

**MINUTES OF MEETING
ST. JOHNS COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026
3:00 PM**

Proceedings of the Canvass of Vote-by-Mail Ballots – Session 4, 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, County Commissioner
 Honorable Vicky Oakes, Supervisor of Elections

Also present: Jennifer Reis, Election Services Specialist; Joe Sarmiento, GIS Technician; and Kelly English, Bailiff.

Public Attendance: Michelle Spoonhour

(08/20/26 – 3:00 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

Supervisor Oakes requested to add to today's agenda:

- Conduct canvassing of uncounted/unscanned ballots from early voting and Election Day
- Conduct canvassing of provisional ballots
- Conduct canvassing of vote-by-mail ballots that are not subject to curing

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

1. REVIEW AND CONDUCT CANVASSING OF UNCOUNTED/UNSCANNED BALLOTS FROM EARLY VOTING AND ON ELECTION DAY

a. Explanation of process by Supervisor of Elections

Supervisor Oakes explained that during this session, the Canvassing Board would only review ballots. No ballots would be opened or counted during today's session.

The Board started with reviewing and either accepting or rejecting 8 unscanned ballots, including 1 from early voting and 7 from Election Day.

The Canvassing Board made the following decisions:

Pct. 307, Style U35 SBL – Early Voting	Too many choices and the voter left, voter unknown	Unanimous decision to cast as is, including overvote on Governor/Lt. Governor
Pct. 101, Style C1 Election Day Ballot #81-10109	Voter ripped up ballot and left polling place, voter unknown	Unanimous decision to duplicate ballot as blank and cast
Pct. 109, Style F9 Election Day	Voter returned ballot, did not want NPA ballot as enrolled, wanted a different party ballot. Blank ballot	Unanimous decision to cast blank ballot
Pct. 202, Style F11 Election Day	Ballot abandoned, voter unknown. Blank ballot	Unanimous decision to cast blank ballot
Pct. 204, Style F13 Election Day Ballot #81-10110	Voter decided not to cast ballot, but marked some votes on ballot	Unanimous decision to duplicate as blank and cast
Pct. 205/503, Style U14 Election Day Ballot #81-10112	Voter threw ballot in the trash and left the polling place	Unanimous decision to duplicate as blank and cast
Pct. 304, Style U30 Election Day Ballot #81-10111	Voter fled with ballot. Ballot found later in bathroom trash bin.	Unanimous decision to duplicate as blank and cast
Pct. 308, Style U38 Election Day	Ballot found in secrecy sleeve	Unanimous decision to cast ballot as marked

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Four duplicated unscanned ballots were verified by Judge Christine and Commissioner Murphy.

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The Canvassing Board began reviewing 10 provisional ballots from early voting and 23 provisional ballots from Election Day, for a total of 33 provisional ballots.

Election Day (23)	Voted unanimously to accept 12 provisional ballots and reject 11 provisional ballots. Rejection reasons include not being registered, registering too late, voting at the wrong precinct, or demanding a ballot of a party in which they were not registered.
Early Voting (10)	Voted unanimously to accept 4 provisional ballots and reject 6 provisional ballots. Rejection reasons include voting in the wrong county, not being registered, registering too late, or demanding a ballot of a party in which they were not registered.

A total of 16 provisional ballots were accepted, and 17 were rejected.

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The Canvassing Board reviewed 8 vote-by-mail ballots that were unanimously rejected due to the voters already voting in the election.

The Canvassing Board reviewed and unanimously rejected 2 vote-by-mail ballots for the following reasons:

1. No signed voter's certificate was returned
2. The Elections Office received notification that the voter died on August 11th. The vote-by-mail ballot belonging to the deceased voter was postmarked August 17th.

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The Canvassing Board signed all five Canvassing Board Worksheets. All rejected ballots were stamped and signed by Judge Christine.

At completion of signing, Supervisor Oakes put on the record that she would have a statement available regarding the ballot protests at prior meetings at the Wednesday, August 26, Canvassing Board meeting.

(08/20/26 – 4:02 PM)

Judge Christine announced the next meeting for August 21, 2026, at 9:00 AM.

With all business completed, the Canvassing Board adjourned.

Carried unanimously to adjourn.