SANTA FE COUNTY

CANVASSING BOARD

MEETING

April 8, 2025

1. A. This meeting of the Santa Fe County Canvassing Board was called to order at approximately 3:07 p.m. by Chair Camilla Bustamante in the County Commission Chambers, 102 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

B. Roll Call

Roll was called by Celeste Garcia and indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present:

Members Excused:

None

Commissioner Camilla Bustamante, Chair

Commissioner Lisa Cacari Stone, Vice Chair

Commissioner Justin Greene

Commissioner Hank Hughes

Commissioner Adam Johnson

C. Approval of Agenda

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Are there any changes to the agenda as presented? There are no changes. Do we have a motion to approve the agenda?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I will move to approve the agenda as presented.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: I'll second.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: We have a motion by Commissioner Greene, a second by Commissioner Johnson.

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

E. Request Approval of the April 1, 2025, Española Public School District No. 55 Report of the Canvass, Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 1-13-13(B)

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We're ready to hear what you have to share with us.

ROSANGELA ORTIZ (Bureau of Elections Chief Deputy): Madam

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Chair, Commissioners, we are here to approve the canvass of returns for the special election. This was for the Española Public Schools. In Santa Fe County we had a total of 3,117 ballots sent and only 428 ballots were returned. That was 7.75 percent turnout. The measure did pass and so if we combine Santa Fe County and Rio Arriba County the measure passed which means that the tax will continue for the next I believe it's four years. And with that, we have to sign the certificate of canvass. Are there any questions?

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Do we have any questions for Ms. Ortiz? Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Just as a matter of order. Did we have to approve the minutes first, from the previous meeting?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I think we need to approve the minutes of November 15th.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Oh, I'm sorry. I overlooked the minutes from November 15th.

D. Request Approval of the November 15, 2024, County Canvassing Board Special Meeting Minutes

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Do we have any changes, comments, issues, or concerns for the minutes from November 15th? If there are none, do we have a motion to approve the minutes from November 15th?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I make a motion to approve the minutes of November 15th.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Commissioner Hughes has made the motion to approve the minutes from November 15th. Do we have a second?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I will second.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Second from Commissioner Greene.

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

E. Request Approval of the April 1, 2025, Española Public School District No. 55 Report of the Canvass, Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 1-13-13(B) (continued)

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Now any questions for Ms. Ortiz? Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Tell me again what percentage of eligible voters voted?

MS. ORTIZ: So in Santa Fe County we had 7.75 percent voter turnout, and the district itself is 3,316. However, we do send a notice letting them know that there's going to be an election, and if they – if we get that notice undeliverable then we don't send them a ballot. So that is why only 3,117 ballots were sent, and only 428 were returned.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And that's from Santa Fe County's side of

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the line. And then just for kicks and giggles, do we know how Rio Arriba County did?

MS. ORTIZ: Yes. So they sent out over 17,000 ballots and they had a little over 2,000 returned.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: and so in the Española Valley, is there that many more people in the Rio Arriba County side of the Española School District?

MS. ORTIZ: Yes. We only have about seven precincts. And so the majority of the district is in Rio Arriba.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And it goes all the way up to like Hernandez and up into that area? And it goes deeper into Rio Arriba County?

MS. ORTIZ: Yes. And so the district as a whole is about 20,000.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Great. Thank you for explaining.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Any further questions? If we have no further questions, do we hear a motion to approve the April 1, 2025 Española Public School District number 55 report of the canvass?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I will move to approve.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Motion to approve by Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Second.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Second by Commissioner Cacari Stone.

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

F. Adjournment and Reconvening as the Board of County Commissioners

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: I would like to hear a motion to adjourn and reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: I move to adjourn and reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: A motion to adjourn and reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I'll second it then.

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

Having completed the agenda and with no further business to come before this body, Chair Bustamante declared this meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Approved by:

Camilla Bustamante Chair Board of County Commissioners

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ATTEST TO:

KATHARINE E. CLARK SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK



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Respectfully submitted:

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