

PUBLIC NOTICE
CANVASSING BOARD AND L&A SCHEDULE
CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE SPECIAL ELECTION, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

Canvassing Board Members and Alternates
James Stokes, City Attorney
Melany Crawford, Alternate for City Attorney
Ella Gilbert, Alternate for City Attorney
Sally Walsh, City Clerk
Bryan Pankhurst, Alternate for City Clerk
Gertrude Walker, Supervisor of Elections

The following is the schedule of meetings for the City of Port St. Lucie Special Election. All meetings will be held at the Supervisor of Elections, Election Center, located at 4132 Okeechobee Road, Fort Pierce. Public inspection of sealed Vote By Mail Ballot (VBM) envelopes will occur from 7:00 am to 8:00 am at each meeting date listed below starting September 9, 2021 except for the final canvass on September 21, 2021 whereby the results will be released after 7:00 p.m. Any documents to be distributed to the Canvassing Board to review during the Canvassing Board meetings must be given to the receptionist at the Election Center. Notice is hereby given that observation of the signature comparisons images on Vote By Mail voter certificates are available for viewing upon request at the Supervisor of Elections office at 4132 Okeechobee Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34947. To request access and obtain additional information, please email elections@slcelections.com.

***Monday, July 26, 2021 10:00 am** - Canvassing Board Orientation

***Thursday, September 2, 2021 – 7:00 am** – *Convene for Logic and Accuracy Pre-Test of voting equipment* (101.5612,

***Thursday, September 9, 2021 – 7:00 am** – Canvass and duplication of VBM ballots.

***Tuesday, September 14, 2021 – 7:00 am** – Canvass and duplication of VBM ballots.

***Saturday, September 18, 2021 – 7:00 am** – Canvass and duplication of VBM ballots.

***Tuesday, September 21, 2021 – 1:00 pm** – Canvass and duplication of VBM ballots. Persons wishing to inspect sealed VBM ballots must be present during the Canvassing Board meeting.

***Thursday, September 23, 2021 – 3:00 pm** – Reconvene to canvass Provisional Ballots and Signature Cure, (No later than 5 pm on the 2nd day after any election 101.048 F.S).

- **Saturday, September 25, 2021 – Noon** – Deadline to submit 1st Unofficial Results to DOS - include the canvass of all ballots including provisional. (No later than noon of the 4th day after a General Election 102.141 F.S.)
- **Sunday, October 3, 2021 – Noon** - Deadline for county canvassing boards to submit Official Results to the Department of State for the General Election §102.112, F.S. – By noon on the 12th day following the election, Export File from Results Database, Public Audit begins unless manual recount undertaken pursuant to 102.166, F.S.

Wednesday, October 6, 2021– 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.

***Meeting dates are subject to change, please visit www.slcelections.com for updates to schedule.**

Tentatively Scheduled in the event of a Machine or Manual Recount
NO MEETING UNLESS NOTIFIED

Tuesday, September 28, 2021 – Reconvene for Logic and Accuracy Pre-Test of Voting equipment (101.5612, FS) and conduct a Machine Recount pursuant to 102.141(7) F.S. if a candidate is eliminated by 1/2 of a percent or less the County Canvassing Board or the local board responsible for certifying the election shall order a machine recount. If a candidate is eliminated by 1/4 of a percent or less then a manual recount will be conducted pursuant to 102.166 F.S. which will follow directly after the completion of machine recount if needed.

Thursday, September 30, 2021 – 2nd Unofficial Results due no later than 3pm on the 9th day after the election (102.141, F.S.)

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 www.slcelections.com 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 www.slcelections.com before reconvening. If a Canvassing Board meeting is canceled, it will be posted on www.slcelections.com.

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. Anyone with a disability requiring accommodation to attend this meeting should contact the St. Lucie County Risk Manager at (772) 462-1783 or TTD (772) 462-1429/8.

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.