

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The Pima County Board of Supervisors met remotely in special session through technological means at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, August 3, 2026. Upon roll call, those present and absent were as follows:

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

Absent: Rex Scott, 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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

The Land Acknowledgement Statement was delivered by Supervisor Cano.

ELECTIONS

3. Canvass

Pursuant to A.R.S. §16-642(A), canvass of the election results for the July 21, 2026, Primary Election.

Chair Allen stated that the Director from the Elections Department and the Chief Deputy Recorder from the Recorder's Office were in attendance. She stated that the Board had received a memorandum from the Elections Department Director and asked if there was anything that she wanted to share about this election.

Constance Hargrove, Director, Elections Department, stated that the memorandum included a section of the audit of the election results and clarified that the audit was on election day ballots only, not early ballots. She stated that early ballots went through the Recorder's Office for signature verification and then they came to her office. She stated that her department verified that they received the number of ballots that were indicated on the transfer form and processed those ballots. She provided additional context about one discrepancy and explained that as ballots were processed on election night they were not put breceivedot box that they should have been put back in and they ran the next set of ballots, which included the sixteen ballots that they had already ran in the previous vote center, so when

they looked at the audit and the turnout, which was the number of people checked into the poll book and the number of ballots that were actually received, that number did not match and they tried to determine why. She stated that they reviewed everything that they could review and they kept coming back to those sixteen ballots, so staff contacted the Inspector and the Judge of the vote center and they determined that those sixteen ballots were printed and produced on their ExpressVote voting equipment, which was the accessible equipment that they used in the vote centers on election day. She stated that Vote Center 41, which was the vote center in question, had not indicated on their official ballot report that they had any ExpressVote ballots, however, there were sixteen ExpressVote ballots in their box. She stated that after review of everything for that vote center it was confirmed, based on all the evidence, that there were no check-ins for anyone, no one was issued a ballot that would have been printed from the ExpressVote and staff realized that the vote center right before that one, the same operator ran had exactly sixteen ExpressVote ballots and when they opened their ballot box to check it there were no ExpressVote ballots in there, which indicated there had been a mix-up. She stated that staff reviewed their official report, and they had indicated that they had sixteen ExpressVote ballots, so they were able to determine that the operator had not put them back in the ballot box and ran the ballot twice. She stated that was the right determination and that the political party chairs were contacted about the discrepancy that needed to be corrected, the correction was made to remove those ballots from the vote center that tabulated them in twice and after they reran the numbers, they were good. She indicated that the party chairs were so gracious with the short timing that she had given them to have someone come in to witness the correction and that both signed off on it. She stated that staff would be provided with additional training and that there would be other things put in place to ensure this type of discrepancy did not happen in the future. She highlighted the ID verify process that was used on election day, and it had been well received by voters. She stated that 6,017 ballots were processed from that and it worked very well.

Supervisor Cano thanked Director Hargrove for the update and stated that over 186,000 residents utilized their right to vote in the primary election. He acknowledged election workers for their work and expressed his confidence in the Elections Department and Recorder's Office for their due diligence to ensure a safe and secure election.

Supervisor Christy requested an after-action report be provided to the Board from both the Elections Department and Recorder's Office which outlined opportunities for improvements and any lessons learned during the primary election ahead of the upcoming general election, and he looked forward to this discussion at the August 25, 2026, Board of Supervisors meeting. He stated that he would place an item regarding this subject on the August 25th agenda and if his office had any concerns or questions, they would submit them well in advance of that meeting.

Supervisor Cano requested clarification from Supervisor Christy if consistent as he had done in prior elections, he wanted a report about any lessons learned from the last canvass and the last election. He reiterated that this was something he had

requested in previous elections and there was not a particular point of concern that he wanted to bring forward to the Board.

Supervisor Christy responded in the affirmative and reiterated that if questions arose between now and that meeting, he would submit those questions well in advance of the meeting so that all parties could be prepared.

Ms. Hargrove stated that August 25th was too soon for her to have an after-action report ready and she requested more time.

Supervisor Christy inquired about the length of time needed for her to prepare the report.

Ms. Hargrove responded that she could have the after-action report ready by the first meeting in September.

Jan Leshar, County Administrator, responded September 8, 2026.

Supervisor Christy stated that he was fine with that timeframe and asked if the Recorder's Office was comfortable with that timeframe as well.

Marion Chubon, Chief Deputy Recorder, responded in the affirmative.

It was moved by Supervisor Cano, seconded by Supervisor Heinz and carried by a 4-0 vote, Supervisor Scott was absent, to canvass the election.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

CHAIR

ATTEST:

CLERK