**Orange County Canvassing Board Minutes**

**For the November 3, 2020, General Election**

**Friday, October 16, 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

Tina Caraballo, Alternate County Judge

Whitney Evers, Canvassing Board Attorney

Nick Shannin, SOE Attorney

Silvana Bermudez, Recording Secretary

**Public Attendees**

Lashawnda K. Jackson, Attorney-Joe Biden Campaign

Michael Sasso, Attorney RNC

Mary Nardella, Attorney

Katy McGinnis, Attorney

Jessica Lange, Attorney

Bracmer Weire, Law Student

**Canvassing Board Business**

The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m.

Acknowledgement of Public Notification advertisement published in the Orlando Sentinel on October 4, 2020.

Meeting Minutes from October 9, 2020, of the Orange County Canvassing Board meeting were reviewed. **Victoria Siplin, County Commissioner made a motion to approve the Minutes. Jeanette Bigney, County Judge Chair, seconded. All voted in favor, 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.

**Jeanette Bigney, County Judge Chair**, made a motion for provisional rejected VBM ballots not to be stamped until Thursday, November 5, 2020, when the Canvassing Board canvasses them. **Victoria Siplin, County Commissioner, seconded. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.**

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

* No Signature
* Signature no match
* Sign Wrong Ballot
	+ Ballots rejected for signature issues were rejected contingent on no affidavit being received from the voter before 5:00 p.m. Thursday, November 5, 2020.
	+ See attachment for action taken for each of the above categories.
* Unusual/ Other Issues

**Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections**, explained to the Canvassing Board an issue regarding Vote-by-Mail ballots in precinct 430C Greenway Improvement District Seat 1 and 5. Explain how it was resolved, and how to process when returned. (See attached documents)

**Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections**, made a motion for approval to process any ballot with that same scenario and to move forward in future meetings. **Victoria Siplin, County Commissioner, seconded. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously**.

Canvassing Board will reconvene on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Silvana Bermudez, Recording Secretary