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Fla.Stat.§ 286.0105.
BROWARD COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD
AUGUST 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION

GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR OBSERVERS AND MEETINGS

the Broward County Canvassing Board hereby adopts the following procedures for its meetings for the August 18, 2020, Primary Election and establishes the following guidelines for the public.

- All individuals entering the Voting Equipment Center at 1501 N.W. 40th Avenue, Lauderhill, Florida (“VEC”) will be screened prior to entry for temperature. Individuals with a temperature in excess of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will not be permitted entry.

- Broward County Emergency Orders relating to COVID-19, including without limitation requirements for individuals to wear facial coverings and maintain social distancing, will apply to the VEC.

- In-person public inspection of Vote-by-Mail Ballot Envelopes will proceed as per the schedule posted at www.browardsoe.org.

- Prior to each Canvassing Board meeting, there will be a one-hour public inspection period where members of the public may inspect materials that may be presented to the Canvassing Board. Items subject to an objection during the inspection period will be identified to the Canvassing Board for its consideration. The Canvassing Board may establish additional inspection periods for materials that must be considered in a timely fashion but were not available during the daily inspection period.

- Ballots may be viewed during public inspection periods; however, the signature of the voter is confidential and is exempt from being copied, video-recorded, or photographed.

- All Canvassing Board meetings will be streamed via the internet via a videoconferencing program so that members of the public have a reasonable opportunity to observe and participate in the Canvassing Board meetings. A link will be posted at www.browardsoe.org.

- Other than SOE staff, individuals specifically identified by statute, or requested by the Canvassing Board to be physically present during meetings, will be permitted into the Canvassing Board meeting room during meetings. All other persons may participate through the online portal.

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• The Canvassing Board meeting room has certain capacity limits. Therefore, the number of observers in the Canvassing Board meeting room or the tabulation room may be reduced to accommodate persons statutorily authorized to be present to observe the process. All other persons may observe through the online portal.

• Except during times designated for public comment, members of the public (whether in person or appearing through video conferencing) shall not interrupt Canvassing Board meetings, except to make an objection or respond to an inquiry by the Canvassing Board.

• For individuals appearing in person, phones and other electronic devices must be turned to “vibrate” or “silent” during the Canvassing Board meetings. For individuals appearing by video conference or telephone, phones/electronic devices must be muted except when making a comment or objection to the Canvassing Board.

• Any individual who violates the procedures for participation established by the Canvassing Board or disrupts the canvassing process may be removed from the Canvassing Board meeting by the Deputy Sheriff or disconnected (if appearing electronically) at the direction of the Chair of the Canvassing Board.

• The Canvassing Board may amend or modify these procedures at any time to ensure that the canvass and Canvassing Board meetings are performed in a timely and orderly fashion and so that members of the public have a meaningful opportunity to observe and participate in the process.