

ST. LUCIE COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD ACTION MINUTES  
FOR MARCH 19, 2024 PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION

***CANVASSING BOARD ORIENTATION***

***JANUARY 29, 2024***

**ATTENDEES:**

- ❖ Gertrude Walker, Supervisor of Elections
- ❖ Judge Kathryn Nelson (County Court Judge)
- ❖ Jamie Lee Fowler (County Commissioner)
- ❖ Judge Daryl Isenhower - Alternate (County Court Judge)
- ❖ Larry Leet – Alternate (County Commissioner)

**ATTORNEYS:**

- ❖ Cynthia Angelos, Esq. (SOE Counsel)
- ❖ Katherine Barbieri, Esq. (Assistant St. Lucie County Attorney)
- ❖ Rubi Dial, Esq. (Assistant St. Lucie County Attorney)
- ❖ Ciara Forbes, Esq. (St. Lucie County Assistant Attorney)

**ELECTIONS STAFF:**

- ❖ Kris Barcomb (Supervisor of Elections Staff)
- ❖ Neal Sullivan (Supervisor of Elections Staff)
- ❖ Tywann Clemons (Supervisor of Elections Staff)
- ❖ Peter LoMonaco (Supervisor of Elections Staff)
- ❖ Amber McCants (Supervisor of Elections Staff)
- ❖ Gabriele Hengel (Supervisor of Elections Staff)
- ❖ Kathy Cabre Enloe (Court Reporter-Esquire Reporting, Inc.)

**PUBLIC ATTENDEE SPEAKERS:**

- ❖ None

**CANVASSING BOARD BUSINESS:**

- ❖ Meeting called to order at 9:11 a.m. Supervisor Walker introduces Canvassing Board members, Canvassing Board Alternates, attorneys and staff.

- ❖ Supervisor Walker advised that notice of this 1/29/2024 meeting was published on the Supervisor of Elections website. The February 15, 2024 Canvassing Board Meeting will be published on the website, the Tribune and El Hispano newspapers before the 2/15/2024 meeting.
- ❖ There being no members of the public present, there was no public comment.
- ❖ SOE Walker asked Assistant County Attorney Katherine Barbieri to update the Board on recent changes in election laws. Ms. Barbieri advised the Board of the pertinent changes in law and effect thereof.
- ❖ Ms. Walker reviewed the Canvassing Board Overview her office had prepared touching on some of the important issues the Board may face, which included a presentation by Staff Member Peter LoMonaco regarding room access, and Mrs. Walker's statement this Presidential Preference Primary is a closed election for Republican voters only.
- ❖ Mrs. Walker advised the Board although some candidates have withdrawn from the Primary, if they had not done so before 12/12/2023, their name will still appear on the ballot in accordance with Florida Statute 103.101(3).
- ❖ SOE Walker also advised the Board that because of the change in law that requires Vote-By-Mail ballot requests to be renewed after each general election, the number of VBM ballots have decreased significantly for this election and the number of Canvassing Board meetings required may also be reduced.
- ❖ SOE Counsel Cynthia Angelos encouraged the Board to contact counsel with any questions or concerns brought to a Board member from the public.
- ❖ The Board had discussion as to the procedure to be utilized for observer challenges.
- ❖ The Board was reminded by Counsel and SOE Walker that the law states no member of the Board can actively participate in any election campaigning for any candidate.
- ❖ Mrs. Walker announced the next Canvassing Board meeting will be February 15, 2024, at 7:00 A.M. for Logic and Accuracy Testing.
- ❖ Judge Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 A.M., seconded by Ms. Walker. Motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Meeting adjourned at 10:18 A.M.

***Respectfully submitted, Kathy Cabre Enloe, Court Reporter***