



MURRAY CITY BOARD OF CANVASSERS

MEETING MINUTES

Pursuant to Utah Code, Title 20A, Chapter 4, notice is hereby given that the Board of Canvassers of Murray City shall canvass the August 12, 2025, General Election returns during a public meeting, to be held on August 26, 2025, at 6:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

This is a DRAFT because the meeting notes have not been approved by the Board of Canvassers. Please see the YouTube recording for the full presentation and record of the meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FBEDUd73Ovw>

Board in Attendance:

Brett A. Hales, Mayor
Paul Pickett, District #1
Pamela Cotter, District # 2
Scott Goodman, District # 3
Diane Turner, District # 4
Adam Hock, District #5

Council Staff in Attendance:

Jennifer Kennedy, Council Director
Pattie Johnson, Council Office Administrator III

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

Brooke Smith, City Recorder
G.L. Critchfield, City Attorney
Doug Hill, Chief Administrative Officer
Kim Sorensen, Parks and Rec Director
Erica Brown, Chief Communication Officer
Emily Barton, Controller
Joey Mittelman, Fire Chief
Ben Gray, IT Technician III
Russ Kakala, Public Works Director
Aron Fisk, Water Superintendent
Chad Wilkinson, CED Director
Zachary Smallwood, Planning Division Manager
David Rodgers, Senior Planner

Others in attendance:

Citizens and Guests

Opening Ceremonies:

Call to Order - Board Member Pamela Cotter called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

REPORT PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

Brooke Smith, Election Officer, reported the final results for the 2025 Primary Election of Murray City Mayor, District 2, and District 3 (2-year term).

Voter Turnout and Participation in Murray City:

- The total number of active voters in Murray City was 28,412
- A total of 8,511 ballots were mailed in or dropped off at ballot boxes.
- Additionally, 89 votes were cast in person.
- We received 11 electronically returned ballots, which are associated with the UOCAVA (Uni-formed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act) or disability voting options.
 - 82 electronic ballots were sent out
- There were 2 provisional ballots counted.

In sum, a total of 8,613 ballots were counted, reflecting an overall voter turnout of 30.3% of the registered voters in Murray City.

Challenged and Uncounted Ballots Statistics

- Any votes that were challenged, Salt Lake County Elections Division sent a letter and also reached out to voters via email and phone (if available). The deadline to cure challenges was yesterday at noon (August 25, 2025)
- Number of envelopes with a signature that does not match the voter's signature: 55
- Number of unsigned envelopes: 3
- Number of challenged ballots for other curable reasons: 8
- Number of ballots that were challenged: 124
- Total number of curable ballots that were not cured: 66 (53.2%)
- Total number of ballots where the voter submitted a disability affidavit: 14

*Cure letters allowed voters to check a box saying they had a disability and that is why their signature didn't match (aging voters, medical like Parkinson or Stoke)

Rejected Ballot Statistics

Number of ballots that were returned after the postmark deadline: 120 (5%)

*Multiple Facebook messages were sent out, so make sure to follow Murray City, Utah, for reminders.

Provisional Ballot Statistics

- Number of provisional ballots issued: 3
- Number of provisional ballots counted: 2 (66.7%)
- Number of provisional ballots that are same-day registration: 2
 - 1 ballot had insufficient ID.

These are not registered voter or ID (typically people who moved into the city or did not have ID)

Election Results

Murray City Mayor:

1. John Jeffrey Evans: received 16.64% of the total votes, amounting to 1,414 votes.
2. Bruce E Turner: received 24.60% of the total votes, amounting to 2,090 votes.
3. Brett A. Hales: received 58.76% of the total votes, amounting to 4,992 votes.

The total number of votes cast for Murray City Mayor was 8,496.

Murray City Council District 2:

1. Pamela Jane Cotter: received 45.86% of the total votes, amounting to 947 votes.
2. Dale M Cox: received 20.48% of the total votes, amounting to 423 votes.
3. Jared Michael Eborn: received 23.97% of the total votes, amounting to 495 votes.

4. Aaron Lee Holbrook: received 9.69% of the total votes, amounting to 200 votes.

The total number of votes cast in Murray City Council District 2 was 2,065.

Murray City Council District 3 (2-year):

1. Clark Bullen: received 44.72% of the total votes, amounting to 856 votes.
2. Scott Goodman: received 18.29% of the total votes, amounting to 350 votes.
3. Ben Peck: received 27.69% of the total votes, amounting to 530 votes.
4. Leann Parker-Reed: received 9.30% of the total votes, amounting to 178 votes.

The total number of votes cast in Murray City Council District 3 was 1,914

Summary:

Election staff have reconciled the number of ballots issued, received, and counted. All provisional and by-mail ballots were verified according to Utah law, and ballot tabulation was audited to confirm accuracy.

Based on the results, the following candidates will appear on the November 4, 2025, general election ballot:

- Mayor: Bruce E Turner and Brett A. Hales
- Council District 2: Pamela Jane Cotter and Jared Michael Eborn
- Council District 3: Clark Bullen and Ben Peck
- Council District 4: Diane Turner

Responsibility of the Board

- Review and confirm totals.
- Verify reconciliation and cure process completion.
- Vote to certify the election.
 - Resolution: A Resolution of the Board of Canvassers of Murray City approving the final results of the 2025 Murray City Municipal Primary Election.

CONSIDER A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE ELECTION RESULTS

Brooke Smith asked the board if they had any questions and to adopt the resolution certifying the election results.

No questions were asked.

MOTION

Board Member Scott Goodman moved to approve the Resolution Certifying the Election Results. The motion was SECONDED by Board Member Paul Pickett.

ROLL CALL

Ayes:

Mayor Hales, Board Member Pickett, Board Member Cotter, Board Member Goodman, Board Member Turner, Board Member Hock

Motion passes: 6-0

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

ATTACHED: POWERPOINT PRESENTATION