

Canvassing Board Meeting  
April 5, 2016

The meeting of the Canvassing Board was held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at the Supervisor of Elections Headquarters, 250 South Broadway, Bartow, Florida. The meeting was called to order by City Clerk Clara VanBlargan.

**CANVASSING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Eugene Fultz; Jonathan Thornhill; Jacquie Hawkins

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

### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

Commissioner Thornhill made a motion to appoint Mayor Fultz as Chair. The motion was seconded by Jacquie Hawkins.

By Voice Vote:

All "YAY"; None "NAY"

#### **ABSENTEE REPORT**

City Clerk Clara VanBlargan read the absentee report provided by the Supervisor of Elections Office:

Total Sent:	2,309
Total Valid:	1,253
To Be Reviewed:	23
Total Returned:	1,276

The City Clerk said after verifying the signatures on the 1,276 absentee ballots returned there are only 23 that need to be reviewed by the Canvassing Board. She asked for a motion to accept the absentee ballots she reviewed and to direct Supervisor of Elections staff to begin processing the ballots.

Commissioner Thornhill made the first motion. Mayor Fultz seconded the motion

By Voice Vote:

All "YAY"; None "NAY"

#### **REVIEW ABSENTEE BALLOT CRITERIA SHEET**

Supervisor of Elections Lori Edwards explained the criteria for canvassing absentee ballots and the applicable laws that applied.

The Canvassing Board canvassed the 23 absentee ballots that needed to be reviewed and of which 14 were accepted and 9 were rejected making the total absentee ballots accepted 1,267.

The Canvassing Board recessed for break at 5:54 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

The Canvassing Board canvassed and accepted 2 additional ballots received prior to 7:00 p.m. making the total absentee ballots accepted 1,269.

The Canvassing Board recessed at 6:12 p.m. until precinct results were received and then reconvened at 7:32 p.m.

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Summary For Lake Wales, All Counters, Lake Wales  
 UNOFFICIAL RESULTS INCLUDES ABSENTEES

Registered Voters 8848 - Cards Cast 1950 22.04%

Num. Report Precinct 1 - Num. Reporting 1 100.00%

LW - Seat 3		Total	
Number of Precincts	1		
Precincts Reporting	1	100.0 %	
Times Counted	1950/8848	22.0 %	
Ed Bowlin	912	48.54%	
Terrye Y. Howell	967	51.46%	

LW - Seat 5		Total	
Number of Precincts	1		
Precincts Reporting	1	100.0 %	
Times Counted	1950/8848	22.0 %	
Robin Gibson	979	52.35%	
Christopher Lutton	300	16.04%	
Bob Wood	591	31.60%	

LW - Amendment 1		Total	
Number of Precincts	1		
Precincts Reporting	1	100.0 %	
Times Counted	1950/8848	22.0 %	
YES	1192	63.10%	
NO	697	36.90%	

**RECEIVE PRECINCT RESULTS**

<b>SEAT 3:</b>	Ed Bowlin	294; 43.49%
	Terrye Y. Howell	382; 56.51%
<b>SEAT 5:</b>	Robin Gibson	327; 48.66%
	Christopher Lutton	105; 15.63%
	Bob Wood	240; 35.71%
<b>AMENDMENT 1:</b>	Yes	421; 63.50%
	No	242; 36.50%

The absentee ballots were counted by the election equipment and the Canvassing Board replicated 4 absentee ballots that were rejected by the machines.

The Canvassing Board recessed at 7:37 p.m. until the unofficial result of the absentee ballots and precinct ballots were received. The Board reconvened at 8:42 p.m.

**RECEIVE TOTAL UNOFFICIAL RESULTS (Precinct & Absentee Results)**

The Mayor read the following unofficial results of all votes cast:

<b>SEAT 3:</b>	Ed Bowlin	912; 48.54%
	Terrye Y. Howell	967; 51.46%
<b>SEAT 5:</b>	Robin Gibson	979; 52.35%
	Christopher Lutton	300; 16.04%
	Bob Wood	591; 31.60%
<b>AMENDMENT 1:</b>	Yes	1,192; 63.10%
	No	697; 36.90%

The Canvassing Board adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m. until Final Official Certification.

  
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Mayor/Deputy Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk Clara VanBlargen, MMC