

SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

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Board of County Commissioners Approves Santa Fe County Election Results for the 2025 Regular Local Election

Santa Fe County, NM — Following a successful Regular Local Election, the Santa Fe County Clerk's Office presented the official canvass results to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC), which voted unanimously to approve certification. The results will now move to the New Mexico Secretary of State's Office for state certification.

"After the excitement of Election Night, it's important to remember those were unofficial results," explained Clerk Katharine E. Clark. "Now, following a thorough canvassing process by our office, we have verified and balanced every ballot. The BCC's approval confirms that our elections continue to meet the highest standards of accuracy and transparency."

Clerk Clark also expressed gratitude to the Clerk's staff and the bipartisan Canvassing Board for their diligence: "Our team worked tirelessly to ensure the integrity of this process. Thanks to their professionalism, the 2025 RLE canvass was one of the smoothest yet."

During her presentation, Clerk Clark provided a comprehensive overview of the election cycle, including key voter turnout trends and innovations that supported a secure, accessible, and transparent election. She highlighted that total turnout exceeded the previous Regular Local Election, with Election Day voting surpassing early and absentee ballots combined — reflecting strong community participation.

Santa Fe County also became the first county in New Mexico to livestream Ranked Choice Voting tabulation rounds, allowing voters, candidates, and media to see results in real time—at the exact same moment as the Clerk's Office. This new level of transparency helped build public trust and confidence in the election process, with Santa Fe County releasing final results on Election Night—hours ahead of other counties.

New initiatives such as the Vote by Appointment pilot, expanded accessible voting resources, and youth engagement programs like *KidsVote* and the "*I Voted*" *Sticker Contest* helped modernize and energize civic participation across Santa Fe County.

"This marks the first phase of certification," added Clark. "Once counties certify their results, the Secretary of State's Office and an independent auditor conduct an additional layer of review. New Mexico's post-election audits are among the most robust in the nation, ensuring that every vote is counted exactly as cast."

The County canvass received unanimous approval (4-0) from the Board of County Commissioners.

For more information, please contact the Santa Fe County Clerk's Office at (505) 986-6280 or visit [SantaFe.vote](https://www.santafecounty.org/voting/santafe.vote).

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