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St. Johns County Canvassing Board Information

Canvassing Overview

The Canvassing Board is a group of local elected officials who oversee important parts of the election. This ensures that critical decisions about the election are made by a group rather than a single person. The Canvassing Board is its own governing body. It is separate from either the Supervisor of Elections Office or the Board of County Commissioners. The Chair leads each Board meeting. In addition to Board meetings, members oversee a variety of activity related to the election.

Membership

The membership of the St. Johns County Canvassing Board for the August 18, 2026, Primary Election, and the November 3, 2026, General Election are:

- Honorable Alexander R. Christine, Jr., St. Johns County Judge (Chair)
- Honorable Clay Murphy, Chair of the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners
- Honorable Vicky Oakes, Supervisor of Elections

Alternates:

- Honorable Benjamin J. Rich, St. Johns County Judge
- Honorable Casey L. Woolsey, St. Johns County Judge
- Honorable James Edward Creamer, Jr., Qualified Elector

Canvassing Election Integrity

The St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections Office is committed to election integrity. We follow many safeguards to ensure the security of ballots during canvassing activities.

- At least one member of the Canvassing Board oversees any and all canvassing activities.
- Ballots and other election materials are kept in secure, locked areas when being processed.
- Only red ink pens are used in the canvassing room. The tabulator does not read red ink.
- The canvassing room is under 24-hour video surveillance.
- All voting equipment must be certified and is rigorously tested prior to use to ensure that it is working properly accurately recording votes.
- Voting equipment is not connected to the internet. This includes all tabulators and the elections server.

Room Access

- Candidate and party representatives, members of the media, and members of the public are welcome to attend Canvassing Board meetings or observe canvassing activity.
- The full schedule of Board meetings and canvassing activity is publicly noticed, and available on our website.
- The meeting room has capacity limits and space is limited.

- Persons attending Board meetings or observing canvassing activity shall remain within the public seating area or viewing gallery.
- Firearms and weapons are not permitted in the Elections Office during Canvassing Board meetings, canvassing activity periods, or other voting activities. A concealed weapons license does not exempt someone from this prohibition. However, the Board may authorize law enforcement to provide security during Board meetings or canvassing activity, and such sworn officers are exempt from this prohibition.

Decorum

- The Chair shall preserve order and decorum at Board meetings.
- Outside of Board meetings, the Board member responsible for overseeing operations within the canvassing room shall preserve order and decorum.
- Individuals attending Board meetings or observing canvassing activities must silence their phones and other electronic devices.
- Order must be preserved. No person shall, by speech or otherwise, delay or interrupt the proceedings or the peace of the Board or disturb canvassing operations. No person shall refuse to obey the orders of the Chair or Board member responsible for preserving order, or the rules of decorum.
- Members of the public shall not interrupt Board meetings, except to make a reasonable objection as provided by law or to respond to an inquiry from the Chair.
- Any person making irrelevant, impertinent, or slanderous remarks or who becomes boisterous shall not be considered orderly or decorous.
- Any person who becomes disorderly shall be cautioned by the person responsible for preserving order. If they are addressing the Board, they shall be given the opportunity to conclude their remarks in a decorous manner and within the designated time limit. Any person failing to comply as cautioned shall be barred from making any additional comments during the meeting by the Chair, unless permission to continue or again address the Board is granted by a majority vote of the Board.
- If the Board member responsible for preserving order declares an individual out of order, he or she will be requested to leave the Elections Office. If the person does not do so, he or she is subject to removal and may face punishment under Florida law.
- Any person who becomes disruptive or interferes with the orderly business of the Board or of canvassing activity may be removed from the canvassing room or other meeting room for the remainder of the meeting or processing period.

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