

ST. LUCIE COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD ACTION MINUTES
FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 SPECIAL ELECTION
CANVASSING OF VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

CANVASSING BOARD ATTENDEES:

- ❖ Gertrude Walker, Supervisor of Elections
- ❖ James Stokes, Esq. (City of Port St. Lucie City Attorney)
- ❖ Sally Walsh (City Clerk – City of Port St. Lucie)

ALSO PRESENT:

- ❖ Katherine Barbieri, Esq. (St. Lucie County Asst. County Attorney)
- ❖ Judith Durogene (Supervisor of Elections Staff)
- ❖ Kris Barcomb (Supervisor of Elections Staff)
- ❖ Debra Hall (Supervisor of Elections Staff)
- ❖ Neal Sullivan (Supervisor of Elections Staff)
- ❖ Tywann Clemons (Supervisor of Elections Staff)
- ❖ Kierstin Keighley (Supervisor of Elections Staff)
- ❖ Luke Scott (Supervisor of Elections Staff)
- ❖ John Spradlin (Supervisor of Elections Staff)
- ❖ Dan Field (Supervisor of Elections Staff)
- ❖ Pierre Vincent (Supervisor of Elections Staff)
- ❖ Jason Frank (Dominion Voting Systems)
- ❖ Javier Munett (OPEX)
- ❖ Kathy Cabre Enloe (Court Reporter-Esquire Reporting, Inc.)

PUBLIC ATTENDEE SPEAKERS:

- ❖ NONE

CANVASSING BOARD BUSINESS:

- ❖ Meeting called to order at 3:03 P.M. Supervisor Walker introduces Board attendees and staff and advises this meeting was published 7/21/2021 and 8/18/2021 in the Tribune/TC Palm and 7/22/2021 in El Hispano. Notice of cancellation of September 14,

2021 meeting was published in 9/11/2021 Tribune and time change of 9/21/2021 meeting was published in the 9/17/2021 Tribune/TC Palm.

- ❖ Supervisor Walker thanks the poll workers for assisting, gives instructions on processing of Vote-by-Mail ballots, and advises all workers have executed appropriate paperwork.
- ❖ Supervisor Walker opens Public Comment Period. There being no public comment, the Public Comment Period was closed.
- ❖ Supervisor Walker read rules governing objections lodged during the ballot inspection period, noting all objections must be in writing.
- ❖ Supervisor Walker announced since the last meeting, 1,284 Vote-by-Mail ballots have been received to be processed today, with 5 Vote-by-Mail ballots with Signature Cure Affidavits and 1 overseas ballot to be duplicated.
- ❖ Mr. Stokes moved to begin public inspection of Vote-by-Mail ballots and to begin tabulation of those ballots once inspected. Second by Ms. Walsh. Motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Cage containing Vote-by-Mail ballots was opened, with Seal #0426287 broken, and inspection and tabulation began.
- ❖ Canvassing Board members reviewed an objection to one VBM ballot and displayed the ballot on overhead projector, determining to accept same.
- ❖ Mrs. Walker explains the Signature Cure Affidavit process. The Canvassing Board inspects and canvasses the Vote-by-Mail ballots with Signature Cure Affidavits utilizing the overhead projector for persons in attendance to view. Those ballots accepted were given to staff for tabulation.
- ❖ The Canvassing Board inspects and duplicates those Vote-by-Mail ballots needing to be duplicated due to stray marks, damaged ballots and reviews under or overvoted ballots. Those ballots that were eligible were sent for tabulation.
- ❖ Supervisor Walker announced 349 VBM ballots have been received from three South County offices as of the 5:00 P.M. pick-up. Seal #6241720 on that ballot container was broken and the ballots sent for tabulation.
- ❖ Mrs. Walker thanks the poll workers for their assistance and releases them for the evening, as their work was completed.

- ❖ Dinner break and pause in proceedings, but all Canvassing Board members remaining on premises.
- ❖ All precinct results were uploaded to the system before 7:45 P.M. There were an additional 109 Vote-by-Mail ballots dropped at the three South County offices before the 7:00 deadline. Seal #13268414 on ballot container was broken and ballots sent for tabulation.
- ❖ Supervisor Walker reports that the meeting minutes for the September 9th and September 18th meetings were approved by the respective Canvassing Board members electronically.
- ❖ Signature Cure documentation, challenged signature ballots and the one rejected ballot were placed in a sealed box under Seal #277, and signed off on by all Canvassing Board members.
- ❖ Original ballots that were duplicated were placed in box under Seal #278, and signed off on by all Canvassing Board members.
- ❖ Seal #648870 containing all VBM ballots was broken, boxes containing documentation from today's meeting placed therein, and the cage and locked under Seal 648857.
- ❖ Mrs. Walker thanked everyone for attending and announced date and time of next meeting as September 23, 2021, at 3:00 P.M.
- ❖ Canvassing Board members signed off on Election Summary Report containing unofficial results of the Port St. Lucie General Election for September 21, 2021.
- ❖ Mr. Stokes, on behalf of the City of Port St. Lucie, thanked Mrs. Walker and her staff for all of their hard work and professionalism in conducting this special election.
- ❖ Mr. Stokes announced the meeting is adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Cabre Enloe, Court Reporter