

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

***MARCH 19, 2024***

**CANVASSING BOARD ATTENDEES:**

- ❖ Gertrude Walker, Supervisor of Elections
- ❖ Judge Jeffrey Hendriks (County Court Judge)
- ❖ Larry Leet (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.)

**GUESTS:**

- ❖ Jason Frank (Dominion Voting Systems)
- ❖ Franklin Belizaire (OPEX)

**PUBLIC ATTENDEE SPEAKERS:**

- ❖ Mark Gotz

### **CANVASSING BOARD BUSINESS:**

- ❖ Public inspection of Vote-By-Mail envelopes was called to order at 3:00 P.M. outside the presence of the Canvassing Board. Seal #0371770 was broken on the cage and the envelopes presented for inspection.
- ❖ The Canvassing Board meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. Mrs. Walker introduced Canvassing Board members and counsel.
- ❖ Mrs. Walker announced dates of publication of today's Canvassing Board Meeting.
- ❖ Judge Hendriks moved to open public comment.
- ❖ Mark Gotz voiced his opinion of the Board's noncompliance with Section 303 of the Help America Vote Act. Mrs. Walker requested Mr. Gotz submit his complaint in writing and the SOE office and counsel will research.
- ❖ Mrs. Walker advised Board public inspection of today's ballots had taken place at 3:00 P.M. Judge Hendriks moved to commence ballot opening. Second by Commissioner Leet. Motion carried. Mrs. Walker advised there are 871 ballots being presented, with 20 mismatched signatures from same household and 10 signature cure affidavits. Mrs. Walker advised one ballot reviewed at the last meeting that was received in a prior election cycle envelope would be brought before the Board today, as it was determined that voter had not requested a VBM ballot for this election cycle. There are also three early voting provisional ballots to review, along with four unscanned early voting ballots.
- ❖ 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 a ballot envelope that contained two ballots. The Board voted to reject same under the criteria in effect.
- ❖ Signature cure affidavit inspection and processing continued.
- ❖ The ballot that was received in a previous election cycle envelope was reviewed and because voter had not requested VBM ballot for this election, Commissioner Leet voted Board reject the ballot. Second by Judge Hendriks. Motion carried unanimously.

- ❖ Mrs. Walker presented the Board with an envelope containing two ballots from the previous meeting that were not duplicated prior to the adjournment of the meeting. The two ballots had been placed in envelope and signed by Judge Isenhower and Mrs. Walker and had been placed in the cage under Seal #0369894. The two ballots were then duplicated and sent to Tabulation.
- ❖ The Board was presented with the four unread/unscanned ballots from Early Voting Site of the Paula Lewis Library due to battery issue with one of the scanning machines at that site. The Unscanned Ballot Report was reviewed by the Board. Judge Hendriks opened the sealed bag containing the four unscanned ballots, confirmed count of four ballots therein, the count reconfirmed by Commissioner Leet. Judge Hendriks moved to send four unscanned ballots for tabulation. Second by Mrs. Walker. Motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ The Board reviewed the provisional ballots voted at Early Voting sites and reasons therefor, primarily due to change of party outside of the deadline. Each provisional was reviewed by the Board and vote taken as to each.
- ❖ Board signed zero tape for the machine to be utilized for the unscanned ballots. The unscanned ballots were then processed and the machine sealed with Seal #0648085.
- ❖ Judge Hendriks moved to approve Action Minutes from previous Canvassing Board meetings held February 15, 2024; February 26, 2024; and March 14, 2024. Second by Commissioner Leet. Motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Mrs. Walker presented Board with 71 Vote-By Mail ballots received from offices before the 5:00 P.M. deadline under Seal #21561302. Motion by Judge Hendriks to send those ballots for tabulation. Second by Commissioner Leet. Before being sent to Tabulation, the VBM ballots were inspected by public. There being no challenges, the ballots were sent to Tabulation. An additional 11 VBM ballots were received under Seal #21561305 and inspected by public, then sent to Tabulation.
- ❖ Staff member Kris Barcomb announced today's paperwork and broken seals were placed in box under Seal #94-004. Materials from today's proceedings were placed in cage under Seal #0648086.
- ❖ Unofficial election report was distributed to the Board, showing a 22% voter turnout.
- ❖ Ms. Walker announced the next Board meeting will be March 21, 2024, at 3:00 P.M.

❖ Commissioner Leet made motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Kathy Cabre Enloe, Court Reporter*