



2026 Primary Canvassing Board Meeting
Minutes for Meeting to Open Voter Certificate Envelopes & Scan Early Votes
August 17, 2026, at 9:30 am

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 am by Judge Bell. 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 Bell, County Commissioner Klynt Farmer, and Supervisor Janet Adkins.

Canvassing Board alternate members present were:

Clerk Mitch Keiter

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

Maria Pearson, Christianna Johnson, Macie Franzese, and Lori Wilkinson.

The following Election Workers present for assistance were:

Sandi Fuller, Pam Kmiecik, and Diane Hamrick.

The following were present in the observation room:

None

Judge Bell 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 14, 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 Bell 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 13, 2026, Canvassing Board meeting were presented. A motion was made and seconded to accept the August 13, 2026 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the opening of ballots. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Supervisor Adkins advised the Canvassing Board of a call received at approximately 9:25 am alleging an ethics violation by a Canvassing Board member. Supervisor Adkins briefed the board on her understanding of the concern and that she expected to receive an email from the candidate. Upon receipt of the email, Supervisor Adkins excused herself from the meeting to prepare copies of the concern. Supervisor Adkins then presented the email and attachments detailing Candidate McCullough's concerns. (Attachments available upon request.)

The Canvassing Board members reviewed the items and provided an opportunity for Canvassing Board Member Farmer to respond. The Canvassing Board consulted with legal counsel, Len Collins, to determine the applicable standard. Canvassing Board member Farmer recused himself from the remaining discussion.

Based on the evidence presented to the Canvassing Board, it was the consensus of the alternate canvassing board member and two canvassing board members present that there is no indication that Canvassing Board member Farmer is actively involved in any campaign, and there is no reason to question his impartiality in executing his duties as a Canvassing Board member.

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 KZ, RZ, DH, and LH as legal. The motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Adkins reviewed the Canvassing Board Schedule.

Ballots were secured in tamper-proof bags as follows:

Tray 15	Seal KK14808886
Tray 16	Seal KK14808890
Tray 17	Seal KK14808888
Tray 18	Seal KK14808889
UFO3	Seal KK14808887

Alternate Mitch Keiter left the meeting at 11:25 am, and Canvassing Board members Bell and Farmer left at 11:26 am after completing VBM opening. Supervisor Adkins remained to scan ballots into the audit system.

The meeting recessed at 12:40 pm and reconvened at 1:30 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.