

City of Auburndale Canvassing Board Minutes November 4, 2025

Minutes of the Auburndale Canvassing Board for the 2025 Municipal Election of November 4, 2025 held at 6:00 p.m. at the Supervisor of Elections' Elections Operations Center, 70 Florida Citrus Blvd., Winter Haven, FL, after having been properly advertised, with the following members present: Mayor Dorothea Taylor Bogert, Vice Mayor Alex Cam, Commissioners: Keith Cowie, Jordan Helms, and Bill Sterling. Also, present were: Interim City Manager Amy Palmer, Assistant City Attorney Seth Claytor, and City Clerk Brandon Henry.

Cathy Bridges, Chief Election Administration Director for the Supervisor of Elections Office; and Rachel Harris, Public Information and Communications for the Supervisor of Elections Office - assisted with the Canvassing Board Process.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPOINT CHAIR

The meeting was called to order and the first order of business was to appoint a Chair for the Canvassing Board.

Motion by Commissioner Cowie, seconded by Vice Mayor Cam, to appoint Mayor Taylor Bogert to serve as Chair of the Canvassing Board. Upon vote, all ayes.

2. MAIL BALLOT REPORT

City Clerk Henry presented the report of Vote-by-Mail ballots. Total requested Vote-by-Mail ballots are 1,148 ballots, with a total returned to date being 686. 674 ballots were accepted by the City Clerk.

Motion by Commissioner Cowie, seconded by Commissioner Helms, to accept Vote-by-Mail Ballot Report. Upon vote, all ayes.

3. ACCEPT MAIL BALLOTS AS RECOMMENDED BY CITY CLERK

Motion by Commissioner Cowie, seconded by Commissioner Sterling, to open and process accepted Vote-by-Mail ballots. Upon vote, all ayes.

4. REVIEW MAIL BALLOT CRITERIA SHEET

City Clerk Henry went over the Vote-by-Mail scenarios to be resolved by the Canvassing Board.

Motion by Commissioner Cowie, seconded by Commissioner Helms, to accept the Mail Ballot Criteria Sheet. Upon vote, all ayes.

5. REVIEW MAIL BALLOTS AS RECOMMENDED BY CITY CLERK

The Canvassing Board reviewed two ballots, Voter IDs # 101137071 and 127142751 – no voter signatures.

Motion by Commissioner Cowie, seconded by Vice Mayor Cam, to reject the ballot, Voter ID # 101137071. Upon vote, all ayes.

Motion by Commissioner Helms, seconded by Commissioner Sterling, to reject the ballot, Voter ID # 127142751. Upon vote, all ayes.

The Canvassing Board reviewed four ballots, Voter ID # 113456551, 113718486, 118894550, and 118711958 - voters signed wrong envelopes with other ballot envelope found, same address, and both signatures match.

Motion by Commissioner Cowie, seconded by Commissioner Helms, to accept the ballots, Voter ID # 113456551 and 113718486. Upon vote, all ayes.

Motion by Commissioner Helms, seconded by Commissioner Sterling, to accept the ballots, Voter ID # 118894550, and 118711958. Upon vote, all ayes.

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The Canvassing Board reviewed six ballots, Voter ID # 113515789, 105375606, 115578664, 120662196, 121396585, and 119341715, signature does not match.

Motion by Commissioner Helms, seconded by Commissioner Sterling, to reject the ballot, Voter ID # 113515789. Upon vote, all ayes.

Motion by Vice Mayor Cam, seconded by Commissioner Cowie, to reject the ballot, Voter ID # 105375606. Upon vote, all ayes.

Motion by Commissioner Cowie, seconded by Commissioner Helms, to reject the ballot, Voter ID # 115578664. Upon vote, all ayes.

Motion by Commissioner Cowie, seconded by Commissioner Helms, to reject the ballot, Voter ID # 120662196. Upon vote, all ayes.

Motion by Vice Mayor Cam, seconded by Commissioner Helms, to reject the ballot, Voter ID # 121396585. Upon vote, four ayes with Commissioner Cowie voting nay.

Motion by Commissioner Cowie, seconded by Commissioner Helms, to reject the ballot, Voter ID # 119341715. Upon vote, all ayes.

RECESS

RECONVENED – 7:06 p.m.

RECESS – 7:08 p.m.

RECONVENED – 7:29 p.m.

6. REVIEW REPLICATED BALLOTS, IF ANY

Cathy Bridges explained that we have five replicated ballots. She explained the replication scenario regarding blank ballots.

Motion by Commissioner Helms, seconded by Vice Mayor Cam, to accept the two blank ballots. Upon vote, all ayes.

Cathy Bridges explained the replication scenario regarding damaged ballots.

Motion by Commissioner Cowie, seconded by Commissioner Helms, to accept Replicated Ballot # 14469 as replicated correctly. Upon vote, all ayes.

Motion by Commissioner Cowie, seconded by Commissioner Sterling, to accept Replicated Ballot #36338, as replicated correctly. Upon vote, all ayes.

Cathy Bridges explained the replication scenario regarding faxed ballots for the American Disability Act or military/overseas ballots.

Motion by Commissioner Cowie, seconded by Commissioner Helms, to accept Replicated Ballot 62794, as replicated correctly. Upon vote, all ayes.

RECESS – 7:34 p.m.

RECONVENE – 7:40 p.m.

7. RECEIVE PRECINCT RESULTS

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City Clerk Henry presented the unofficial initial results from the precinct. The totals printout showed 693 ballots (including two blank ballots) with the results:

- Seat #3
 - Maulissa Braverman – 251 Votes
 - Sean Levy – 440 Votes

RECESS – 7:41 p.m.

RECONVENED – 8:24 p.m.

RECESS – 8:25 p.m.

RECONVENED – 8:40 p.m.

9. TABULATE ALL BALLOTS FOR UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

City Clerk Henry passed out the final unofficial results report. The unofficial results were shared with candidates and the public in the audience area.

Motion by Commissioner Helms, seconded by Vice Mayor Cam, to accept the unofficial results of the City of Auburndale Municipal Election. Upon vote, all ayes.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

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



Brandon Henry, City Clerk