**Orange County Canvassing Board Minutes**

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

**Monday, August 17, 2020 at 2:00 PM**

**Attendance**

Jeanette Bigney, County Judge, Board Chair

Victoria Siplin, County Commissioner

Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections

Steve Jewett, Alternate County Judge

Whitney Evers, Canvassing Board Attorney

Nick Shannin, SOE Attorney

Silvana Bermudez, Recording Secretary

**Public Attendees**

Leigh Zehnder, Florida Dems Party Orange Voter Protection Lead

Jim Callahan

Mary Nardella, Voter

**Canvassing Board Business**

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m.

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

Meeting Minutes from August 10, 2020, for the Orange County Canvassing Board meeting were reviewed. **Victoria Siplin, County Commissioner, made a motion to approve the Minutes. Steve Jewett, Alternate County Judge, seconded. Motion approved.**

No members of the public requested to comment.

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

Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections, gave an update about Vote-by-Mail and Early voting, and explained how the percentage of ballots received until today exceeds the 2016 Election for both methods .

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

* Ballot Duplication Issues
* Signature No Match / No signatures
* Signed Wrong Ballot Envelope
* Political Party Differs
* Unusual/Other Issues
  + 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 determined it will re-convene on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Silvana Bermudez, Recording Secretary