**Orange County Canvassing Board Minutes**

**For the August 18, 2020, Primary Election**

**Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.**

**Attendance**

Jeanette Bigney, County Judge, Board Chair

Victoria Siplin, County Commissioner

Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections

Steve Jewett, Alternate County Judge

Tina Caraballo, Alternate County Judge

Whitney E. Evers, Canvassing Board Attorney

Nick Shannin, SOE Attorney

Silvana Bermudez, Recording Secretary

**Public Attendees**

Mary “Milly” Nardella, For Candidate Vincent Falcone

Michael Murris, Florida Dems Voter Protection

James Callahan

**Canvassing Board Business**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Acknowledgement of Public Notification advertisement published in the Orlando Sentinel on August 9, 2020.

No members of the public requested to comment.

Meeting Minutes from August 17, 2020, for the Orange County Canvassing Board meeting were reviewed. Corrections were made to the date on the title and the date on the provisional rejected ballots deadline. **Victoria Siplin, County Commissioner, made a motion to approve the Minutes.** **Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections, seconded. All voted in favor, motion approved.**

Update on Vote-by-Mail Ballots and Early Voting was given by Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections.

Review of Agenda for today’s meeting given by Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections.

The Canvassing Board canvassed Vote-By-Mail Ballots, including these categories:

* No Signature
* Cure No Signature
* Signature No Match
* Unusual/Other Issues
* Signed Wrong Ballot Envelope
* Political Party Differ
  + Ballots rejected for signature issues were rejected contingent on no affidavit being received from the voter before 5:00 p.m. Thursday, August 20, 2020.
  + See attachment for those actions taken for each of the above categories.

Canvassing Board broke at 5:23 p.m. and re-convened at 6:45 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m.

Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections, gave an update on Vote-by-Mail ballots retuned to the office after 7:00 p.m. on August 18, 2020. He asked the Board members to advise him if they want to wait for staff members to process received ballots and canvass tonight or canvass received ballots at the next Canvassing Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. **Jeanette Bigney, County Judge Chair, made a motion to hold any ballots that have been received after 7:00 p.m. on August 18, 2020 and process them during the next Canvassing Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 2020**.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. for results verification.

There being no further business, **Jeannette Bigney, County Judge Chair, made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Victoria Siplin, County Commissioner seconded. All voted in favor, motion approved.**

The meeting adjourned 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Silvana Bermudez, Recording Secretary