



2026 Primary Canvassing Board Meeting
Minutes for Meeting to Canvass Mail Ballots
August 18, 2026, at 3:30 pm

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm 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:

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 were:

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

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 on June 24 and June 26, 2026, and the Nassau County Record on June 24, 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 a public inspection of the vote-by-mail ballots was held, 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's opportunity to speak, no members of the public who were present requested to speak.

Minutes from the August 17, 2026, Canvassing Board meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made and seconded to accept the August 17, 2026 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Seal No. 145009 was broken, and the Certification of Electionware Software and Firmware Version Numbers Report was retrieved. Canvassing Board members reviewed the Certification of Electionware Software and Firmware Version Numbers from the July 23, 2026, Logic and Accuracy Test to the software and firmware used in the August 18, 2026, election. After signing, the reports were sealed with Seal No. 7665964.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the opening and tabulating of ballots. The motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Adkins reported that there were currently 1,378 vote-by-mail ballots awaiting tabulation.

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

Original ballots and duplicate ballots from the August 17 Canvassing Board Meeting were retrieved from the following sealed bags (seal numbers noted below).

TRAY Number	Bag Seal Numbers
15	KK14808886
16	KK14808890
17	KK14808888
18	KK14808889
Duplicated Ballots	KK14808887

Supervisor Adkins presented 2 voter certificate envelopes signed by the wrong voter. In each instance, the spouse signed the wrong envelope. All signatures have been verified. A motion was made and seconded to accept the ballots for PR and ER as legal. The motion passed unanimously.

At approximately 7 pm, Supervisor Adkins reported 1,515 vote by mail ballots had been received and were yet to be tabulated and reported (not counting referred ballots).

Supervisor Adkins presented four voter certificate envelopes signed by the wrong voter. In each instance, the spouse signed the wrong envelope. All signatures have been verified. A motion was made and seconded to accept the ballots for JH, MH, JDT, and JRT. The motion passed unanimously. At approximately 8:00 pm, Supervisor Adkins reported that 1,521 ballots remained unreported.

Supervisor Adkins reviewed the Canvassing Board Schedule. Canvassing Board members signed the Preliminary Results Report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.