

ST. LUCIE COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD ACTION MINUTES
FOR AUGUST 18, 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION

AUGUST 6, 2026

ATTENDEES:

- ❖ Gertrude Walker, Supervisor of Elections
- ❖ Hon. Edmond Alonzo - Chair (County Court Judge)
- ❖ Cathy Townsend (SLC Commissioner)

ATTORNEYS:

- ❖ Jean Stasio (SLC Assistant County Attorney)
- ❖ Nicholas Gieseler (Supervisor of Elections Counsel)

ELECTIONS STAFF:

- ❖ Amber McCants (Supervisor of Elections Staff)
- ❖ Peter Lomonaco (Supervisor of Elections Staff)
- ❖ Neal Sullivan (Supervisor of Elections Staff)
- ❖ Tywann Clemons (Supervisor of Elections Staff)
- ❖ Richard Vincent (Supervisor of Elections Staff)
- ❖ Kris Barcomb (Supervisor of Elections Staff)
- ❖ Other SOE Staff
- ❖ Jason Frank (Liberty Voting Systems)
- ❖ Kathy Cabre Peters (Court Reporter-Esquire Reporting, Inc.)

CANVASSING BOARD BUSINESS:

- ❖ Meeting called to order at 8:00 A.M. by Judge Alonzo. Introduction by Mrs. Walker of Canvassing Board members and counsel.
- ❖ Judge Alonzo opened the floor to public comment. Authorized Observer Debra Swanson related a story of non U.S. citizen being offered opportunity to register to vote at DMV while obtaining a driver's license and stressed how important a secure voting system is. Judge Alonzo then moved to close public comment. Second by Commissioner Townsend. Motion carried unanimously.

- ❖ Judge Alonzo moved approval of the July 28, 2026 meeting minutes. Commissioner Townsend seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Judge Alonzo made motion to have staff commence opening of Vote-By-Mail ballots. Second by Commissioner Townsend. Motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Mrs. Walker reported 9,834 VBM ballots had been returned and are being presented today, which include 12 overseas ballots needing duplication and two damaged ballots. She advised the Board there are 20 signature cure affidavits and three ballots from voters that have moved out of the county, and one ballot envelope with indication of “Deceased” marked on envelope.
- ❖ The Canvassing Board began review. Judge Alonzo moved that the ballot marked “Deceased” be rejected. Second by Commissioner Townsend. Motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ The Board reviewed the ballots and documentation of voters having returned a ballot, but having moved out of the county. Each were reviewed and voted on.
- ❖ Board Members reviewed signature cure affidavits and voted on each individually.
- ❖ Two damaged ballots were inspected, opened, and duplicated by Board.
- ❖ Judge Alonzo addressed a ballot that had been pulled during earlier inspection period by a protester due to perceived signature differences. Judge Alonzo suggested in the future, a protester be presented with the SOE paperwork to ensure that the protester still wants to maintain protest. This would result in saving time for the Board and perhaps resolve the protester’s concern by viewing the documentation already reviewed and compared by staff. Motion by Judge Alonzo to accept the one protested ballot as valid after reviewing various signatures on file. Second by Commissioner Townsend. Motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Board commenced duplication of overseas ballots.
- ❖ Board then began review of ballots that had been rejected from tabulation equipment, duplicating where necessary, and displaying duplication process to observers.
- ❖ Judge Alonzo introduced Judge Lauren Sweet, who arrived to observe proceedings, and who will act as a Canvassing Board member in upcoming meetings.
- ❖ Duplication of ballots rejected from the tabulation equipment continued.

- ❖ Judge Alonzo moved to dismiss poll workers, as opening of ballots had been completed. Second by Commissioner Townsend. Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Walker and the Board expressed their thanks.
- ❖ Review and duplication of tab room rejections continued.
- ❖ Judge Alonzo motioned that the Board work until approximately 12:30 and any additional ballots requiring duplication be held until the next meeting. Commissioner Townsend seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Review and duplication of ballots continued.
- ❖ The Board was presented with a ballot envelope which had been properly signed, but upon opening was found to contain no ballot. Same was rejected and logged.
- ❖ Review and duplication of ballots continued.
- ❖ Judge Alonzo announced that cage Seal #0648339 had previously been broken. Log sheets, rejected VBM ballots and original ballots not to be counted (having been duplicated) were placed in box under Seal 98-002. Ballots not yet having been duplicated due to time constraints were placed in box under Seal 98-003 and will be processed at the next meeting. Boxes were placed in cage under Seal #0460228.
- ❖ Next Canvassing Board meeting is August 10, 2026, at 8:00 A.M.
- ❖ Judge Alonzo made motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Townsend. Motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Meeting adjourned at 12:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Cabre Peters, Court Reporter