Presidential Preference Primary & Municipal Election – March 17, 2020

CANVASSING BOARD MEETING
Friday, March 13, 2020

County Judge Kathleen McCarthy, Chair
Michael Udine, County Commissioner
Peter Antonacci, Supervisor of Elections

Also, in Attendance: Nathaniel A. Klitsberg, Counsel
Mark Journey, Counsel

SOE Staff
Mary Hall
Kevron Aird
Tiawan McNeal
Patricia Santiago
John Wolf

CALL TO ORDER
The Canvassing Board meeting was called to order by Judge Kathleen McCarthy at 1:00 p.m.
Introduction of the Canvassing Board members, counsel and staff.

Motion to approve minutes from Canvassing Board meeting held on 3/11/2020 was approved.

AUTHORIZATION OF THE TABULATION OF VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS
Mary Hall requested authorization to tabulate approximately 10,000 Vote-by-Mail ballots today.
Motion to tabulate Vote-by-Mail ballots was approved.

Next is the Vote-by-Mail ballots duplication by hand. Motion to authorize Supervisor of Elections’ staff to move forward with ballot duplication was approved. Ballots to be duplicated were stored in a bin with seal numbers 0605223 and 1183366.

Pending items from last Canvassing Board meeting:
• Missing checked boxes on the Military and Overseas ballot certificates. Lack of checked boxes on the Vote-by-Mail ballot certificates is not considered defective and it is not required by law.
• Returned Vote-by-Mail ballots certificates with no ballots inside. Voters will be marked as not voted. Supervisor of Elections’ staff will contact voters that returned ballot certificate with no ballot inside.
Motion to approve recommendations from counsel was granted.

**BOARD TO CONSIDER CERTAIN ADDITIONAL VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS**
The first set of 10 Military and Overseas ballots are ballots that couldn’t be scanned by Sentio machine because they were not marked online, instead voters print ballot and mark it by hand. Ballot duplication will be done in front of the Canvassing Board by one duplicating team with members from each major party. Canvassing Board reviewed all 10 duplicated ballots. Motion to approve 10 duplicated ballots was granted.

17 Domestic Vote-by-Mail ballots need to be duplicated by hand.

3 voter intent Vote-by-Mail ballots that were approved at last Canvassing Board meeting were duplicated by hand and reviewed by the Canvassing Board. Motion to approve duplicated ballots was granted.

Motion to begin duplicating 17 Domestic Vote-by-Mail ballots was approved. Canvassing Board reviewed the 17 duplicated ballots. Motion to approve 17 duplicated ballots was granted.

Kevron Aird presented to the Canvassing Board Vote-by-Mail ballots that were damaged, could not be tabulated by DS850s and were duplicated using the NOVUS system. Ballots were stored in a bin with seal number 0604958 and 0604960. Duplicated Vote-by-Mail ballots were sorted in categories: Voter Intent, No Party Affiliation, Republican and Democratic. Canvassing Board reviewed all ballots from each category. Motion to approved duplicated Vote-by-Mail ballots was granted.

The tabulation of approximately 10,000 Vote-by-Mail ballots was completed. Kevron Aird asked the Canvassing Board for permission to transfer results to server. Motion to provide a count of ballots tabulated was approved.

No public questions/ comments.

Vote-by-Mail ballots will be processed (separated) during the weekend in preparation for next Canvassing Board meeting, Monday, March 16th.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**
Motion to meet on Monday, March 16th at 1:00 p.m. was approved.

11,733 Vote-by-Mail ballots were scanned today. As of today, a total of 77,535 Vote-by-Mail ballots were scanned. Motion to approve numbers was granted.

**ADJOURNMENT**
With no further business to be conducted, Judge Kathleen McCarthy adjourned the Canvassing Board Meeting at 3:38 p.m. to reconvene on March 16th at 1:00 p.m.
CALL TO ORDER
The Canvassing Board meeting was called to order by Judge Kathleen McCarthy at 9:30 a.m.
Introduction of the Canvassing Board members and counsel.

Motion to approve minutes from Canvassing Board meeting held on 3/03/2020 was approved.

Vote-by-Mail ballots will be processed during the time that the Canvassing Board is meeting.
The Canvassing Board will be observing the process through a TV screen located in the meeting room.

AUTHORIZATION OF THE TABULATION OF VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS
Mary Hall requested authorization to tabulate approximately 40,000 Vote-by-Mail ballots today.
Motion to tabulate approximately 40,000 today was approved.

Mary Hall requested permission to continue the duplicating process of the Military and Overseas ballots (46) that didn’t scan through at the last meeting. Ballots were stored in a container with seal numbers 0605254 and 0605255.
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(2) overseas voters returned ballots from the 2018 election. Motion to reject 2018 ballots was approved.

(20) returned Vote-by-Mail ballots were damaged for various reasons and need to be duplicated in order for the DS850 machine to be able to read the ballots.

- (3) ballots that need to be duplicated have to be checked for voter intent by Canvassing Board. First ballot has the candidate’s oval filled in and an “X.” Motion to approve ballot was granted. Second ballot has a candidate’s name with a line through and “No” written at the end of the line and the oval for Mike Bloomberg is bubbled in. Motion to approve ballot was granted. Third ballot has oval filled in for Mike Bloomberg and lines over another candidates’ name. Motion to approve ballot was granted.
- Motion to approve 17 damaged Vote-by-Mail ballots to be duplicated was approved.

10 minutes recess at 9:50 a.m.

(46) Military and Overseas ballots were duplicated and ready for Canvassing Board to review. Motion to approve all 46 ballots as duplicated. Judge McCarthy and Commissioner Udine approved the motion.

10 min recess at 10:09 a.m.

(8) Military and Overseas ballots didn’t go through the Sentio machine and need to be hand duplicated. Motion to duplicate ballots using NOVUS system and if can’t, to hand duplicate ballots with member of each party. Judge McCarthy and Commissioner Udine approved the motion.
A new batch of 63 Military and Overseas Vote-by-Mail ballots need to be duplicated. Motion to approve all 63 Military and Overseas ballots to be duplicated. Judge McCarthy and Commissioner Udine approved the motion.

John Wolf explained to Canvassing Board that the 8 Military and Overseas ballots that need to be duplicated from the previous batch cannot be done using the NOVUS system. The duplication of the 8 Military and Overseas ballots will be done at the next Canvassing Board meeting.

(3) Vote-by-Mail ballots returned by voters who are deceased. Motion to reject all ballots. Judge McCarthy and Commissioner Udine approved the motion.

(20) Vote-by-Mail ballots returned with no ballots enclosed. No motion needed. Motion to bring this category back up at the next Canvassing Board meeting after researching what other options these voters have. Judge McCarthy and Supervisor Antonacci approved the motion.
(1) Voter moved to St. Lucie County. Voter mailed his Vote-by-Mail ballot back to Broward County and voted early in St. Lucie County. Motion to reject ballot was approved. Motion to send ballot to State Attorney’s Office was approved.

(3) Vote-by-Mail ballots with cure affidavits were presented to the Canvassing Board. Motion to accept all 3 ballots was approved.

(61) Military and Overseas ballots were duplicated and 2 ballots need to be hand duplicated. Motion for 2 Military and Overseas ballots to be hand duplicated was approved. Motion to accept 61 duplicated Military and Overseas ballots was approved.

(29) Vote-by-Mail ballots need to be duplicated. These ballots couldn’t go through the DS850 last week because damages on the ballot. Motion to authorize the duplication of ballots using NOVUS system was approved.

Duplicated ballots through the NOVUS System will be printed for Canvassing Board to review. Motion to approve first set of 10 duplicated ballots was granted. Motion to reject 1 voter intent ballot was approved. Second set of 19 duplicated ballots was presented to the Canvassing Board. Motion to accept 18 duplicated ballots (1 ballot was already reviewed by the Canvassing Board and rejected) was approved.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

Motion to meet this Friday, March 13th at 1:00 p.m. was approved.

Motion to run and print the number of ballots scanned today was approved. 38,874 ballots were scanned today plus ballots scanned last week = 65802. Motion to accept number of ballots scanned was approved.

No public questions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to be conducted, Judge Kathleen McCarthy adjourned the Canvassing Board Meeting at 12:46 p.m. to reconvene on March 13th at 1:00 p.m.
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CANVASSING BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, March 3, 2020

County Judge Kathleen McCarthy, Chair
Michael Udine, County Commissioner
Peter Antonacci, Supervisor of Elections

Also in Attendance: Nathaniel A. Klitsberg, Counsel
Mark Journey, Counsel

SOE Staff
Mary Hall
Kevron Aird
Tiawan McNeal
Patricia Santiago
John Wolf

Convened: 1:00 p.m.
Adjourned: 3:36 p.m.
CALL TO ORDER
The Canvassing Board meeting was called to order by Judge Kathleen McCarthy at 1:00 p.m.
Introduction of the Canvassing Board members and counsel.

Motion to approve minutes from Canvassing Board meeting held on 2/26/2020 was granted.

Motion to approved agenda was granted.

AUTHORIZED OF THE TABULATION OF VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS
Mary Hall informed the Canvassing Board that approximately 199,000 Vote-by-Mail ballots were mailed and approximately 53,000 Vote-by-Mail ballots were returned. She also briefed the Canvassing Board about the Military and Overseas ballots which are returned to our office via fax or mail. Those ballots have a QR code on the back that is connected to the Sentio equipment created by Democracy Live. The code is scanned and a regular ballot is printed by the Sentio machine.

Over 25,000 Vote-by-Mail ballots are available for tabulation today. 12 high speed scanners will be used for this process. All machines are zero out before beginning to tabulate ballots.

Motion to tabulate Vote-by-Mail ballots was approved.

BOARD TO CONSIDER CERTAIN ADDITIONAL VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS
Ms. Hall explained that Democracy Live is a system that connects to VR which enable the office to send ballots via e-mail to Military and Overseas voters. Once ballot is received by voter via e-mail, the voter has the options to either fax or mail ballot back to the Supervisor of Elections’ office. 178 Military and Overseas ballots were received.

Motion to authorize staff to begin duplicating Military and Overseas ballots was approved.
Military & Overseas ballots were stored in a container with seal numbers 0705911, 0705912. Duplicated ballots were presented to the Canvassing Board for review. Mary explained that a voter who sends his/her ballot via fax is giving up his/her right to secrecy.

107 Military & Overseas ballots were duplicated.
  75 voter certificates were completed.
  32 voter certificates were not completed.

71 Military & Overseas ballots could not be duplicated.
  24 voter certificates were not completed.
  47 voter certificates were completed.

- 75 Military & Overseas ballots that were duplicated by Sentio machine and have completed voter certificates will be sorted and will be tabulated at the next Canvassing Board meeting.
- 71 Military & Overseas ballots that could not be printed – Motion to set aside ballots and to use other methods of duplication was approved.
• Motion for the Supervisor of Elections’ staff to reach out to the 56 voters with Vote-by-Mail ballot certificate issues so they can correct their certificates was approved. The Supervisor of Elections will send via e-mail or fax a notice asking voter to correct certificate.

Mary Hall presented to the Canvassing Board 13 returned Vote-by-Mail ballots without a ballot enclosed from precincts: A003, A004, A018, C024, D014, E028, E029, G004, J009, N015, R025, T025, C013.

15 voters returned Vote-by-Mail ballot certificates with no signature. Voters were contacted by phone, mail or e-mail and a completed cure affidavit was received from the voters. One of the voters didn’t include any form of ID with the affidavit. Motion to accept 14 out of the 15 Vote-by-Mail ballots with cure affidavit and for staff to reach out to the one voter who didn’t provide supporting documentation with the affidavit was approved.

Vote-by-Mail ballots tabulation was completed. Next step will be Clear Ballot scanning on Wednesday.

John Wolf explained to the Canvassing Board why some of the Military and Overseas ballots could not be duplicated by the Sentio machine. For purpose of demonstrating to the Canvassing Board, one Military and Overseas ballot was scanned and duplicated through the system. Motion to amend from 47 to 46 and to approve the ballot that was duplicated for testing was granted.

NEXT MEETING DATE
Motion for public inspection to be from 8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. and Canvassing Board to meet at 9:15 a.m. until conclusion on Wednesday, March 11th was approved.

ADJOURNMENT
With no further business to be conducted, Judge Kathleen McCarthy adjourned the Canvassing Board Meeting at 3:36 p.m. to reconvene on March 11th at 9:15 a.m.
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CANVASSING BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, February 26, 2020

County Judge Kathleen McCarthy, Chair
Michael Udine, County Commissioner
Peter Antonacci, Supervisor of Elections

Also in Attendance: Nathaniel A. Klitsberg, Counsel

SOE Staff
Mary Hall
John Wolf
Kevron Aird
Patricia Santiago

Gregg Mendenhall (Consultant)

Convened: 10:00 a.m.
Adjourned: 1:18 p.m.
CALL TO ORDER
The Canvassing Board meeting was called to order by Judge Kathleen McCarthy at 10:00 a.m. Introduction of the Canvassing Board members and counsel.

Motion to approve agenda was approved by Canvassing Board.

AUTHORIZE OPENING (ONLY) OF VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT ENVELOPES
Mary Hall asked for authorization to have Vote-by-Mail ballots slid open. 46,000 Vote-by-Mail ballots received so far. Motion to authorize the opening of Vote-by-Mail ballots was approved.

LOGIC & ACCURACY TEST
John Wolf and Kevron Aird briefed the Canvassing Board on the Logic and Accuracy Test process.

Equipment tested:
→ DS200 with modem (62)
→ Express Vote (3)
→ DS850 - High Speed Scanners (12)

Motion to move forward with the Logic and Accuracy Test was approved.

Motion to allow a representative with technical expertise from each party in the tabulation room was approved. Persons will be observing the process from a stationary area. A representative from the Republican Party observed.

Zero tape from the DS-200 machines was provided to Canvassing Board for review. Motion to accept all zero tapes from DS-200s was approved.

Motion to accept the zero report from the tabulation server and zero reports from one set of twelve DS-850s was approved.

Motion to open the polls and run the test ballots on the DS-200 machines was approved. Results from each DS-200 unit, together with test ballot and key sheet were provided to the Board. Eight precinct units: X010-2, V033-2, C006-2, X023-2, K007-2, M010-2, X007-2 and X016-2 didn’t have the key sheet signed. These units were zero-out, test ballots inserted and results printed again for Canvassing Board review. Motion to approve the zero tapes and to rerun corresponding test ballots was approved.

Motion to modem in results from the DS-200s to the central server unit was approved.

Motion to close the DS-200 machines, print zero tapes and prepare machines for election day and early voting was approved.

Motion to zero tape all the DS-200s and seal all units was approved.
Motion to run the test ballots on DS-850s while DS-200s are being sealed was approved.

An ExpressVote demonstration by Gregg Mendenhall was presented to the Board.

Motion to print results from DS-850s and tabulation server was approved.

Motion to zero out all DS-850s and tabulation server, print report and present to Canvassing Board was approved.

Motion to print zero report from twelve M850s was approved.

Motion to postpone ballot duplication Novus System Demonstration was approved.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**
The Canvassing Board will reconvene on Tuesday, March 3rd at 1:00 p.m. Public inspection will be from 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Motion to authorize the processing and tabulation of Vote-by-Mail ballots was approved.

Public inspection of the Vote-by-Mail ballots set for 1:30 p.m. today.

The processing of the ballots will take place from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. today in the presence of Canvassing Board members.

**ADJOURNMENT**
With no further business to be conducted, Judge Kathleen McCarthy adjourned the Canvassing Board Meeting at 1:18 p.m. to reconvene on March 3rd at 1:00 p.m.