

**Orange County Canvassing Board Minutes
Verification of Results
For the August 23, 2022, Primary Election
Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 1:00 PM**

Attendance

Steve Jewett, County Judge, Chair
Nicole Wilson, County Commissioner
Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections
Jeanette Bigney, Alternate County Judge
Mayra Uribe, Alternate County Commissioner
Whitney Evers, Canvassing Board Attorney
Nick Shannin, SOE Attorney

Public Attendees

Bill Barnett, Republican party
Joshua Grosshans, Risha Bagga
Amy Carter, County Judge
Rishi Bagga, Candidate
Kaitlin Anouge, Risha Bagga
Wendy Nissan, OCEITF
Melissa Battles, Risha Bagga
Travis McCurdy, Candidate
Michael Scott, Candidate
Lyn Miros, District 6 community
Jim Callahan, Cynthia Harris
Andre Young, Mike Scott
Stephen Hudak, Orlando Sentinel

Canvassing Board Business

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Steve Jewett, County Judge, Chair, reviewed and acknowledged the Public Meeting Notice published in the Orlando Sentinel on August 14, 2022.

Minutes from the August 23, 2022, Canvassing Board Meeting were reviewed and accepted. **Nicole Wilson, County Commissioner, moved to approve the August 23, 2022, minutes, Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections, seconded; all voted in favor, motion approved.**

Public Comment

No public comment was given.

Tasks

Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections, discussed the proposed timeline for certification of the primary election results and a recount, if needed. He then explained the various tasks to be accomplished at this meeting.

Ballot Verification for all Precincts: Supervisor Cowles noted that 97 ballots were duplicated but not processed.

Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections, made a motion to allow staff to process the duplicated ballots, Nicole Wilson, County Commissioner, seconded; all voted in favor, motion approved.

Vote-by-mail Ballot Reconciliation: The Canvassing Board proceeded to canvass any vote-by-mail ballots and review any ballots needing duplication.

Nicole Wilson, County Commissioner, moved to reject the ballots in the Signature Differs category because, beyond a reasonable doubt, the signatures do not match, Mayra Uribe, alternate County Commissioner, seconded; all voted in favor, motion approved. (See attached results)

Nicole Wilson, County Commissioner, moved to reject the ballots in the No Signature category for failure to sign the voter certificate, Jeanette Bigney, alternate County Judge, seconded; all voted in favor, motion approved. (See attached results)

Canvass Provisional Ballots: Supervisor Cowles noted that there were 55 provisional ballots for Canvassing Board review. The Canvassing Board proceeded to canvass the provisional ballots. **(See attached results)**

Verification of Vote County Changes by Precinct: The Canvassing Board proceeded to verify the precinct by precinct vote count changes. **(See attached results)**

Dinner break 7:20 – 7:50

Supervisor Cowles gave an update on processing of ballots.

Discuss Recount Requirements and Schedule

Supervisor Cowles discussed the fact that the County Commission District 4 and District 6 races were within the margins for a statutorily required recount. The Canvassing Board determined that the recounts would start at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, August 26, 2022, and would take place in Training Room 1 at the Supervisor of Elections Office. A conditional notice of the recounts was posted on the Supervisor's website, at the Supervisor's office, and in the County Commissioner Building. Notice of the specific date and time will be posted on the Supervisor's website and the candidate's campaigns will be contacted directly regarding the date / time and to appoint any representatives for the recount prior to 1:00 p.m. on Friday August 26, 2022.

Discussion ensued regarding the need to have one Canvassing Board member present during any pre-sorting of the ballots for recount; Supervisor Cowles agreed to be present.

Tasks (cont.)

Logic and Accuracy Test: **Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections, made a motion to allow staff to run the Post-Logic and Accuracy Test on DS850's, Nicole Wilson, County Commissioner, seconded; all voted in favor, motion approved.**

The Canvassing Board moved to the warehouse to observe the Post-Logic and Accuracy Test and then returned to the Main Meeting Room.

Finalize First Unofficial Results

The Canvassing Board reviewed and signed the first Unofficial Results. **(See attached)**

There being no further business, **Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections, moved to adjourn the meeting, Nicole Wilson, County Commissioner, seconded the motion; all voted in favor, motion approved.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Whitney Evers, Canvassing Board Attorney.