

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The Pima County Board of Supervisors met remotely in special session through technological means at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 9, 2025. Upon roll call, those present and absent were as follows:

Present: Rex Scott, Chair
Jennifer Allen, Vice Chair
*Dr. Matt Heinz, Member
Steve Christy, Member
Andrés Cano, Member

Also Present: Jan Leshar, County Administrator
Daniel Jurkowitz, Assistant Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board
John Stuckey, Sergeant at Arms

*Supervisor Heinz joined the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

The Land Acknowledgement Statement was delivered by Ana Camarillo, Program Coordinator/Community Resource Navigator, Community and Workforce Development.

3. PERSONAL POINT OF PRIVILEGE

Supervisor Cano thanked the Pima County Elections Department and Recorder's Office for delivering a safe, secure and accurate election, and their professionalism ensured that every ballot was counted in Southern Arizona and every voter's voice was respected. He stated that it had been 16 days since a clear majority of voters in Arizona's 7th Congressional District elected Adelita Grijalva as their next Congresswoman, yet Speaker Johnson continued to refuse her swearing in, denying Southern Arizona full representation in the U.S. Congress. He acknowledged that in recent months two newly elected Republican Congress members were sworn in within 24 hours of their elections being certified, which raised concerns about the sudden difference in rules for an incoming Democratic lawmaker. He stated that Southern Arizona voters deserved the same respect and urgency that was shown elsewhere in America and this delay had real consequences. He stated that without being sworn in, Congresswoman-elect Grijalva could not hire staff, access house resources or deliver essential constituent services to families and communities across Southern Arizona. He stated that the voters had spoken, their will must be honored, and it was time to let

Congresswoman-elect Grijalva take the oath of office so that she could get to work for the people that she was elected to serve.

ELECTIONS

4. Canvass

Pursuant to A.R.S. §16-642(A), canvass of the election results for the September 23, 2025, Special General Election.

It was moved by Chair Scott and seconded by Supervisor Allen to canvass the election. No vote was taken at this time.

Chair Scott asked the Elections Department Director to address how and why the dates for canvasses in the various counties within the Congressional District were set, and how those dates were aligned with the State.

Constance Hargrove, Director, Elections Department, explained that the canvass dates were set by statute, which provided a range with an absolute final date by which they could canvass an election. She stated that typically they ended up canvassing their election on the last day that counties could canvass an election. She stated that for federal and state elections, the Secretary of State's office would canvass after that, noting they had a statutory deadline to canvass, as well. She clarified that the county canvass, that day, did not affect the Secretary of State's time frame of canvassing an election or reporting to any Congressional Delegation or the Senate that someone had won the election, and since this election was overwhelmingly won, the Secretary of State had already contacted the Congressional Delegation to inform them that Adelita Grijalva was the winner of the election.

Chair Scott stated that the explanation was very informative, especially following the statement made by their colleague from District 5. He acknowledged the presence of Recorder Cázares-Kelly and thanked her for joining the meeting.

Supervisor Heinz acknowledged the mistreatment of Congresswoman-elect Grijalva by the Speaker of the House for his refusal to swear her in with her overwhelming victory. He stated that they could not swear in every other special election victor who had much smaller margins in 24 hours with unofficial canvasses and then make an exception for Congresswoman-elect Grijalva. He stated that they all knew why it was happening and that it needed to be stated, and the public needed to be aware that Congressional District 7 and Southern Arizona, which included his district, had been without representation for the better part of a year. He stated that they were without a voting member of Congress because they were playing politics with the seat.

Chair Scott thanked Supervisor Heinz for his remarks, which he appreciated and agreed with, and stated that Supervisor Cano had expressed similar sentiments during his personal point of privilege. He indicated that they were all very excited to

see their former colleague in her new position and wanted her to be able to take office as soon as possible. He stated that, based on statements out of Washington and from the Elections Director, the decision not to swear her in was solely in the hands of the Speaker of the House and his interpretation of the House of Representatives Rules.

Upon the vote, the motion unanimously carried 5-0.

Chair Scott thanked the Elections Department and the Recorder's Office for their continued hard work and dedication ensuring the County's elections were conducted in a fair, safe and accurate manner.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

CHAIR

ATTEST:

CLERK