

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

AUGUST 15, 2026

ATTENDEES:

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

ATTORNEYS:

- ❖ Jean Stasio (SLC Assistant County Attorney)
- ❖ Chloe Leedom (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 introduced Board and counsel.
- ❖ Judge Alonzo opened the floor to public comment. Authorized Observer Krista Storey shared gratitude to the SOE staff, as poll watchers she has interacted with have related how helpful and kind staff have been.
- ❖ There being no further public comment, Judge Alonzo moved to close public comment. Second by Mrs. Walker. Motion carried unanimously.

- ❖ Judge Alonzo made a motion to utilize duplication teams Mrs. Walker has assembled to assist with duplicating of ballots. Second by Mrs. Walker. Motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Judge Alonzo asked staff be instructed to commence opening of today's ballots. Judge Alonzo announced there are 5,152 ballots to be opened and seven signature cure affidavits, for a total of 5,159. There are five overseas ballots for processing.
- ❖ Judge Alonzo moved approval of the August 10, 2026, Canvassing Board meeting minutes. Second by Mrs. Walker. Motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Seven signature cure affidavits and identification were individually reviewed, voted on and logged. Five overseas ballots were reviewed and sent for duplication.
- ❖ Judge Alonzo broke Seal #0862940 on the cage containing VBM ballots previously scanned in order to place today's VBM ballots into same cage upon completion.
- ❖ The Board began review of ballots that had been duplicated by the duplication teams. Due to a tie vote regarding voter intent on one ballot duplication, the Board officially brought in Judge Sweet as the third member of the Board to break the tie.
- ❖ The Board performed duplication of ballots rejected from the tab room to supplement the work of the duplication teams.
- ❖ The opening of today's ballots having been completed, poll workers were excused, with thanks for their hard work.
- ❖ Judge Alonzo noted Seal #0862980 had been broken on the cage containing Early Voting ballots so that pre-scanning could be done.
- ❖ The Board was presented with four ballots of concern from the opening process – two ballots with notes from voters indicating they were no longer SLC residents and two envelopes, both containing two ballots in each envelope. Under Canvassing Board rules, all were rejected and logged accordingly.
- ❖ Review and duplication of ballots continued.
- ❖ Today's VBM ballots, having been processed, were placed in cage under Seal #0862979. Today's pre-scanned ballots were placed in cage under Seal #0862990.
- ❖ The Canvassing Board cage was opened, with Seal #0862920 having been broken. Boxes containing today's original ballots duplicated by the Canvassing Board, along

with rejected ballots, signature cure log sheet and broken seals from today were placed under Seal 98-005. Original ballots duplicated by the duplicating team were placed in box under Seal 98-006.

- ❖ Judge Alonzo announced today's Early Voting count was 2,314, for a total to date of 11,218.
- ❖ The Canvassing Board cage was to be sealed with Seal #0460260, but in the process of placing seal, it broke and was replaced with Seal #0862989.
- ❖ Next Canvassing Board meeting is August 18, 2026, at 4:00 P.M.
- ❖ Judge Alonzo made motion to adjourn, second by Mrs. Walker. Motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ Meeting adjourned at 11:35 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Cabre Peters, Court Reporter