

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING**  
**- 2023 REGULAR LOCAL ELECTION CANVASS -**  
**OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**OF SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**  
**PRESENTED BY LOUANNA G. ORTEGA, COUNTY CLERK**  
**HELD WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chairman Harold Garcia called the Special Meeting to order at 9:00 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 2023 Regular Local Election held on November 7, 2023.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

County Clerk Louanna G. Ortega led the Pledge, and:

**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 for approval of the agenda. Second by Commissioner Janice Varela. Motion carried.

## **REGULAR ORDER**

### **1. CANVASS OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023 REGULAR LOCAL ELECTION**

San Miguel County Clerk Louanna G. Ortega presented the Board of County Commissioners the Canvass of the Election results for the November 7, 2023 Regular Local Election.

County Clerk Ortega 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 the final results report. Commissioners Varela and Medina participated in the process and voiced questions, corrections and edits as Chairman Garcia read each tape.

VCC's:

Las Vegas City Schools 'Mike Marr' High School Gymnasium (total votes:  
Pecos Independent Schools High School Gymnasium  
West Las Vegas Schools 'Gillie Lopez' Gymnasium  
Valley Elementary/Junior High Gymnasium (WLV Schools)

Upon VCC verification, the Canvass moved on to verify each of the traditional precincts – now, also known as VCCs – in the following order:

Precinct 9 Rociada Fire Station  
Precinct 10 Mike Mateo Elementary  
Precinct 13 Bernal Community Center  
Precinct 14 Trujillo School House  
Precinct 15 Conchas Fire Station  
Precinct 16 Sheridan Fire Station  
Precinct 17 Home of Manuel Tenorio, Tecolotito  
Precinct 21 San Juan Community Center  
Precinct 32 Tecolote Community Center  
Precinct 33 Trementina Fire Station

Upon Traditional Precinct verification – now VCCs - the Canvass moved to verify Early Voting held at the San Miguel County Administrative Complex. Upon SMC Administrative Complex Early Voting verification, the Canvass moved on to Early Voting at Ribera Community Cultural Center.

Upon Early Voting Sites verification, the Canvass moved to verify Absentee Voting. 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 tabulator is not able to scan.

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

County Clerk Louanna G. Ortega requested a Motion to approve the 2023 Regular Local Election Canvass.

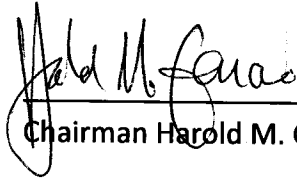
Motion made by Vice Chairman Janice Varela to approve the Canvass of the Election Results for the Regular Local Election held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. Second by Commissioner Martin Sena. Motion carried.

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Commissioner Janice Varela to adjourn the Special Canvass Meeting. Second by Commissioner Kenneth Medina. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

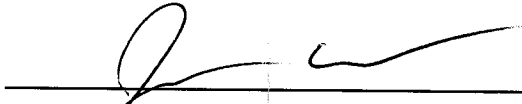
Approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023 as the Official Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners of San Miguel County, New Mexico of its 2023 Regular Local Election Canvass Special Meeting held the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.



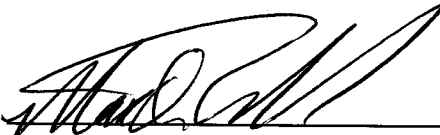
Chairman Harold M. Garcia, District 1



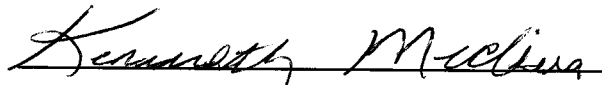
Vice-Chairman Martin Sena, District 4



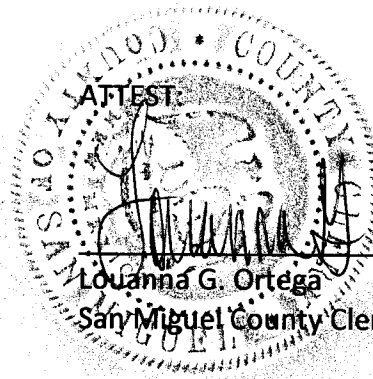

Commissioner Janice Varela, District 2

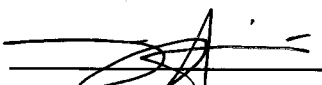


Commissioner Max Trujillo, District 3



Commissioner Kenneth Medina District 5

  
ATTEST  
  
Louanna G. Ortega  
San Miguel County Clerk

  
Minutes submitted by Jacob P. Gonzales