

MINUTES of the special work session of the Uintah County Commission held **July 1, 2026** in the Large Commission Conference Room at 147 East Main, Vernal, Utah. The meeting commenced at 11:00 am.

PARTICIPANTS: Commissioners John Laursen, Sonja Norton, and Willis LeFevre.

ATTENDANCE: Mike Wilkins, Brenda McDonald, Melissa Yergensen, Steve Labrum, JC Brewer, Matt Cazier, Ryan Mattson, Danette Brooks, Crystal Clark, Loren Anderson, Angela Hawkins, Wendi Long
Minutes by Sheri Allen.

WELCOME: Commissioner Laursen, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Commissioner LeFevre made a motion to go into the Special Work Session. Motion passed unanimously.

1. RECESS FOR BOARD OF CANVASSERS

2. RATIFICATION OF THE JUNE 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

Mike Wilkins, Clerk-Auditor, presented the final official results for the June 2026 Primary Election in Uintah County.

Election Results Overview:

- Statewide Race: Celeste Maloy advanced.
- Uintah County Commission Seat A: Keith Campbell declared the winner, advancing to the General Election.
- Commission Seat B: Joe McKea declared the winner, advancing to the General Election.
- Uintah County Clerk Auditor: Margie Shewell declared the winner, advancing to the General Election.

Voter Statistics:

- Total Ballots Counted: 5,026 (out of 5,027 received; one envelope returned empty).
- Ballots Breakdown: 4,872 mailed, 114 in-person (Election Day), 23 early, 9 provisional, 5 UOCAVA, and 3 disabled/electronic.
- Total Ballots Sent: Approximately 13,000.
- Voter Turnout: 38%, which is below the 50-55% turnout typically seen in past primary elections.

Mike noted the occurrence of under-votes and over-votes, briefly explaining the definitions for public information, and presented the official results to the Commission for approval.

Commissioner Norton moved to approve the 2026 Primary Election results as presented by Mike Wilkins. Motion passed unanimously.

3. ADJOURN BOARD OF CANVASSERS AND RECONVENE COMMISSION MEETING

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:05 am.


JOHN LAURSEN, CHAIR


MICHAEL W. WILKINS, CLERK – AUDITOR

