

## City of Auburndale Canvassing Board Minutes November 7, 2025

Minutes of the Auburndale Canvassing Board for the 2025 Municipal Election held November 7, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. in the Commission Room of City Hall, 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, City Attorney Frederick J. Murphy Jr., 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: Vice Mayor Alex Cam, Commissioners: Keith Cowie, Jordan Helms, and Bill Sterling.

## **2. REPORT BY CITY CLERK ON RESULTS OF 2025 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 three City Commission seats up for Election, Seat Number One, Two, and Three. Seat One and Seat Two candidates were unopposed, and Seat Three drew two candidates. As reported on Election Night at 8:19 p.m., for Seat Number Three, the Final Unofficial Results are as follows:

- Maulissa Braverman - 591 votes, 43.23 percent
- Sean Levy, 776 Votes, 56.77 percent.

Speaking overall, a total of 1,371 votes were cast, 678 of which were Vote-by-Mail, and 693 of which were in person at the Civic Center. This represents a turnout of 10.52 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 and vote-by-mail cures -which may change these totals. We are in receipt of two provisional ballots and one vote-by-mail cure. With the Canvassing Board's permission, we will go ahead and break the seal on these.

**Motion** by Commissioner Cowie, seconded by Commissioner Helms, to allow the City Clerk to break the seal on the provisional ballots and vote-by-mail cure. Upon vote, all ayes.

For each provisional ballot and vote-by-mail cure 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 staff recommended that all our provisional ballots be accepted, as both were due to the voter not bringing valid photo identification, but the signature matched what was on file. Supervisor of Elections staff also recommended that our vote-by-mail cure be accepted – the voter initially did not sign their envelope and the Canvassing Board deemed it invalid – but the voter resolved by providing the required cure documents. However, we will go ahead and take action on each ballot individually.

The Canvassing Board reviewed one provisional ballot, Voter ID # 130194954, voter did not provide valid photo identification but their signature matched what was on file.

**Motion** by Commissioner Cowie, seconded by Commissioner Helms, to accept the ballot. Upon vote, all ayes.

The Canvassing Board reviewed one provisional ballot, Voter ID # 126125123, voter did not provide valid photo identification but their signature matched what was on file.

**Motion** by Commissioner Helms, seconded by Vice Mayor Cam, to accept the ballot. Upon vote, all ayes.

The Canvassing Board reviewed one vote-by-mail cure, Voter ID # 127142751, voter initially did not sign voter certificate but provided required cure documents.

**Motion** by Vice Mayor Cam, seconded by Commissioner Cowie, to accept the ballot. Upon vote, all ayes.

City Clerk Henry opened the accepted ballots.

**RECESS – 12:07 p.m.**

**RECONVENED**

City Clerk Henry presented the election results to include the accepted provisional ballots and vote-by-mail cure:

Maulissa Braverman – 593 votes

Sean Levy – 777 votes

**Motion** by Commissioner Cowie, seconded by Commissioner Sterling, to approve and accept the results of the 2025 Municipal Election, as presented. Upon vote, all ayes.

### **3. RANDOM SELECTION OF SEAT AND PRECINCT FOR POST ELECTION VOTING SYSTEM AUDIT FOR THE 2025 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 4, 2025. The two required Public Notices related to this matter will be and have been properly posted and placed on the City's website.

The City Commission will meet as the Canvassing Board for the post-election voting system audit on November 12, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Supervisor of Elections Office, 70 Florida Citrus Blvd., Winter Haven. A 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 located at 115 W. Park Street. The ballot had one Commission Seat designated as: Seat Three. A random selection of a Seat to be audited is not needed as the ballot had only one Seat designated for the race.

Staff recommends approving the race selection as Seat Three for the 2025 Auburndale Municipal Election held on November 4, 2025 at the Auburndale Civic Center for the post-election voting system audit to be held November 12, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Supervisor of Elections Office in Winter Haven.

**Motion** by Vice Mayor Cam, seconded by Commissioner Helms, to approve the race selection as Seat Three for the 2025 Auburndale Municipal Election held on November 4, 2025 at the Auburndale Civic Center for the post-election voting system audit to be held November 12, 2025 at 10:00 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**

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

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

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

  
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Brandon Henry, City Clerk