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CANVASSING BOARD

June 12, 2026

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MEETING

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1. A. This meeting of the Santa Fe County Canvassing Board was called to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. by Chair Justin Greene in the County Commission Chambers, 102 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

B. Roll Call

Roll was called by Deputy Clerk Jennifer Wilson and indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present:	**Members Excused**:
Commissioner Justin Greene	None
Commissioner Adam Johnson	
Commissioner Camilla Bustamante	
Commissioner Lisa Cacari Stone [virtually]	
Commissioner Hank Hughes	

C. Approval of Agenda

CHAIR GREENE: I just want to make a note that this is not a regular Board of County Commissioners meeting. This is in fact, the County Canvassing Board, special meeting. And if there are specific things that wanted to be brought up about this election, we direct people to district court. This is, for the most part, a ministerial review process here today. And we will move forward without public comment as the agenda showed. But I guess that could be up to the other Commissioners.

What is the will of the Commission as to the agenda?

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the agenda as stated. Commissioner Bustamante seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

D. Request Approval of the March 10, 2026 County Canvassing Board Meeting Minutes

There were no changes. Commissioner Johnson moved to approve and Commissioner

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Bustamante seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

2. Miscellaneous Action Items

A. Request Approval of the June 2, 2026, Primary Election Report of Canvass, Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 1-13-13(B).

CHAIR GREENE: Rosangela, now it's your turn. Thank you.

ROSANGELA ORTIZ (Chief Deputy Bureau of Elections): Thank you. Chair, Commissioners, good morning. We are here to give you a short presentation of this election. We want to first start off with giving everyone a big thank you for being in the room. They're part of our team that made this election happen. So everyone, if you are part of this election, thank you.[applause]

Every election is important, and this one seemed a little different, but it was still, a lot of work. So our turnout, we had a 32.16 percent turnout, which is I believe the highest in the state, so we're very proud about that. Most of our voters, a lot of our voters, voted early, so 15,000 voted early, 5,000 voted absentee, and then we had 16,000 plus on election day.

The next screen we can see our turnout throughout the years. So in 2020, that was a pandemic election, meaning everyone got an application to get an absentee ballot, so that's why those numbers are really high. And then in 2022, 25 percent; 2024, 29 percent; and, of course, 2026 with 32 percent.

CHAIR GREENE: Rosangela, can I ask you a question about that?

MS. ORTIZ: Yes.

CHAIR GREENE: Have you pulled out DTS people out of that so that we can see the difference between DTS and Dem turnout?

MS. ORTIZ: No. So 2026 should have an asterisk because, again, that is the first time we had an open primary. And before then, only the two or three major parties were able to participate. So this election we had the two plus the DTS, declined to state.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you.

MS. ORTIZ: And so some more information about our election this year, so the next slide. We had 29 internal temps, and that includes our warehouse staff, our help desk staff, and then of course the 280 is all of our election workers at the polling sites during early voting, absentee and also election day.

We had same-day voter registration 681 total, and that is 344 on election day. And so because of the changes with automatic voter registration, we saw those numbers decrease a little because every time you go to MVD, you get a registration sent to us. Cured ballots, we did have some rejected, but we did our outreach to make sure that these voters were able to cure, count their ballot, and so we did have almost 80 percent cure rate. Absentee ballots, we are continuing to see an increase in absentee ballots sent and our total return rate was 78 percent. We are seeing at the federal level some changes, meaning, there's been legislation or intent to try to decrease the number of absentee ballots, so we're going to be seeing perhaps that number go down in the future.

First-time voters, 1,186. That is a really good number, so we're really happy about

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that. And of course, our federally qualified electors, these are the voters that are overseas. And so we saw 280 of them get a ballot, and about 170 total returned their ballot.

Countywide effort. Yes, elections are a countywide effort. This election we had to make some changes to our polling sites due to construction. We also had to set up all of our fire stations really early because we have 31 sites to set up. So we want to thank the entire County for all of their help and support during this election, especially Payroll and Finance. There is a lot going on still to close out not only the fiscal year, but this election. So a total of 344 people were potentially hired. So thank you everyone for all of your help.

Some specific innovations for 2026. We had a lot of outreach. We continued with pajama voting, Kids Vote. Democracy Delivered via Kids Vote at all of our schools. And then we had Paws at the Polls again. We had quite a few, I believe, a few cats and one dog adopted at Nancy Rodriguez, so it's really nice to see those pictures. We have a few pictures.

And then we have election observer tool that was helped developed by our Clerk. Clerk Clark helped develop that tool, and it was utilized at all of the polling sites for those observing elections and also for election challengers.

We had veterans outreach. We had quite a few events ahead of this election. Even though our veterans always vote, there are some changes this election, so we wanted to make sure they were aware.

And then we had a lot of semi-open primary education. So if you were on Instagram or on Facebook, you probably saw some of our commercials. I forget the data, but I think we had 100,000 views or something. So we did see a lot of kids come to our polls because their parents, saw that there was kids vote, so they came here and to Nancy Rodriguez.

SJR1, this will be in the general election, so this is a constitutional amendment that was initiated by the clerk's affiliate, so we're really happy that it's going to be in the general election.

So more innovation. We did have new polling sites, like we said the Hondo Fire Station, and then we made sure to send postcards to everyone impacted by this change. And so we included Pojoaque Middle School in that impact, and we also made sure that people voted early at Pojoaque Satellite in that area, and then also in the Nancy Rodriguez area. A lot of people went to vote there because of the postcards. So we know that those postcards were had an impact.

We did have candidate training. We also have our Informed Citizens training and our senior outreach. We also partnered with security to make sure that, they monitor our warehouses and patrol early voting sites.

These are postcards that we sent to everyone in Hondo, Edgewood area, Pojoaque and Nancy Rodriguez.

And here you're going to see a few pictures. So here's our Paws at the Polls. It's really great to, to see these furry friends get adopted. Our next picture is about community outreach. We did a YMCA event, a Veterans Center event. And we did quite a few outreach, and we'll continue to be doing summer outreach ahead of the general. Our next one is a Thrive mascot election, which got a lot of media attention. So they elected

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their first mascot.

Community outreach. We did quite a few high school outreach and then also a YMCA event. And so our high school kids are prepared to be lifelong voters. So media spotlight. Here we got some media regarding the mock election and then we also had the clerk affiliate leadership and more free media, so we're thankful for that. Okay.

We want to give you a heads up of what's coming. So we had the election, now we're here at the County Canvass. There's an entire, next steps to still go through. So we have the County certification today, then we have to submit all our results to the Secretary of State, and then there's a Secretary of State canvas, there's an internal audit by a third party, then we have the post-voting system check, and then the State Canvass Board meeting which will be at the end of June.

And then we will have the certification of results which then trigger the system check which will begin in two weeks. Okay. And with that, we just want to thank everyone for all of their hard work this election and we stand for questions.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you, Rosangela. Commissioners, any questions?

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: I have my hand up.

CHAIR GREENE: Oh, sorry. I can't see that, but all right.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you very much. Thank you, Chair. I appreciate it. I just want to applaud the entire Clerk's Office team, the Clerk, the volunteers, everyone you employed. I love the pajama voting and the paws at the polls and special outreach to the vets. I think there's been so many innovations. Personally, I've never experienced such a positive voting experience my whole life until these last couple years here in Santa Fe, so thank you

CHAIR GREENE: Excellent. Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Hughes?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yeah, I think it's great you did all that outreach. It's nice to see. So thank you.

CHAIR GREENE: Commissioner Johnson.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Same for me. Well done. I voted at Christian Life Church as I usually do. It was super simple, super quick. So I really appreciate your effort and well done.

CHAIR GREENE: Thanks, Commissioner Bustamante.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Yes. I want to thank everyone who worked towards this because I know it's not just an overnight pull it together, bring some machines in, let it go endeavor.

I've actually been very familiar with what happens the night of and everyone staying and working and getting up to that night. And so I want to just thank you all for the effort that you put in ensuring that we have free and fair elections, sincerely. Thank you.

CHAIR GREENE: Thank you, Commissioner. Accolades across the board. In my three and a half years of being here, I've taken every opportunity I can to visit your warehouse, to visit polling sites and see and ask the operators, Are things working out? Visiting when you're canvassing to see how that works. And I encourage the other Commissioners to take part in that. My curiosity and understanding of this job

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led me to do that, but, sometimes it's not on people's radar. So I've loved that.

Two comments. We did have the issues at the Pojoaque, the change of location. It shows that people don't read their mail necessarily, right? And so this is a communications lessons not only for the Elections Office, but for Santa Fe County, right? And so finding ways to get meet people where they are. They may not read the mail, but they probably go to the post office, right? They all go to the supermarket, right? There's certain things that are trying to find ways to get that in big, bold notices weeks before saying change on social media. And again, it's not your social media page and it's not the County's social media page that matters. It is posting on the community social media pages that you're sending that. So making sure that the Clerk's Office and the County is following and has reciprocal posting privileges on these community pages because, we see it, I see it. Nobody reads my page, but people get my information when somebody posts it, reposts it on the community pages. And so finding ways to get it out there and beyond what we can do there. But great job. Great turnout, right? Despite some of those setbacks I think people did turn out.

The other question is with this federal threat to absentee And mail-in ballots, are you working with the state Secretary of State and with the Department of Justice and the AG to preempt this in some way to be, providing data, providing supporting stuff so that maybe we can not be surprised and not be pre- unprepared if something does come down from the feds?

MS. ORTIZ: Yes. Chair and Commissioners, we are working with the Secretary Of State. There is an open comment right now with USPS, so the Secretary of State is going to be submitting comment and as well as, us as clerks, we can submit comment. And so there is a lot that we're planning ahead to make sure that we, preemptively are prepared.

The National Voter Registration Act does require USPS to be the deliverers of absentee ballots. And at the end of the day, the federal government has their say, but it's up to the states to administer elections, so we're thankful for that.

CHAIR GREENE: I think building a states' rights case, it should be locked and loaded and ready to go to the Supreme Court the day that they try something. So hopefully you're supportive of that.

Great. Thank you. Commissioners, we have an action item here, a request for approval. What is the pleasure of the Board?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I move to approve the June 2, 2026 primary election results.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: I second it.

CHAIR GREENE: We have a motion from Commissioner Hughes, a second from Commissioner Cacari Stone.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

CHAIR GREENE: Great job, guys.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you. Congratulations.

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3. Concluding Business

A. Announcements – None were presented.

F. Adjournment

Commissioner Johnson moved to adjourn. Commissioner Bustamante seconded and the motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote. Chair Greene declared this meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Approved by:

~~Justin Greene,~~ Chair
Board of County Commissioners
Adam Johnson, Vice Chair

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