

## City of Auburndale Canvassing Board Minutes November 9, 2023

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Minutes of the Auburndale Canvassing Board for the 2023 Municipal Election held November 9, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Commission Room of City Hall, after having been properly advertised, with the following members present: Mayor Dorothea Taylor Bogert, Commissioners: Keith Cowie, Richard Hamann, and Bill Sterling. Commissioner Jack Myers was absent. Also, present were: City Manager Jeffrey Tillman, Assistant City Attorney Drew Crawford, and City Clerk Brandon Henry.

Mayor Dorothea Taylor Bogert declared a quorum present, and the Meeting was opened with a salute to the flag.

Mayor Taylor Bogert asked if there was public comment on any item not on the agenda. There was no public comment.

## 1. CLOSE CITY COMMISSION MEETING AND OPEN CANVASSING BOARD MEETING

Mayor Taylor Bogert closed the Regular Commission Meeting and opened the Canvassing Board Meeting.

Canvassing Board Chair/Mayor Taylor Bogert led the meeting. Those present for the Canvassing Board Meeting were: Commissioners Keith Cowie, Richard Hamann, and Bill Sterling.

## 2. REPORT BY CITY CLERK ON RESULTS OF 2023 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

City Clerk Brandon Henry said the Auburndale City Charter Section 10 provides that the City Commission shall be the judge of the elections of its own members. City Code of Ordinances Chapter 9 provides that the City Commission shall be the Canvassing Board and that the Canvassing Board shall convene no later than the third day following a municipal election for the canvassing of the returns.

There were two City Commission seats up for Election, Seat Number Four and Seat Number Five. As reported on Election Night at 8:52 p.m., for Seat Number Four, the Final Unofficial Results are as follows:

- Jordan Helms - 924 votes, 63.37 percent
- Donishia Yarde, 534 Votes, 36.63 percent.

For Seat Number 5, the Final Unofficial Results as reported on Election Night at 8:52 p.m., are as follows:

- Maulissa Braverman - 571 votes, 39.79 percent
- Alex Cam - 864 votes, 60.21 percent.

Speaking overall, a total of 1,464 votes were cast, 736 of which were Vote-by-Mail, and 728 of which were in person at the Civic Center. This represents a turnout of 13.17 percent of registered voters within the City.

Before the Canvassing Board votes on certifying these results, the Canvassing Board must consider acceptance or rejection of Provisional Ballots -which may change these totals. We are in receipt of nine provisional ballots. With the Canvassing Board's permission, we will go ahead and break the seal on these.

**Motion** by Commissioner Cowie, seconded by Commissioner Hamann, to allow the City Clerk to break the seal on the Provisional Ballots. Upon vote, all ayes.

For each provisional ballot received, the Canvassing Board must vote whether to accept or reject the ballot. If accepted, the ballot will be opened and added to the results. Supervisor of Elections Lori Edwards recommended that all our provisional ballots we received be rejected, as they either registered after deadline, or reside outside City limits. However, we will go ahead and take action on each ballot individually.

The Canvassing Board reviewed one ballot, Voter ID # 131937341, voter registered after deadline.

**Motion** by Commissioner Cowie, seconded by Commissioner Hamann, to reject the ballot. Upon vote, all ayes.

The Canvassing Board reviewed one provisional ballot, Voter ID # 131937397, voter registered after deadline.

**Motion** by Commissioner Cowie, seconded by Commissioner Hamann, to reject the ballot. Upon vote, all ayes.

The Canvassing Board reviewed one provisional ballot, Voter ID # 118135144, voter lives outside City limits.

**Motion** by Commissioner Cowie, seconded by Commissioner Hamann, to reject the ballot. Upon vote, all ayes.

The Canvassing Board reviewed one provisional ballot, Voter ID # 131937395, voter registered after deadline.

**Motion** by Commissioner Cowie, seconded by Commissioner Hamann, to reject the ballot. Upon vote, all ayes.

The Canvassing Board reviewed one provisional ballot, Voter ID # 113502226, voter lives outside City limits.

**Motion** by Commissioner Cowie, seconded by Commissioner Hamann, to reject the ballot. Upon vote, all ayes.

The Canvassing Board reviewed one provisional ballot, Voter ID # 109415889, voter lives outside City limits.

**Motion** by Commissioner Cowie, seconded by Commissioner Hamann, to reject the ballot. Upon vote, all ayes.

The Canvassing Board reviewed one provisional ballot, Voter ID # 113516088, voter lives outside City limits.

**Motion** by Commissioner Cowie, seconded by Commissioner Hamann, to reject the ballot. Upon vote, all ayes.

The Canvassing Board reviewed one provisional ballot, Voter ID # 113797618, voter lives outside City limits.

**Motion** by Commissioner Cowie, seconded by Commissioner Hamann, to reject the ballot. Upon vote, all ayes.

The Canvassing Board reviewed one provisional ballot, Voter ID # 116827440, voter lives outside City limits.

**Motion** by Commissioner Cowie, seconded by Commissioner Hamann, to reject the ballot. Upon vote, all ayes.

City Clerk Henry said the unofficial results as reported on Election Night, 8:52 PM remain unchanged.

**Motion** by Commissioner Cowie, seconded by Commissioner Hamann, to approve and accept the results of the 2023 Municipal Election, as presented. Upon vote, all ayes. (Attachments: Supervisor of Elections Office Results Document, Precinct Results Tape).

### **3. RANDOM SELECTION OF SEAT AND PRECINCT FOR POST ELECTION VOTING SYSTEM AUDIT FOR THE 2023 MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

City Clerk Henry said as required by Florida Administrative Code, the City Canvassing Board will need to designate a precinct for the post-election voting system audit and select a race for the manual audit for the Municipal Election held November 7, 2023. The two required Public Notices related to this matter will be properly posted and placed on the City's website.

The City Commission (not including any commissioners on the ballot) will meet as the Canvassing Board for the post-election voting system audit on November 14, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the Supervisor of Elections Office, 70 Florida Citrus Blvd., Winter Haven. A Commission quorum will be required for the meeting.

As the City only used one precinct for our Election, the audit will consist of the results from the precinct located at the Auburndale Civic Center. The ballot had two Commission Seats designated as: Seat Four and Seat Five. One folded piece of paper representing each Seat Number will be placed in a container for drawing the race to be audited.

Chair/Mayor Taylor Bogert drew one number from the container. She drew #5.

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**Motion** by Commissioner Cowie, seconded by Commissioner Hamann, to approve the race selection Seat Number Five for the 2023 Auburndale Municipal Election held on November 7, 2023 at the Auburndale Civic Center (as the sole precinct) for the post-election voting system audit to be held November 14, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the Supervisor of Elections Office in Winter Haven. Upon vote, all ayes.

**4. CLOSE CANVASSING BOARD MEETING AND RECONVENE CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

Canvassing Board Chair/Mayor Taylor Bogert closed the Canvassing Board Meeting and reconvened the City Commission Meeting.

City Manager Jeffrey Tillman said the Canvassing Board will be meeting for the post-election voting system audit on November 14, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the Supervisor of Elections Office, 70 Florida Citrus Blvd., Winter Haven.

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:42:23 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Minutes are true and correct.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brandon Henry", is written over a horizontal line.

Brandon Henry, City Clerk