

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

AUGUST 10, 2026

ATTENDEES:

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

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
- ❖ Franklin Belizaire (OPEX)
- ❖ Kathy Cabre Peters (Court Reporter-Esquire Reporting, Inc.)

CANVASSING BOARD BUSINESS:

- ❖ Meeting called to order at 8:00 A.M. by Judge Alonzo. SOE Walker announced today's meeting was published on SOE website 7/2/2026, the News Tribune 7/8/2026 and El Hispano Para Todos 7/9/2026.
- ❖ Mrs. Walker advised the Board will be presented with 1,956 Vote-by-Mail ballots during today's meeting. This includes 1,952 with voter credit, one damaged envelope and four signature cure affidavits. Mrs. Walker introduced Canvassing Board and counsel.

- ❖ Discussion ensued regarding canceling Board meeting set for Wednesday, August 12, 2026, due to low number of returned VBM ballots. Mrs. Walker made motion to cancel 8/12/2026 meeting and hold next Board meeting Saturday, August 15, 2026. Second by Commissioner Townsend. Motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Judge Alonzo opened the floor to public comment. Authorized Observer Barry Mucklow inquired as to the number of ballots that were not canvassed at 8/6/2026 meeting and carried over to today's meeting for review. Mrs. Walker advised that was a total of 34 ballots carried over. Mr. Mucklow also cited applicable Florida Statutes pertinent to the Canvassing Board, election personnel and authorized observers and invited everyone to review and become familiar with those statutes.
- ❖ There being no further public comment, Judge Alonzo moved to close public comment. Second by Commissioner Townsend. Motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Judge Alonzo moved approval of the August 6, 2026 meeting minutes. Commissioner Townsend seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Mrs. Walker advised the cage under Seal 0371764 had been broken at 7:00 A.M. for public inspection.
- ❖ Judge Alonzo asked staff be instructed to commence opening of today's ballots. Staff was so instructed to commence opening of Vote-By-Mail ballots.
- ❖ Judge Alonzo opened the cage containing the August 6th ballots awaiting duplication, that cage seal being 0460228. Box under Seal 98-003 containing those ballots was opened after Judge Alonzo moved to commence review/duplication of same. Second by Commissioner Townsend. Motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Review and duplication commenced, with the Board voting on any undervoted/overvoted or ambiguous ballots where appropriate.
- ❖ Mrs. Walker requested that the tabulation room be permitted to prescan Early Voting ballots and verify those counts from Early Voting locations. Judge Alonzo requested clarification that processing of VBM ballots and prescanning of Early Voting ballots can be performed at the same time. SOE Staff Member Amber McCants advised different equipment will be utilized for each process and would be observed by her.
- ❖ Judge Alonzo broke cage under Seal 0648373 to begin Early Voting audit counts, as well as cage under Seal 0648372 containing previously canvassed ballots for auditing.

- ❖ The Canvassing Board reviewed the damaged ballot received and duplicated same.
- ❖ The opening of today's ballots having been completed, poll workers were excused, with thanks for their hard work.
- ❖ The Board began review of ballots rejected from tabulation equipment, duplicating where necessary.
- ❖ Four signature cure affidavits with identification were reviewed and voted on accordingly.
- ❖ Review and duplication of ballots continued.
- ❖ Judge Alonzo announced Early Voting audit had been completed and 2,696 votes counted from the first two days of Early Voting. Those were resealed in cage under Seal 0862902. Today's original ballots and broken cage seals were placed in box under Seal 98-004 and placed in cage under Seal 0862920. The audit materials of VBM was placed in cage under Seal 0862940.
- ❖ Next Canvassing Board meeting is August 15, 2026, at 8:00 A.M.
- ❖ Judge Alonzo made motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Townsend. Motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Meeting adjourned at 10:41 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Cabre Peters, Court Reporter