeting and submit it to the receptionist at the Election Center.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Florida Statutes 101.572 and 101.5614, a candidate, a political party official or a political committee official or a designee thereof may review ballot materials by completing the Request to Review Ballot Materials and Affidavit form. The form must be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections office 48 hours prior to the applicable meeting date to permit access. To obtain a form or for additional information, please email elections@slcelections.com.

CANVASSING BOARD MEMBERS

Linda Hudson, Mayor (Chair)
Linda W. Cox, Fort Pierce City Clerk
Gertrude Walker, Supervisor of Elections

CANVASSING BOARD ALTERNATES

Curtis Johnson, City Commissioner, Alternate Member
Tina Rel, Asst. City Clerk, Alternate Member

* **Friday, December 12, 2025 — 8:00 am:** Convene for Logic and Accuracy Pre-Test of voting equipment pursuant to §101.5612, F.S. – not more than 25 days prior to beginning of early voting (statutory earliest date is December 9, 2025). Conduct other canvassing board business as necessary.

** **Monday, January 12, 2026 — 9:00 am:** Pre-scanning of Early Voting ballots in anticipation of recount or audit.

* **‡ Tuesday, January 13, 2026 — 5:00 pm:** Canvass of VBM ballots. Pre-scanning of ballots in anticipation of recount or audit.

** **Wednesday, January 14, 2026 — 9:00 am:** Pre-scanning of Election Day ballots in anticipation of recount or audit.

* **‡ Thursday, January 15, 2026 — 4:00 pm:** Canvass Provisional ballots and Signature Cure Affidavits pursuant to §101.048, F.S. – no later than 5:00 pm on the 2nd day after any election. Conduct other canvassing board business as necessary. Submit Official Results.

* **Friday, January 16, 2026 — 9:00 am:** Submit Official Results certificates (if not completed on January 15, 2026) pursuant to §102.141, F.S. – by noon on the 4th day following the election (statutory deadline is January 17, 2026)

* **Wednesday, January 21, 2026 — 10:00 am:** Complete the voting system audit and make public the results unless manual recount undertaken pursuant to §102.166, F.S. §101.591, F.S.; Rule 1S-5.026, F.A.C. – no later than 11:59 p.m. on the 7th day following certification of the election by the county canvassing board (statutory deadline is February 2, 2026)

* Meeting dates are subject to change — please visit www.slcelections.com for updates to schedule.

** All ballots are scanned into Clear Ballot, state certified independent audit system as required by Rule 1S-5.026 and §101.591, F.S.

‡ Public inspection of vote-by-mail ballot certificates and signature verification one half hour prior to the canvassing board meeting

Tentative Schedule in the Event of a Machine or Manual Recount
NO MEETINGS UNLESS NOTIFIED

Saturday, January 17, 2026 — Statutory deadline for county canvassing boards to submit 1st Unofficial Results to the Department of State pursuant to §102.141, F.S. – no later than noon on the 4th day after a general election. Reconvene for Logic and Accuracy Pre-Test of voting equipment pursuant to §101.5612, F.S. and conduct machine recount if ordered pursuant to §102.141, F.S.

- As soon thereafter (receipt of 1st Unofficial Results), machine recount is ordered by city canvassing board or Department of State, as applicable, if 1st Unofficial Results for any primary election contest indicates candidate was defeated or eliminated or judicial candidate was retained or not retained or measure was approved or not approved by ½ of 1% unless candidate requests recount not be made pursuant to §102.141, F.S. – machine recount is ordered as soon after 1st Unofficial Results show threshold is triggered.

Thursday, January 22, 2026 — Statutory deadline for county canvassing boards to file 2nd Unofficial Results to the Department of State, only if machine recount was conducted pursuant to §102.141, F.S. – no later than 3:00 pm of the 9th day after a general election. Manual recount will immediately follow the completion of machine recount if needed pursuant to §102.166, F.S.

- As soon thereafter (receipt of 2nd Unofficial Results), manual recount is ordered by county canvassing board or Department of State, as applicable, if 2nd Unofficial Results for a primary election contest indicate candidate was defeated or eliminated or judicial candidate was retained or not retained or measure was approved or not approved by ¼ of 1% unless candidate requests recount not be made or number of overvotes and undervotes is fewer than number needed to change outcome of election pursuant to §102.166, F.S. – manual recount is ordered only if 2nd Unofficial Results show threshold is triggered.

**All Canvassing Board meetings will be held at the
Supervisor of Elections Office and are open to the public.
4132 Okeechobee Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34947**

If it becomes necessary for the canvassing board to suspend or recess a meeting publicly noticed for a period lasting more than 60 minutes, a notice will be posted at www.slcelections.com with the anticipated time and date at which the board expects to reconvene. If the board does not reconvene at the specified time, the board will provide at least 2 hours' notice, which will be posted on www.slcelections.com before reconvening.

Section 101.68(2)(c)4, Florida Statutes, provides if any elector or candidate present believes that a VBM ballot is illegal due to a defect apparent on the voter's certificate or the cure affidavit, he or she may, at any time before the ballot is removed from the envelope, file with the canvassing board a protest against the canvass of that ballot, specifying the precinct, the ballot, and the reason he or she believes the ballot to be illegal. A challenge based upon a defect in the voter's certificate or cure affidavit may not be accepted after the ballot has been removed from the mailing envelope.

In accordance with the Sunshine Laws of Florida, all canvassing board meetings are open to the public. Anyone with a disability requiring accommodation to attend this meeting should contact the St. Lucie County Risk Manager at 772-462-1783 or TDD 772-462-1429/8.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at the meetings or hearings of any board, committee, commission, agency, council or advisory group, that person will need a record of the proceedings and that, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record should include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Upon the request of any party to the proceedings, individuals testifying during a hearing will be sworn in. Any party to the proceeding will be granted an opportunity to cross-examine any individual testifying during a hearing upon request.