

**MINUTES OF MEETING
ST. JOHNS COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026
2:00 PM**

Proceedings of the Canvass of Vote-by-Mail Ballots – Session 2, of the Canvassing Board of St. Johns County, Florida, held in the Supervisor of Elections Office, 4455 Avenue A, Suite 101, St. Augustine, Florida.

Present: Honorable Alexander R. Christine, Jr., County Judge, Chair
 Honorable Clay Murphy, Commissioner
 Honorable Vicky Oakes, Supervisor of Elections

Also present: Jennifer Reis, Election Services Specialist; Wayne Fusco, Assistant SOE; Chris Leddy, Chief Deputy; Chase Ellis, IT Coordinator; Joe Sarmiento, GIS Technician; Kate Brown, SOE Staff; Erika Ward, SOE Staff; Walker Burnette, ES&S Staff; Martha Harden, Tab Tech; Gale Ashton, SOE Staff; Maria Alvarez, SOE Staff; Pamela Mann, Outreach Coordinator; David Boyett, IT Technician; Jacqueline Emslie, Tab Tech; Ken Sparks, Tab Tech; Tom Haywood, Tab Tech; Alan Pouliot, Tab Tech; Jose Nunez, Tab Tech; Ronald Bowen, Tab Tech; Vonda Jewell, Tab Tech; Jamie Tio, Tab Tech; Gerry Field, Tab Tech; Mark Ebling, Tab Tech; and Robert Kennedy, Bailiff.

Public Attendance: Michelle Spoonhour

(08/17/26 – 2:00 PM)

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Christine called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll: Judge Christine, Commissioner Murphy, and Supervisor Oakes were present.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve by Oakes, seconded by Murphy, carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

1. CONDUCT CANVASSING OF VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS – SESSION 2

- a. Explanation of process by the Supervisor of Elections
- b. Processing of accepted vote-by-mail ballots
- c. Scanning of vote-by-mail ballots into independent audit system

The Chair turned the floor over to the Supervisor of Elections. Supervisor Oakes opened with housekeeping items and announced there would be 3,687 vote-by-mail ballots brought in initially for processing, and that more may be coming in later in the meeting. Supervisor Oakes reminded attendees of the Ballot Duplication Observer Forms completed today and at the last meeting, and that it is a third-degree felony to disclose any votes seen during Canvassing, before polls close at 7 PM on Election Night. Supervisor Oakes turned the floor over to Shelby, Vote-by-Mail Coordinator, for instructional reminders.

Supervisor Oakes gave the go ahead for teams to begin opening the vote-by-mail ballots.

(08/17/26 – 2:10 PM)

Canvassing Board members began the ballot duplication process as needed.

(08/17/26 – 2:14 PM)

Canvassing Board decisions on the following ballots:

Pct. 306, Style C33	Two ballots in one vote-by-mail envelope (Husband and wife both signed envelope)	Unanimous decision to reject the vote-by-mail ballot. Stamped rejected and signed by Chair Christine.
Pct. 309, Style U39	Overvote on Governor/Lt. Governor	Unanimous decision that it is an overvote
Pct. 304, Style U30	Overvote on Governor/Lt. Governor	Unanimous decision that it is an overvote

(08/17/26 – 2:31 PM)

Decision on vote-by-mail ballot envelope with voter's voted sample ballot inside. The sample ballot was mailed to the voter, and was the correct party, style, and precinct. The voter signed their voter certificate, and the signature was previously verified as valid by staff. The Canvassing Board made the unanimous decision to duplicate and count the ballot. (Pct. 101, Style C1)

Public attendee Michelle Spoonhour submitted an Objection to Duplicated Ballot Form to the Board. The objection was noted, and the duplicated ballot was cast.

(08/17/26 – 2:40 PM)

Canvassing Board decisions on the following ballots:

Pct. 309, Style C39	Overvote on Governor/Lt. Governor	Unanimous decision that it is an overvote
Pct. 408, Style U49	Overvote on County Commission, District 2	Unanimous decision that it is an overvote
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Pct. 303, Style U29	Overvote on Governor/Lt. Governor	Unanimous decision that it is an overvote
Pct. 304, Style U30	Overvote on Governor/Lt. Governor	Unanimous decision that it is an overvote
Pct. 305, Style F28	Blank ballot	Unanimous decision to accept and cast blank ballot

Pct. 106, Style U6	Overvote on Governor/Lt. Governor	Unanimous decision that it is an overvote
Pct. 308, Style F31	Overvote on County Commission, District 2	Unanimous decision that it is an overvote
Pct. 308, Style U38	Overvote on Governor/Lt. Governor	Unanimous decision that it is an overvote
Pct. 402, Style C43	Overvote on County Commission, District 2	Unanimous decision that it is an overvote
Pct. 104, Style U4	Overvote on Governor/Lt. Governor	Unanimous decision that it is an overvote
Pct. 304, Style U30	Overvote on Governor/Lt. Governor	Unanimous decision that it is an overvote
Pct. 304, Style U30	Overvote on Governor/Lt. Governor	Unanimous decision that it is an overvote

(08/17/26 – 3:09 PM)

Supervisor Oakes announced that 82 ballots had come over the counter thus far and were being brought into the Canvassing Board meeting for processing, bringing the total brought into the Canvassing Board room today to 3,769.

Canvassing Board decisions on the following ballots:

Pct. 401, Style U42	Overvote on Governor/Lt. Governor	Unanimous decision that it is an overvote
Pct. 101, Style C1	County Commission District 2 and County Commission District 4 races: ovals filled for both races with Xs across the box	Unanimous decision to accept as blank, no vote for both races
Pct. 310, Style U40	Overvote on Governor/Lt. Governor	Unanimous decision that it is an overvote
Pct. 202, Style U11 Ballot #81-10084	County Commission District 4: One oval filled, one struck out	Unanimous decision to accept vote for Krista Joseph

(08/17/26 – 3:21 PM)

Supervisor Oakes announced that two opening teams could be released.

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Canvassing Board decisions on the following ballots:

Pct. 504, Style U54	Overvote on Governor/Lt. Governor	Unanimous decision that it is an overvote
Pct. 101, Style C1 Ballot #81-10095	State Representative, District 18: One oval filled, one crossed out	Unanimous decision to accept vote for Art Stresing
Pct. 503, Style U53 Ballot #81-10097	Overvote on Governor/Lt. Governor	Unanimous decision that it is an overvote
Pct. 205, Style U14 Ballot #81-10089	Chief Financial Officer: One oval filled, one struck out	Unanimous decision to accept vote for Blaise Ingoglia
Pct. 208, Style U18 Ballot #81-10088	U.S. Senator: Damaged ballot, torn near race for U.S. Senator, can see oval filled for Ashley Moody	Unanimous decision to accept vote for Ashley Moody

(08/17/26 – 3:37 PM)

Supervisor Oakes announced to release one scanning team.

Canvassing Board decisions on the following ballots:

Pct. 107, Style U7 Ballot #81-10012	Governor/Lt. Governor: Voter filled in two ovals and initialed selection	Unanimous decision to accept vote for Jay Collins
Pct. 208, Style U18 Ballot #81-10101	County Commission, District 2: Voter filled in two ovals and crossed one out	Unanimous decision to accept vote for Tim Burres

(08/17/26 – 3:44 PM)

Judge Christine announced the next meeting for Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 3:00 PM. With no further business before the Board, Commissioner Murphy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Oakes.

Carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.