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

MARCH 14, 2024

CANVASSING BOARD ATTENDEES:

- Gertrude Walker, Supervisor of Elections
- Judge Daryl Isenhower (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)
- Other SOE staff
- Kathy Cabre Enloe (Court Reporter-Esquire Reporting, Inc.)

PUBLIC ATTENDEE SPEAKERS:

None

CANVASSING BOARD BUSINESS:

- Public inspection of Vote-By-Mail envelopes was called to order at 7:04 A.M. outside the presence of the Canvassing Board. Seal #0371762 was broken on the cage and the envelopes presented for inspection.
- The Canvassing Board meeting was called to order at 8:02 A.M. Mrs. Walker introduced Canvassing Board members, counsel.

Mrs. Walker announced dates of publication of the 3/14/2024 Canvassing Board Meeting.

Judge Isenhower moved to open public comment. Second by Commissioner Fowler. Motion carried. No public comment was received. Judge Isenhower moved to close public comment. Second by Commissioner Fowler. Motion carried.

Mrs. Walker advised Board there are 2,761 Vote-By-Mail ballots to be canvassed, including 22 signature cures, 22 mismatched signatures from same household and one envelope from a prior election cycle.

✤ Judge Isenhower moved to commence opening of VBM ballots. Second by Commissioner Fowler. Motion carried unanimously.

Judge Isenhower suggested the voter who returned ballot in previous election cycle envelope be contacted and given opportunity to submit signature cure. Staff will attempt to contact the voter.

The Canvassing Board then individually reviewed and voted on each of the mismatched signatures from same household and logged on appropriate log.

The Canvassing Board individually reviewed and voted on the signature cure affidavits after reviewing the Tier 1/Tier 2 identification provided and logged on appropriate log.

The Board was presented with one challenged ballot envelope from the earlier public inspection. After reviewing the signature on file, Mrs. Walker moved to accept same. Second by Commissioner Fowler. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff presented the Board with ballots requiring duplication due to timing marks and stray marks and one sample ballot received. After conferring with counsel as to the criteria, Judge Isenhower moved to accept the sample ballot, as the voter's intent was clear.

In response to an inquiry by one of the authorized observers, Mrs. Walker advised that on February 26, 2024, a total of 3,599 VBM ballots were canvassed.

The Board duplicated the ballots as necessary and sent to Tabulation for processing.

Mrs. Walker thanked and excused poll workers.

The Board viewed pre-scanning of 470 ballots from seven early voting sites in the Tabulation Room. Box seals, number of ballots from each site, and re-seal numbers were read into the record and logged by staff.

Seal #0251989 was broken on the cage containing previous meetings' documentation. Signature cure affidavits, original ballots that had been duplicated and challenged ballot and broken seals from today's meeting were placed in Box #94-003 and into the cage under Seal #0369894.

Ms. Walker announced the next Board meeting will be March 19, 2024, at 4:00 P.M.

✤ Judge Isenhower made a motion to adjourn at 10:15 A.M. Second by Commissioner Fowler. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:16 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Cabre Enloe, Court Reporter