

Canvassing Board Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2020
(APPROVED)

4/7/2020 - Minutes

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Mayor Eugene Fultz, Commissioner Al Goldstein, Jennifer Nanek City Clerk

City Staff Present: Zaillet Suri, Deputy City Clerk

Supervisor of Elections Staff: Betsy Cleveland

The Meeting was called to order at 5:09 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. Appointment Of Chair

Jennifer Nanek nominated Mayor Fultz to serve as chair. Commissioner Goldstein seconded the nomination. Mayor Fultz agreed to serve as Chair. The members unanimously consented to the appointment of Mayor Fultz as Chair.

3. Publically Canvassing Absentee Ballots For Candidates Seeking Election, Commissioner Seat 5, District 28

Mail Ballot Report and Accept Valid Mail Ballots as recommended by Clerk.

Jennifer Nanek read aloud that total of 1238 ballots were returned and that 1200 are considered valid. Mayor Fultz made a motion to accept mail ballots as reviewed by the City Clerk and direct Supervisor of Elections staff to begin processing the ballots. Commissioner Goldstein seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Review Mail Ballots

The board reviewed 9 mailed in ballots without signatures and consented to reject those ballots.

Next the ballots where two voters from the same household signed each other's ballots and the signatures matched. Jennifer Nanek read them each by voter ID. There were 11 pairs or 22 of these ballots. The board reviewed them and unanimously consented to accept these.

There were three where the voters' signatures are on the wrong ballot and don't match the signatures on file. Betsy Cleveland explained that these voters were given a chance to cure their ballots. Jennifer Nanek made a motion to reject these ballots. The motion was seconded by Mayor Fultz. The motion was unanimously approved. These ballots were rejected.

The meeting recessed at 5:38 p.m. to reconvene at approximately 6:50 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 6:57 p.m.

1 ballot was received prior to 7:00 p.m. Jennifer Nanek made a motion to accept the ballot and direct that it be processed. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The meeting was recessed at 6:58 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:03 p.m.

3 blank ballots were reviewed and accepted by the board unanimously as blank. There were 4 ballots that were replicated due to damage of some kind. The board reviewed these. Jennifer Nanek made a motion to accept the replicated ballots. Commissioner Goldstein accepted the motion which was unanimously approved.

The meeting was recessed at 8:06 p.m.

4. Accept Unofficial Results

The meeting reconvened at 8:18 p.m.

Jennifer Nanek read the results into the record.

The unofficial final results presented were:

Out of 9,870 registered voters in Lake Wales, 1,448 votes were cast or 14.67%. 4 ballots were blank.

Robin Gibson 898 total votes or 63.24% of votes cast, 767 Vote-by-mail ballots, 131 Election Day votes

Bob Wood 522 total votes or 36.76% of votes cast, 434 Vote by Mail ballots, 88 Election Day votes

Jennifer Nanek made a motion to approve the unofficial results. Commissioner Goldstein seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Adjourn

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m. Next Canvassing Board meeting is Thursday April 9, 2020 5:00 p.m..

Chair

ATTEST:

Mayor/Deputy Mayor

Deputy City Clerk