



2026 Primary Canvassing Board Meeting
Minutes for Meeting to Open and Canvass
August 7, 2026, at 9:30 am

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 am by Judge Higginbotham. The meeting was held in the Canvassing Board Room, James S. Page Governmental Complex, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee, Florida.

Canvassing Board members present were:

Nassau County Judge Higginbotham, County Commissioner Farmer, and Supervisor Adkins.

Canvassing Board alternate members present were:

Clerk Mitch Keiter

Canvassing Board observers for the political parties present were:

Democratic Executive Committee Observer Carla Voisard.

The following Supervisor of Elections (SOE) staff members were present:

Matt Edgington, Scott Miller, Maria Pearson, and Lori Wilkinson.

The following Election Workers present for assistance with the Opening and Scanning Process were:

Diane Hamrick, Julie Schuilwerve, Sandi Fuller, Pam Kmiecik, and Glenda Rash

The following were present in the observation room:

None

Judge Higginbotham reviewed the list of signees in attendance and verified that everyone had signed in and received badges.

Supervisor Adkins presented the proof of publication reflecting that the meeting had been publicly noticed in the News-Leader and the Nassau County Record on June 24 and June 26, 2026, and posted on the Nassau County Supervisor of Elections website at www.VoteNassauFL.gov and the main entrance of the building.

Supervisor Adkins advised that the public inspection of the vote-by-mail ballots was held between 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm on August 6, 2026, and no one appeared or requested to inspect them. No one present wished to challenge the canvass of a ballot. Meeting attendees were advised that it is a felony offense to disclose any information relating to how ballots are voted that is observed during the meeting. Judge Higginbotham confirmed that all individuals present had signed a canvassing board affidavit.

During the public opportunity to speak, no members of the public who were present requested to speak.

Minutes from the July 23, 2026, Canvassing Board meeting were presented. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the opening and tabulating of ballots. The motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Adkins reported that there were 2,729 vote-by-mail ballots for canvassing.

Supervisor Adkins presented voter certificate envelopes signed by the wrong voter. In each instance, another household member signed the wrong envelope. All signatures have been verified. A motion was made and seconded to accept the ballots for CB, JH, KF, SF, CH, MH, EK, WK, PAM, MM, PPM, GM, HM, and GA as legal. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the duplication of damaged and UOCAVA ballots. The motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Adkins presented a state write-in vote-by-mail ballot requested by a voter in June, before ballots were available for mailing. This voter would be unable to receive a vote-by-mail ballot beginning June 26, 2026 through the Primary Election in August. A motion was made and seconded to accept the state write-in vote-by-mail ballot as legal and to authorize its duplication. The motion passed unanimously.

The Canvassing Board reviewed its Schedule.

Original ballots requiring duplication were sealed with seal # KK14808884.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 pm.