**Orange County Canvassing Board Minutes**

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

**Monday, October 26, 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**

Ronald Schirtzer, Biden/Harris Campaign Observer/Attorney

Michael Sasso, Donald J. Trump Campaign/ RNC

Jeff Aaron, Donald J. Trump Campaign/ RNC

Lashawnda K. Jackson, Biden /Harris Campaign

Bracmer Weire, Trump Campaign

**Canvassing Board Business**

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m.

Acknowledgement of Public Notification advertisements published in the Orlando Sentinel on October 11, 2020.

Meeting Minutes from October 16, 2020, Orange County Canvassing Board meeting were reviewed**. Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections, made a motion to approve the Minutes.** **Victoria Siplin, County Commissioner, 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.

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

* No Signatures
* **Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections, made a motion to provisionally reject the ballots in the No Signature category for failure to sign the voter certificate. Victoria Siplin, County Commissioner, seconded. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.**
	+ Those ballots that were rejected, were rejected contingent on no affidavit being received from the voter prior to 5:00 p.m. Thursday, November 5, 2020.
* Signature Differ
* **Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections, made a motion to provisionally reject the ballots in the Signature Differ category because, beyond a reasonable doubt, the signatures do not match. Victoria Siplin, County Commissioner, seconded. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.**
	+ Those ballots that were rejected, were rejected contingent on no affidavit being received from the voter prior to 5:00 p.m. Thursday, November 5, 2020.
* Signed Wrong Ballot Envelope
* **Jeanette Bigney, County Judge, made a motion to reject the ballots in the Signed Wrong Ballot Envelope category because of discrepancy on the signatures. Victoria Siplin, County Commissioner, seconded. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.**
* Unusual/Other Issues
	+ Those ballots that were rejected, where a cure would be applicable, were rejected contingent on no affidavit being received from the voter prior to 5:00 p.m. Thursday, November 5, 2020.

See attachment for the actions taken for each of the categories above.

Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections, gave an update on the certificate envelope received by our office with a suspect object inside.

Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections, gave the members of the Canvassing Board a Mask with the office logo.

Canvassing Board will reconvene on Monday, November 2, 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, seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion approved.**

The meeting adjourned 5:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Silvana Bermudez, Recording Secretary