

SALT LAKE COUNTY

2001 S State Street, N1-100

Salt Lake City, UT 84114



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

4:30 PM

Room N1-110

Board of Canvassers

1. Call to Order

Present: Board Member Laurie Stringham
Board Member Suzanne Harrison
Board Member Jim Bradley
Board Member Arlyn Bradshaw
Board Member Aimee Winder Newton
Board Member Ann Granato
Board Member Sheldon Stewart
Board Member Dea Theodore

Call In: Board Member Dave Alvord

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, stated while he does not officially represent the Board of Canvassers, he recommended the Board fill Board Member Alvord's vacancy before voting.

Board Member Winder Newton asked Wayne Cushing, Treasurer, to sit in for Board Member Alvord as the first alternate. Minutes later, Board Member Alvord was reached by telephone and Mr. Cushing was excused.

A motion was made by Board Member Bradshaw, seconded by Board Member Harrison, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Approval of November 22, 2022 Board of Canvassers Minutes 23-0879

Attachments: 112222 Board of Canvassers Minutes

A motion was made by Board Member Bradshaw, seconded by Board Member Harrison, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

4. Discussion Items

Canvass of the September 5, 2023, Special Congressional District 2 Primary Election 23-0872

Attachments: Staff Report

Ms. Lannie Chapman, County Clerk, presented on the certification of the 2023 primary election results for Congressional District 2.

- A total of 208,239 eligible Utah voters participated in the 2023 primary.
- Salt Lake County provided four early voting locations and twelve Election Day Vote Centers.
- There were 51,919 Salt Lake County voters who turned out to vote-784 in person and 51,159 by mail. The total voter turnout was 24.9 percent. Voter turnout is typically lower in municipal years than in even years.
- The Election Management Center (EMC) has been diligently processing ballots with proper notice to allow poll watchers to observe the process.
- Out of 51,159 mail-in ballots received, 406 required adjudications due to various issues: 105 ambiguous marks, 141 blank ballots, 463 blank contests, 220 over votes, and 7,515 under votes.
- Ms. Chapman read from Utah Code §20A-4-105, which addresses procedural guidelines for ballot adjudication.
- The Lieutenant Governor's office provided guidance and oversight for the audit, including the creation of instructional handouts at each adjudication station. It also provided a list of ballots and matches for random sample selection, with selections made without prior authorization. Board Members Winder Newton, Granato, Harrison, Stringham, and Stewart observed a portion of the audit. No staff from the Clerk's Office participated in the audit.
- In total, there were 309 rejected ballots that could not be cured due to signature issues or other miscellaneous reasons.
- Nineteen provisional ballots were issued, and ten of those were able to be counted.
- In the Salt Lake County portion of Congressional District 2, Becky Edwards received 9,495 votes (58 percent), Bruce Hough received 3,441 votes, (41 percent), and Celeste Maloy received 3,267 votes (20 percent).

Board Member Stewart asked what prevents election workers from

including all ballots received by 8:00 PM on election night in the initial posted results.

Ms. Chapman stated it was the time-consuming nature of ballot processing, particularly in verifying signatures. She promised she would follow up on some of the statistics Board Member Stewart asked for.

A motion was made by Board Member Harrison, seconded by Board Member Stringham, to approve the canvass report. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Board Member Stewart asked if Lannie Chapman, Clerk, could return for a regular Council meeting to answer questions.

Board Member Alvord authorized his Senior Policy Advisor, Corinne Johnson, to sign the Board of Canvassers report on his behalf.

5. Other Committee Business

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.

LANNIE CHAPMAN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL