

The meeting of the Canvassing Board was held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at the Supervisor of Elections Operation Center, 70 Florida Citrus Blvd., Winter Haven, Florida. The meeting was called to order by City Clerk Clara VanBlargan.

CANVASSING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Pete Perez; Commissioner Robin Gibson; Jacquie Hawkins, alternate; Jean Kincaid Scott, alternate

CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Clara VanBlargan, City Clerk/Chief Elections Officer

CALL TO ORDER

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Jean Kincaid Scott made a motion to appoint Jacquie Hawkins as Chair. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Perez.

By Voice Vote:

All "YAY"; None "NAY"

ABSENTEE REPORT

Rachel Harris, Elections Staff, distributed the Absentee Report to the Canvassing Board. She said the City Clerk verified the signatures on all absentee ballots that were received. City Clerk Clara VanBlargan said there were 930 and none were rejected.

City Clerk Clara VanBlargan read the Absentee Report and the results were as follows:

Total Requested:	1,886
Total Sent:	1,886
Total Valid:	930
To Be Reviewed:	0
Total Returned:	930

Rachel Harris asked the Canvassing Board to accept the mail ballots as reviewed by the City Clerk and to direct the Supervisor of Elections staff to begin processing the ballots. The Board accepted and directed Supervisor of Elections staff to begin processing the ballots.

The Canvassing Board recessed the meeting until the Precinct results were received.

REVIEW PRECINCT RESULTS REPORT

The Canvassing Board reconvened the meeting.

Elections staff distributed the unofficial precinct results report and the results were as follows:

Registered Voters 9014 – Cards Cast 603; 6.69%%

MAYOR SEAT 1:	Ed Bowlin	164; 27.42%
	Eugene Fultz	434; 72.58%

COMMISSIONER SEAT 2:	Jacob Clifton	220; 37.35%
	Curtis Gibson	369; 62.65%

COMMISSIONER SEAT 4:	Flora Stewart	405; 67.39%
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Lloyd J. Van Sickle 196; 32.61%

REVIEW REPLICATED BALLOTS

The Canvassing Board reviewed replicated ballots and verified that the duplicate ballots prepared by Election Staff matched the voter's ballot or voting intent.

RECEIVE ADDITIONAL MAIL BALLOTS RECEIVED PRIOR TO 7:00 P.M.

There were no additional mail ballots received prior to 7:00 p.m. The total verified by the City Clerk remained the same, 930.

RECEIVE MAIL BALLOT RESULTS

The Election staff distributed the final unofficial results, which consisted of both mail ballot results and precinct results which were as follows:

Registered Voters 9014 – Cards Cast 1533; 17.01%

MAYOR SEAT 1:	Ed Bowlin	559; 37.02%
	Eugene Fultz	951; 62.98%
COMMISSIONER SEAT 2:	Jacob Clifton	605; 41.44%
	Curtis Gibson	855; 58.56%
COMMISSIONER SEAT 4:	Flora Stewart	889; 58.37%
	Lloyd J. Van Sickle	634; 41.63%

The Canvassing Board adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor/Deputy Mayor

City Clerk Clara VanBlargan, MMC