

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING – 11-08-2022 GENERAL ELECTION CANVASS**

**OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**OF SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

**PRESENTED BY GERALDINE E. GUTIERREZ, COUNTY CLERK**

**ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022 AT 9:00 AM**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chairman Harold Garcia called the Special Meeting to order at 9:02 AM at the San Miguel County Administration Complex located at 500 West National Avenue Suite 200 Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701. The purpose of the meeting is to canvass the 2022 General Election held on November 8, 2022.

Upon a call of the roll by County Clerk Geraldine Gutierrez, Chairman Harold Garcia present, Vice-Chairman Janice Varela not present, Commissioner Max Trujillo not present, Commissioner Martin Sena present, and Commissioner Kenneth Medina present. A quorum was duly established.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

County Clerk Geraldine E. Gutierrez led the Pledge, and continued:

**SALUTATION TO THE NEW MEXICO STATE FLAG:**

**“I salute the flag of the State of New Mexico and the Zia Symbol of perfect friendship among United Cultures.”**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

No changes indicated.

Motion made by Commissioner Kenneth Medina to approve the agenda. Second by Commissioner Martin Sena. Motion carried.

## **REGULAR ORDER**

### **1. CANVASS OF THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022 GENERAL ELECTION**

San Miguel County Clerk Geraldine Gutierrez presented the Board of County Commissioners the Canvass of the Election results for the November 8, 2022 General Election. Chief Deputy Clerk Louanna Ortega assisted in the Canvassing review.

Clerk Gutierrez outlined the operational standards on Election Day, and then presented ballot counts for each of the VCCs ballot tabulators by referencing the results tape of each ICE machine. Chairman Harold Garcia read the final ICE results page for each tabulator as County Clerk and Chief Deputy cross-referenced to the final results report. Commissioners participated in the process and voiced questions, corrections and edits as Chairman Garcia read each tape.

VCCs were verified in the following order:

Las Vegas City Schools 'Mike Marr' High School Gymnasium (3 total ICE)

West Las Vegas Schools 'Gillie Lopez' Gymnasium (3 total ICE)

Pecos Independent Schools High School Gymnasium (3 total ICE)

WLVS Valley Elementary/Junior High Gymnasium (2 total ICE)

\*The VCCs listed below had 1 total ICE:

VCC Rociada Fire Station (Pct. 9)

VCC Mike Mateo Elementary (Pct. 10)

VCC Bernal Community Center (Pct. 13)

VCC Trujillo School House (Pct. 14)

VCC Conchas Fire Station (Pct. 15)

VCC Sheridan Fire Station (Pct. 16)

VCC Home of Manuel Tenorio, Tecolotito (Pct. 17)

VCC San Juan Community Center (Pct. 21)

VCC Trementina Fire Station (Pct. 33)

The Chairman called for a short break at this point, 10:19 AM. The break was rescinded at 10:29 and Canvass Special Meeting was resumed:

Traditional Precinct verification:

Tecolote Community Center (Pct. 32)

The Canvass moved to verify Absentee Voting (3 total ICE, 2 were used, one was a Zero Report). The Absentee ICE results report was verified; in addition, a hand-counted tally sheet was

verified as some returned ballots in the envelope when opened have tears or slight imperfections which the ICE ballot tabulator is not able to scan. Total absentee cast: 1,345.

The Canvass moved to verify Early Voting held at the San Miguel County Administrative Complex (2 total ICE) Early ballots cast numbered 2,951. Upon SMC Administrative Complex verification, the Canvass moved on to Early Voting Ribera Community Cultural Center (1 total ICE) Early ballots cast numbered 524.

Absentee Hand Tallied Ballots cast [some returned ballots - in the envelope - when opened have tears or slight imperfections which the ICE ballot tabulator is unable to scan] the Commission, Clerk and Chief Deputy reconciled hand-tallied absentee ballots to confirm the report sent to Secretary of State.

Upon Absentee verification, the Canvass moved on to the UOCAVA (Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act). UOCAVA results verified.

Upon UOCAVA verification, the Canvass moved to verify Election Day Provisional Ballots received from VCC and Traditional Precincts. Provisional Ballots are hand-tallied. Four provisional ballots were approved; three were not. No basis or finding of fraud was indicated in submission of these Provisional Ballots submitted. The Canvass verified Election Day Provisional Ballots.

The ICE result tapes and ballot counts are in concert with the Final Results Report submitted to the Secretary of State.

County Clerk Geraldine Gutierrez requested a Motion to approve the 2022 General Election Canvass.

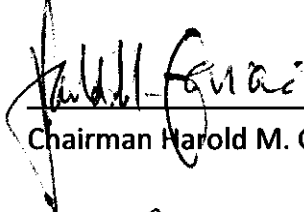
Motion made by Commissioner Kenneth Medina to approve the Canvass of the Election Results for the General Election held on Tuesday, November 08, 2022. Second by Commissioner Martin Sena. Motion carried.

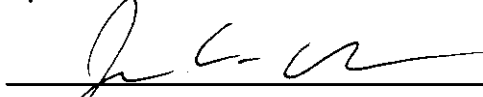
The Commissioners thanked the County Clerk and Staff on the ease in operations for this Election.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Commissioner Kenneth Medina to adjourn the Special Canvass Meeting. Second by Commissioner Martin Sena. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:53 PM.

Approved this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022 as the Official Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners of San Miguel County New Mexico of its 11-08-2022 General Election Canvass Special Meeting held November 14, 2022.

  
Chairman Harold M. Garcia, District 1

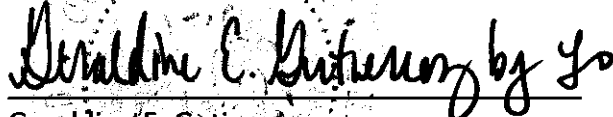
  
Vice-Chairman Janice C. Varela District 2

  
Commissioner Max Trujillo, District 3

  
Commissioner Martin Sena District 4

  
Commissioner Kenneth Medina District 5

ATTEST:

  
Geraldine E. Gutierrez

San Miguel County Clerk

  
Minutes submitted by Jacob P. Gonzales