

SALT LAKE COUNTY

*2001 S State Street, N1-100
Salt Lake City, UT 84114*



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 1, 2024

10:00 AM

Room N1-110

Board of Canvassers

1. Call to Order

Sheriff Rosie Rivera, Chris Stavros, Assessor, Wayne Cushing, Treasurer, and Chris Harding, Auditor, were asked to sit in for the four excused members of the Board of Canvassers.

Later in the meeting:

Mr. Ralph Chamness, Chief Deputy District Attorney, explained State statute dictates that the County Treasurer, County Assessor, and County Sheriff shall sit in for missing members of the Board of Canvassers as necessary. As statute did not make any mention of the Auditor, Mr. Harding's presence was not required after all. Even though there were four missing members of the Board of Canvassers and only three substitutions, there was a quorum so the meeting could legally proceed.

Present: Board Member Laurie Stringham
Board Member Suzanne Harrison
Board Member Ann Granato
Board Member Dea Theodore

Excused: Board Member Jim Bradley
Board Member Arlyn Bradshaw
Board Member Dave Alvord
Board Member Aimee Winder Newton

Call In: Board Member Sheldon Stewart

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes**3.1 Approval of July 9, 2024, Board of Canvassers Minutes**24-1907

Attachments: 070924 Board of Canvassers Minutes

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

4. Discussion Items

4.1 Canvass Recount of Congressional District 2 Republican Primary Election 24-1906

Attachments: Staff Report

Presenter: Lannie Chapman, SLCo Clerk. (Approx. 10:00AM, 15 Min.)
Discussion/Direction

Council Member Stewart stated as he was attending remotely, he would be delegating his signing authority to his Senior Policy Advisor, Kim Coleman.

Ms. Lannie Chapman, Clerk, had appeared before the Board of Canvassers to certify the results of the 2024 Primary Election on July 9, 2024. Pursuant to section 20A-4-301 of the Utah Code, she was now returning to deliver the results of the recent recount of the race between Representative Celeste Maloy and her opponent, Colby Jenkins. It was the duty of the Board of Canvassers to certify those results.

Ms. Chapman explained a recount can be requested by the losing candidate if the difference in votes is less than .0025, or one quarter of one percent. In this instance, there were 107,282 ballots cast statewide in the Congressional District 2 race. The difference between the two candidates was 214 votes, making the race eligible for a recount.

As part of the recount, the Elections Division of the Clerk's Office reconducted the Logic and Accuracy test. Following that, it rescanned all accepted ballots containing the Congressional District 2 contest. It also reviewed all the provisional ballots, ensuring they were properly processed.

The Elections Division then reviewed the postmarks on all ballots that had been disqualified for being postmarked after June 24th, 2024. It found one Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) ballot that was improperly determined to be too late because it had two postmark stamps, which was not typical. She distributed an image of said ballot envelope to the Council. She explained this would be a training opportunity for election staff responsible for reviewing ballot postmarks.

The Elections Division reviewed all uncounted ballot envelopes that were challenged due to signature verification issues. The team found four signatures that could be matched to older drivers license records.

In total, five additional ballots were counted as a result of the recount. Three of the votes went to candidate Celeste Maloy and two went to candidate Colby Jenkins.

A post-recount audit was conducted in a publicly noticed meeting, pursuant to all the usual parameters dictated by State statute. This post-recount audit did not yield any discrepancies.

Ms. Chapman reviewed the final official election results of the 2024 Primary Election Recount. There were 9,944 votes cast for Celeste Maloy and 7,387 votes cast for Colby Jenkins. Ms. Chapman stated she intended to request reimbursement from the State for the costs associated with the recount, pursuant to State statute. In this way, the costs associated would not need to be absorbed by the Clerk's 2024 budget.

A motion was made by Board Member Theodore, seconded by Board Member Harrison, to certify the results of the recount for the Congressional District 2 race. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5. Other Committee Business

6. Adjournment

A motion was made by Board Member Stewart, seconded by Board Member Harrison, to close the Canvass. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM.

LANNIE CHAPMAN, COUNTY CLERK

By 
DEPUTY CLERK

By 
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL