**Orange County Canvassing Board Minutes**

**Public Test**

**For the Presidential Preference Primary and Municipal Elections**

**Friday, February 21, 2020 at 9:00 AM**

**Attendance**

Jeanette Bigney, County Judge, Board Chair

Victoria Siplin, County Commissioner

Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections

Whitney Evers, Canvassing Board Attorney

Silvana Bermudez, Recording Secretary

**Public Attendees**

Yolanda Quiceno, City Clerk, Belle Isle

Heidi Peacock, Assistant City Clerk Belle Isle

Maria Waldrop, City Clerk, Maitland

Linda Goff, City Clerk, Apopka

Leigh Zehnder, Florida Dems Voter Protection Lead

Cathlene Williams, Town Clerk, Eatonville

Angee Grimmage, City Clerk, Winter Garden

Dan Welsh, Winter Garden Canvassing Board Member

Rene Cranis, City Clerk, Winter Park

**Canvassing Board Business**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

An introduction of the Orange County Canvassing Board members and attendees was conducted.

Jeanette Bigney, County Judge, reviewed acknowledgement of Public Notification advertisement published in the Orlando Sentinel on February 16, 2020**.**

No members of the public requested to comment.

Meeting Minutes from November 19, 2019, Orientation meeting was reviewed and accepted. **Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections, made a motion to approve the Minutes. Jeanette Bigney, County Judge, seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion approved.**

The Canvassing Board Conducted the required test of voting equipment per Ch. 101.5612, FS.

Equipment Tested:

7 DS850s (Vote-by-Mail Machines)

Serial Number(s) 755772,772409,772411,755768,755771,755770,772410.

19 (7 EV and 12 Precinct) DS 200’s

(Total of 380 Tabulators available for Distribution)

Serial Number(s) 737078,736913,736993,737010,736943,737009,737066,

737140,737177,736964,737170,737108,772778,772788,772759,772790,

772760,772786,772806.

1 Express Vote: Demonstration and audio verification

Refer to Public Test Certification attached to minutes.

City Clerks reviewed, verified and signed results tapes from the designated cities’ tabulators.

Public Test of DS850 and DS200 Tabulating Equipment- Presidential Preference Primary/ Municipal Elections was signed denoting successful completion of testing by Jeanette Bigney, County Judge, Chair, Victoria Siplin, County Commissioner, Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections. **(See attached)**

Members who had no previously acknowledge completion of the “Signature Verification Training” asked to sign if they has completed. Jeanette Bigney, County Judge Chair, signed the acknowledgement form.

Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections**,** gave an update on Vote-by-Mail ballots, new drop boxes have been added in each early voting location for voters to drop off Vote-by-Mail ballots. So far the numbers for Vote-by-Mail are:

Total absentee ballots delivered/ mailed- 76,709

Total absentee ballots returned- 18,148

Total absentee ballots returned with voter errors- 393

Whitney Evers, Canvassing Board Attorney, made a statement that we should make some changes to the Public Appearance Request form. Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections, asked Silvana Bermudez, Recording Secretary to do the research back in 2014, when the motion for public comments and Public Appearance Request form were approved for the board.

Canvassing Board will re-convene on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

There being no further business, **Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections made a motion to adjourn the meeting.** **Jeanette Bigney, County Judge, seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion approved.**

The meeting adjourned 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Silvana Bermudez, Recording Secretary.