



2026 Primary Canvassing Board Meeting
Minutes for Meeting to Open and Canvass
August 13, 2026, at 9:30 am

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 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 Klynt Farmer, and Supervisor Janet Adkins.

Canvassing Board alternate members present were:

Judge Sarah Bell and 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, Christianna Johnson, and Lori Wilkinson.

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

Glenda Rash, Sandi Fuller, and Julie Schuilwerve.

The following were present in the observation room:

None

Judge Higginbotham reviewed the list of signees in attendance and verified that all persons had signed in and had been issued badges.

Supervisor Adkins presented the proofs 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 public inspection of the vote-by-mail ballots was held between 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm on August 12, 2026, and that 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's opportunity to speak, no members of the public who were present requested to speak.

Minutes from the August 7, 2026, Canvassing Board meeting were presented. A motion was made and seconded to accept the August 7, 2026 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 983 vote-by-mail ballots to be canvassed.

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

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 MS, SS, BT, ST, LM, DM, PM, and DMC as legal. The motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Adkins provided an update on Early Voting and reviewed the Canvassing Board Schedule.

Original ballots requiring duplication were sealed with seal # KK14808885

Canvassing Board members Higginbotham and Farmer, and Alternate Members Bell and Keiter left the meeting at 12:40 pm am after completing VBM canvassing. Supervisor Adkins remained for the duration of the ballot scanning into the audit system.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.