

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

***FEBRUARY 26, 2024***

**CANVASSING BOARD ATTENDEES:**

- ❖ Gertrude Walker, Supervisor of Elections
- ❖ Judge Edmond Alonzo (County Court Judge)
- ❖ Jamie Lee Fowler (St. Lucie County Commissioner)

**ATTORNEYS:**

- ❖ Katherine Barbieri, Esq. (Assistant St. Lucie County Attorney)
- ❖ Ciara Forbes, 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)
- ❖ Jason Frank (Dominion Voting Systems)
- ❖ Other SOE staff
- ❖ Kathy Cabre Enloe (Court Reporter-Esquire Reporting, Inc.)

**PUBLIC ATTENDEE SPEAKERS:**

- ❖ None

**CANVASSING BOARD BUSINESS:**

- ❖ Meeting called to order at 8:00 A.M. Mrs. Walker introduced Canvassing Board members, counsel, and Krista Storey, member of public who requested to observe signature verification.
- ❖ Mrs. Walker announced dates of publication of the Canvassing Board Meeting on January 15, 2024, on the SOE website, January 30, 2024, in TC Palm/St. Lucie Tribune, and February 1, 2024, in El Hispano.

- ❖ Mrs. Walker advised Board that 9,272 Vote-By-Mail ballots have been mailed out. Approximately 3,573 VBM ballots will be opened today, approximate because they are continually arriving. No overseas ballots have yet been received. The Board will be presented with one torn envelope and 28 mismatched signature envelopes during today's meeting.
- ❖ Seal #0371761 was broken on cage containing the ballots to be canvassed today at 7:00 A.M. in order for the public inspection and signature verification to occur.
- ❖ Mrs. Walker asked for public comment. There being none, Judge Alonzo moved to close public comment. Second by Commissioner Fowler. Motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ SOE Walker asked for a motion to commence re-testing of the ballot reader and the Clear Ballot scanner which did not perform proficiently during the 2/25/2024 L&A pretest. Motion by Judge Alonzo to commence the re-test of the two machines. Second by Commissioner Fowler. Motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Judge Alonzo moved that staff begin the opening of ballots while the L&A re-test was conducted. Second by Commissioner Fowler. Motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ The card reader and Clear Ballot scanner were re-tested in the presence of the Canvassing Board and both performed proficiently and will be certified to the State Elections Board.
- ❖ The Board was presented with the damaged ballot envelope. Judge Alonzo moved to open the envelope. Second by Commissioner Fowler. Motion carried unanimously. The ballot inside was found to be intact but wrinkled. Mrs. Walker suggested the wrinkled ballot be duplicated. The Board then reviewed the 28 mismatched signature envelopes, voting on each individually and entering onto the appropriate log.
- ❖ Ms. Walker moved the Board cancel the March 6, 2024, Canvassing Board meeting and the Sunday, March 10, 2024, pre-scanning meeting as unnecessary. Second by Judge Alonzo. Motion carried unanimously. The next Board meeting will be held March 14, 2024, at 8:00 A.M.
- ❖ The Board duplicated ballots that had been rejected by the readers due to damage or other marks on the ballots. Judge Alonzo announced that Cage Seal #0253186 had been removed from the cage in order to place today's ballots into the cage.
- ❖ Mrs. Walker introduced and thanked the poll workers who assisted with today's proceedings, as well as her staff.

- ❖ Ms. Barcomb announced that Seal #94002 was being placed on the box containing original ballots that had been duplicated, the mismatched signature envelopes, rejected ballots and the two previously broken cage seals.
- ❖ That box, along with processed ballots will be placed in cage and sealed under Seal #0251989.
- ❖ Judge Alonzo made a motion to adjourn at 10:02 A.M. Second by Commissioner Fowler. Motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Meeting adjourned at 10:02 A.M.

***Respectfully submitted,***

***Kathy Cabre Enloe, Court Reporter***