

SANTA FE COUNTY

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

CANVASSING MEETINGS

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Miguel Chavez, Chair - District 2
Henry Roybal, Vice Chair - District 1
Kathy Holian - District 4
Liz Stefanics - District 5
Robert A. Anaya, Chair - District 3

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This special meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at approximately 2:11 p.m. by Chair Miguel Chavez in the Santa Fe County Commission Chambers, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Roll was called by County Geraldine Salazar and indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present:

Commissioner Miguel Chavez, Chair
Commissioner Liz Stefanics
Commissioner Henry Roybal
Commissioner Robert Anaya [telephonically]

Members Excused:

Commissioner, Kathy Holian

3. Motion to Convene as County Canvassing Board, Pursuant to Section 1-13-1 NMSA 1978

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: I'll entertain a motion to convene as the County Canvassing Board.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair, I'll move to convene as the County Canvassing Board.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Second.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: We have a motion and a second.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote.

4. Open Canvass of November 8, 2016 General Election, Pursuant to Section 1-13-3 NMSA 1978

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: So now we have discussion of the open canvass of November 8, 2016 general election. Madam Clerk or Manager.

GERALDINE SALAZAR (County Clerk): Do you have any questions or –

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair, I do.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Stefanics.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Thank you and thank you, Madam Clerk

and Mr. Fresquez. I have a question that came to me. Two questions, actually. One was a constituent broke her collarbone and other bones the day before and ended up in the hospital for surgery. And the husband contacted me about doing an emergency ballot. And so I checked with our County Clerk and I believe you indicated that the day before was the last day.

CLERK SALAZAR: That is correct.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: So I'd like for you all to investigate to see if this needs to be a legislative change. The second thing is I also was queried about whether every polling place is required to tape or make public results at the site, if that's part of our procedures or process.

CLERK SALAZAR: Yes.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Because I had somebody contact me and say they walked all around the school building on the outside, it was all dark and there was nothing. So that is part of the training?

CLERK SALAZAR: It is part of the training, and so I would suggest that you let me know which school, which polling place, because we follow up on all issues and we take notes and we look at what was done correctly or incorrectly and we follow up on that.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Okay. So I'll give you the school and the person who reported it to me.

CLERK SALAZAR: Absolutely. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Thank you very much. That's all.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I don't have any questions.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I don't have any questions, Mr. Chair, but I just want to congratulate all the elected officials and our colleague, Senator Stefanics.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: And I would echo that same comment and also mention the hard work of staff, the Clerk's Office and all the poll workers and all that process. It's a lot of moving parts. I want to especially thank staff and the County for sort of going in a different direction and expanding the GO bonds a bit with Question 5 and it looks like we had good support on the advisory question and I want to thank staff and I appreciate their work in placing that on the ballot. It gave us that opportunity and I think the timing was right and the County is in a good position and has reason to do that and the public seems to have supported us on that. So without staff's effort and work that you did to be sure that that happened we wouldn't be in that position that we're in. So I want to thank you for all of that.

5. Motion Directing County Clerk to Prepare Canvass

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: So now I need to entertain a motion directing the County Clerk to prepare the canvass for the next meeting. The next Canvassing Board would be on what date?

CLERK SALAZAR: The 18th of November.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you. So motion to that effect?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So moved, Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Second.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: So we have a motion directing the County Clerk to prepare the canvass. We have a second.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Madam Clerk.

CLERK SALAZAR: I want to thank you and all the County staff throughout, especially my staff. People don't realize how many overtime hours they put. They work weekends, they work holidays. They will be working tomorrow with the canvass. So there are so many details to an election and they did an incredible job.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Well, and especially early voting. We think of Election Day as one day. It's really not one day. It's –

CLERK SALAZAR: It takes almost two years of planning for this also. So we have early - we're very fortunate in the state of New Mexico that we have accessible hours and days to vote. There's really no excuse for anyone not to vote unless there is an emergency. But we also had over 700 overseas residents who have requested ballots, so we had a lot of participation. People out of this country were interested in voting in Santa Fe County. So we had a high participation rate.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Good. Thank you.

CLERK SALAZAR: Thank you.

6. Recess

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: So now we need a motion to recess? Is that the process?

CLERK SALAZAR: No, because we will be coming back. We're open. Is that correct, Greg?

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: So do we need a motion to that effect?

CLERK SALAZAR: To recess.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: So I'll entertain a motion then to recess.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I'd like to make a motion to go into recess.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Okay, there's a motion to go into recess. A second?

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Second.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote.

[The Canvassing Board recessed at 2:18.]

November 18, 2016

1. Chair Chavez reconvened the special Canvassing Board meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners at approximately 2:12 p.m. in the Santa Fe County Commission Chambers, Santa Fe, New Mexico.
2. Roll was called by Chief Elections Bureau Deputy Steve Fresquez and indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present:

Commissioner Miguel Chavez, Chair
Commissioner Liz Stefanics
Commissioner Kathy Holian

Members Excused:

Commissioner Robert Anaya
Commissioner Henry Roybal

3. Motion to Reconvene as County Canvassing Board

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Now I would entertain a motion to reconvene as the County Canvassing Board.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: So moved.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Second.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: There's a motion and a second.

The motion passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote.

4. Motion for Approval of November 8, 2016 General Election Canvass, Pursuant to Section 1-13-13A NMSA 1978

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Now I'll entertain a motion for approval of the November 8, 2016 Canvass pursuant to Section 1-13-13A NMSA 1978

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: So moved.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Second.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Motion and a second.

The motion passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote.

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5. Adjournment

Following motion by Commissioner Holian and second by Commissioner Stefanics, Chair Chavez declared this special canvassing meeting adjourned at 2:13 pm.

Approved by:

Miguel Chavez
Board of County Commissioners
Miguel Chavez, Chair

ATTEST TO:

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SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK 12-13-2016



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