

SALT LAKE COUNTY

*2001 S State Street, N1-100
Salt Lake City, UT 84114*



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

4:00 PM

Room N2-800

Board of Canvassers

1. Call to Order

Present: Board Member Arlyn Bradshaw
Board Member Aimee Winder Newton

Excused: Board Member Steve DeBry

Call In: Chair Max Burdick
Board Member Shireen Ghorbani
Board Member Jim Bradley
Board Member Richard Snelgrove
Board Member Michael Jensen
Board Member Ann Granato

**1.1 Statement of Board Chair Max Burdick Concerning the [20-1134](#)
Temporary Conduct of Electronic Meetings of the Council
Consistent with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act**

Attachments: [BOC OPMA Statement](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Mr. Mitchell Park, Legal Counsel, Council Office, referred to the temporary conduct of electronic meetings of the Salt Lake County Council that is consistent with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act. This allows the Council to hold electronic meetings without a physical anchor location.

2. Public Comment

Mr. Steve Van Maren thanked Sherrie Swensen, County Clerk, and the Election Division for their hard work.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 Approval of July 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes [20-1133](#)

Attachments: [072120 - BOC Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Bradshaw, seconded by Council Member Jensen, moved to approve this agenda item. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chair Burdick
Board Member Ghorbani
Board Member Bradley
Board Member Snelgrove
Board Member Bradshaw
Board Member Jensen
Board Member Winder Newton
Board Member Granato

Excused: Board Member DeBry

4. Discussion Items

4.1 Canvass of November 3, 2020 General Election [20-1132](#)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

THIS BEING THE TIME heretofore set to canvass the official election results for the 2020 General Election.

Ms. Sherrie Swensen, County Clerk, stated this election was a monumental task. There was an increase of 100,000 voters since 2016, and 93,000 since Election Day 2018. This election, there were 610,218 active registered voters, and a turnout of 90.11 percent with 549,882 ballots cast. Of those, 51,411 were in-person ballots, and 498,471 were mail-in ballots.

There were some individuals concerned about the wait times to get the results, but there is always a two-week canvassing period to make sure every ballot gets processed and every eligible vote counted. This year, people working in the ballot center also had to social distance.

She submitted the final results for the 2020 General Election to be certified by the Board of Canvassers, including the write-in results. The lists are made part of the minutes by reference.

A motion was made by Council Member Jensen, seconded by Council Member Ghorbani, to approve the 2020 General Election results as presented and certify them. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chair Burdick
Board Member Ghorbani
Board Member Bradley
Board Member Snelgrove
Board Member Bradshaw
Board Member Jensen
Board Member Winder Newton
Board Member Granato

Excused: Board Member DeBry

5. Other Committee Business

Council Member Snelgrove introduced the three newly elected Council Members Dea Theodore, Laurie Stringham, and Dave Alvord. He thanked the departing Council Members Shireen Ghorbani, Michael Jensen and Max Burdick for all their hard work over the years.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.

SHERRIE SWENSEN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, BOARD OF CANVASSERS