PUBLIC NOTICE CANVASSING BOARD AND L&A SCHEDULE PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION – MARCH 19, 2024

The following is the *tentative* schedule of meetings for the 2024 Presidential Preference Primary Election. All meetings will be held at the Supervisor of Elections Election Center, 4132 Okeechobee Road, Fort Pierce. Anyone who would like to speak during the public comment period or provide documents to the Canvassing Board to review, must complete the Public Comment form during sign-in at the meeting and provide it to the receptionist at the Election Center.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Florida Statutes 101.572 and 101.5614, a candidate, a political party official or a political committee official or a designee thereof may review ballot materials by completing the Request to Review Ballot Materials and Affidavit form. The form must be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections office 48 hours prior to the applicable meeting date to permit access. To obtain a form or for additional information, please email <u>elections@slcelections.com</u>.

CANVASSING BOARD MEMBERS

Kathryn Nelson, County Judge (Chair) Jamie Fowler, County Commissioner Gertrude Walker, Supervisor of Elections ALTERNATES FOR COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD Edmond Alonzo, County Judge Daryl Isenhower, County Judge Jeffrey Hendriks, County Judge Larry Leet, County Commissioner

* Monday, January 29, 2024 – 9:00 am: Canvassing Board Orientation.

* Thursday, February 15, 2024 – 7:00 am: Convene for Logic and Accuracy Pre-Test of voting equipment (101.5612, F.S. – not more than 25 days prior to beginning of early voting). Conduct other canvassing board business as necessary.

* **‡ Monday, February 26, 2024 – 8:00 am:** Reconvene for second L&A if necessary. Immediately following, Canvass of VBM ballots. Pre-scanning of ballots in anticipation of audit. Conduct other canvassing board business as necessary.

* **‡ Wednesday**, March 6, 2024 – 8:00 am: Canvass of VBM ballots. Pre-scanning of ballots in anticipation of audit.

**** Sunday, March 10, 2024 – 10:00 am:** Pre-scanning of ballots in anticipation of audit. Conduct other canvassing board business as necessary.

**** Monday, March 11, 2024 – 10:00 am:** Pre-scanning of ballots in anticipation of audit. Conduct other canvassing board business as necessary.

**** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 – 10:00 am:** Pre-scanning of ballots in anticipation of audit. Conduct other canvassing board business as necessary.

**** Wednesday, March 13, 2024 – 10:00 am:** Pre-scanning of ballots in anticipation of audit. Conduct other canvassing board business as necessary.

* **‡ Thursday**, March 14, 2024 – 8:00 am: Canvass of VBM ballots. Pre-scanning of ballots in anticipation of audit.

**** Friday, March 15, 2024 – 10:00 am:** Pre-scanning of ballots in anticipation of audit. Conduct other canvassing board business as necessary.

**** Saturday, March 16, 2024 – 10:00 am:** Pre-scanning of ballots in anticipation of audit. Conduct other canvassing board business as necessary.

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**** Sunday, March 17, 2024 – 10:00 am:** Pre-scanning of ballots in anticipation of audit. Conduct other canvassing board business as necessary.

* **‡ Tuesday, March 19, 2024 – 4:00 pm:** Canvass of VBM ballots. Pre-scanning of ballots in anticipation of audit. Precinct election returns (101.048 F.S.). Conduct other canvassing board business as necessary.

**** Wednesday, March 20, 2024 – 8:00 am:** Pre-scanning of ballots in anticipation of audit. Conduct other canvassing board business as necessary.

****Thursday, March 21, 2024 – 8:00 am:** Pre-scanning of ballots in anticipation of audit. Conduct other canvassing board business as necessary.

** **‡ Thursday, March 21, 2024 – 3:00 pm:** Canvass Provisional Ballots and Signature Cure Affidavits (no later than 5 pm on the 2nd day after any election 101.048 F.S). File 1st Unofficial Results of the General Election with the Department of State/Conduct other canvassing board business as necessary. (Statutory Deadline is March, 23, 2024)

* **‡** Friday, March 29, 2024 – 5:00 pm: Reconvene to canvass 10-day overseas ballots. (Rule 1S-2.013, F.A.C. – Ballot postmarked or signed and dated no later than the date of the federal election and received no later than 10 days from the date of the election). Submit Official Results certificates.

* Saturday, March 30, 2024 – 9:00 am: Submit Official Results certificates, if not completed on March 29th. (Statutory Deadline is April 1, 2024 §102.112, F.S. – by noon on the 13th day following the election)

*Wednesday, April 3, 2024 – 10:00 am: Reconvene to complete the voting system audit and for the results to be made public unless manual recount undertaken pursuant to §102.166, F.S. §101.591, F.S.; Rule 1S-5.026, F.A.C. – no later than 11:59 p.m. on the 7th day following certification of the election by the county canvassing board. (Statutory Deadline is April 8, 2024)

*Wednesday, April 17, 2024 –10:00 am: File Conduct of Election report (Statutory Deadline - no later than 20 business days after official results due pursuant to §102.141, F.S.

* Meeting dates are subject to change — please visit <u>www.slcelections.com</u> for updates to schedule.

** All ballots are scanned into Clear Ballot, state certified independent audit system as required by Rule 1S-5.026 and F.S. 101.591

‡ Public inspection of vote-by-mail ballot certificates and signature verification one hour prior to the canvassing board meeting

All Canvassing Board meetings will be held at the Supervisor of Elections Office and are open to the public. 4132 Okeechobee Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34947

If it becomes necessary for the Canvassing Board to suspend or recess a meeting publicly noticed for a period lasting more than 60 minutes, a notice will be posted at <u>www.slcelections.com</u> with the anticipated time and date at which the Board expects to reconvene. If the Board does not reconvene at the specified time, the Board will provide at least 2 hours' notice, which will be posted on <u>www.slcelections.com</u> before reconvening.

Section 101.68(2)(c)4, Florida Statutes, provides if any elector or candidate present believes that a VBM ballot is illegal due to a defect apparent on the voter's certificate or the cure affidavit, he or she may, at any time before the ballot is removed from the envelope, file with the Canvassing Board a protest against the canvass of that ballot, specifying the precinct, the ballot, and the reason he or she believes the ballot to be illegal. A challenge based upon a defect in the voter's certificate or cure affidavit may not be accepted after the ballot has been removed from the mailing envelope

In accordance with the Sunshine Laws of Florida, all Canvassing Board meetings are open to the public. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, anyone with a disability requiring accommodation to attend this meeting should contact the Human Resources Department at (772) 462-1546, HumanResources@stlucieco.org, or T.D.D. (772) 462-1428, at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at the meetings or hearings of any board, committee, commission, agency, council or advisory group, that person will need a record of the proceedings and that, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record should include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Upon the request of any party to the proceedings, individuals testifying during a hearing will be sworn in. Any party to the proceeding will be granted an opportunity to cross-examine any individual testifying during a hearing upon request.