



**CITY OF MIAMI BEACH  
NOVEMBER 5, 2019 GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS**

**CANVASSING BOARD MEETING  
AFTER-ACTION**

November 7, 2019  
Office of the Supervisor of Elections  
2700 NW 87th Avenue  
Miami, FL 33172

**Canvassing Board Members:**

Judy Hoanshelt, Qualified Miami Beach Elector	Present
Honorable Raul Cuervo, County Court Judge	Present
Rafael E. Granado, City of Miami Beach City Clerk	Present

**Substitute/Alternate Members:**

Honorable Eleane Sosa-Bruzon, County Court Judge (Alternate & Substitute Member)	Absent
Jimmy McMillion, Qualified Miami Beach Elector (Alternate & Substitute Member)	Present

**Staff:**

Jean Olin – Attorney representing the Canvassing Board	Present
Regis Barbou – Office Associate V, Office of the City Clerk	Present
Elizabeth Prieto - Elections Coordination Manager, Miami-Dade County Elections	Present
Vanessa Innocent – Miami-Dade County Elections	Present

**5:04 p.m.**

Judge Cuervo convened the meeting at 5:04 p.m. on November 7, 2019.

**I. Canvassing of Vote-by-Mail and Provisional Ballots.**

The Canvassing Board proceeded to review the two Provisional Ballots that were presumed invalid as the voters had registered after book closing. Said two ballots were rejected/not accepted by the Canvassing Board.

The Canvassing Board proceeded to review one Provisional Ballot that was presumed valid as the voter had subsequently to voting provided identification. Said ballot was accepted by the Canvassing Board.

Vanessa Innocent, Miami-Dade County Election, notified the Canvassing Board that thirty-five Signature Affidavits had been received. Thirty-two of which were deemed valid votes by the Elections Department, and three were presumed invalid ballots.

The Canvassing Board rejected all the Vote-by-Mail ballots for which a Signature Affidavit had not been received. These Vote-by-Mail envelopes went through a “soft rejection” on Tuesday November 5, 2019.

The Canvassing Board rejected the three Vote-by-Mail ballots for which a Signature Affidavit had been received but were presumed Invalid. For two of said Vote-by-Mail ballots no identification was provided. For one of said Vote-by-Mail ballots the signature did not match the identification provided.

JC Planas asked whether the thirty-two Vote-by-Mail ballots that were deemed valid by the Elections Department had been counted.

Christina White, Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections, responded that the thirty-two Vote-by-Mail ballots include ballots received on Election Night and today.

Steven Meiner requested to view the names of all the voters in the pile of rejected ballots.

**5:29 p.m.**

Recess called to allow for tabulation.

## **II. Recount of Group IV Race.**

**6:03 p.m.**

The Canvassing Board moved to order a machine recount of the final first-set of unofficial results. All members agreed.

**6:07 p.m.**

Recess called.

**6:23 p.m.**

Canvassing Board called back to order.

Jean Olin stated that because the difference between the number of votes received by Michael "Mike B" Barrineau and Steven Meiner was so close, a manual recount is required, and voter intent needs may must be ascertained.

Christina White stated that Group IV ballots will be divided as follows: Early Voting, Vote-by-Mail, and Election Day.

Canvassing Board discussed the definition of undervote and overvote.

LaRhonda Wimberly presented the Canvassing Board with the results of three vote counting machines.

Judge Cuervo accepted the zeroed-out results.

LaRhonda Wimberly presented the Canvassing Board with the Logic and Accuracy test results.

Canvassing Board accepted the Logic and Accuracy test results.

LaRhonda Wimberly presented the Canvassing Board once again with the zeroed-out results of the voting machines demonstrating there are currently no votes tallied by the machines.

Canvassing Board accepted the latest zeroed-out results.

Canvassing Board moved to commence machine recount.

**7:54 p.m.**

Meeting called back to order.

Judge Cuervo read out the latest numbers after the machine recount:

Michael "Mike B" Barrineau	2,321
Kristen Rosen Gonzalez	3,699
Steven Meiner	2,323
Rafael A. Velasquez	1,376

Christina White stated that the manual recount should now begin.

**8:00 p.m.**

Rafael Granado called for a recess until 8:15 p.m.

**8:15 p.m.**

Jean Olin explained to the Canvassing Board the standard they must use in the review process and stressed the importance of clearly ascertaining the voter's intent.

Christina White stated that copies of the reviewing standards are on the table to clarify any questions.

Canvassing Board deliberated how the process would take place and how they would decide on what constitutes a vote and what should be rejected.

The Canvassing Board authorized the commencement of the manual recount.

Three teams of two reviewed the overvotes and undervotes. (One team for Election Day ballots. One team for Early Voting ballots. One team for Vote-by-Mail ballots.) Those ballots where intent was not clear to the three teams were brought to the Canvassing Board.

Election Day ballots with no clear voter intent were brought out and the following decisions were made:

**Ballot 1:** Clear intent for Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

**Ballot 2:** Clear intent for Steven Meiner

**Ballot 3:** Clear intent for Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

**Ballot 4:** Clear intent for Michael "Mike B" Barrineau

**Ballot 5:** Clear intent for Michael "Mike B" Barrineau. Objection from Joe Geller. Overruled by the Canvassing Board.

Early Voting ballots with no clear voter intent were brought in and the following decisions were made:

**Ballot 1:** Overvote. No clear indication of vote. Objection from Joe Geller. Overruled by the Canvassing Board.

**Ballot 2:** Clear intent for Michael "Mike B" Barrineau. Objection from Joe Geller. Overruled by the Canvassing Board.

Joe Geller, Attorney for Michael "Mike B" Barrineau, asked the Canvassing Board and Election Department to indicate which ballots he objected to for future reference.

Christina White stated that a paperclip and identifier will be attached to the objected ballots.

Vote-by-Mail ballots with no clear voter intent were brought in and the following decisions were made:

**Ballot 1:** Clear intent for Steven Meiner. Objection from JC Planas. Overruled by Canvassing Board.

**Ballot 2:** Clear intent for Kristen Rosen Gonzalez.

**Ballot 3:** Not clear voter intent.

**Ballot 4:** Clear intent for Steven Meiner. Objection from JC Planas. Overruled by Canvassing Board.

**Ballot 5:** No clear voter intent between Kristen Rosen Gonzalez or Rafael A. Velasquez.

**Ballot 6:** No clear voter intent between Michael "Mike B" Barrineau or Rafael A. Velasquez.

**Ballot 7:** Clear intent for Michael "Mike B" Barrineau. Objection from Joe Geller. Overruled by Canvassing Board.

**Ballot 8:** Clear intent for Kristen Rosen Gonzalez.

**Ballot 9:** Clear intent for Kristen Rosen Gonzalez.

**Ballot 10:** Clear intent for Kristen Rosen Gonzalez.

**Ballot 11:** Clear intent for Rafael A. Velasquez.

**Ballot 12:** No clear voter intent.

**Ballot 13:** No clear voter intent.

**Ballot 14:** Clear intent for Kristen Rosen Gonzalez.

**Ballot 15:** Clear intent for Kristen Rosen Gonzalez.

**Ballot 16:** No clear voter intent.

**9:21 p.m.**

Canvassing Board began reviewing the duplicated ballots.

**9:30 p.m.**

Jean Olin stated that the review process for the manual recount has concluded.

**9:48 p.m.**

Christina White presented the Canvassing Board with the results from the manual recount.

Rafael E. Granado read out the results from the manual recount:

Michael "Mike B" Barrineau	2,325 votes
Kristen Rosen Gonzalez	3,705 votes
Steven Meiner	2,327 votes
Rafael A. Velasquez	1,377 votes

### **III. Discussion of Post-Election audit**

**9:35 p.m.**

Jean Olin notified the Canvassing Board that the manual recount that was just held could substitute for the manual post-election audit that is scheduled for November 12, 2019. The Canvassing Board agreed to cancel the manual post-election audit.

### **IV. Certification of Official Results**

**9:50 p.m.**

Christina White presented the Canvassing Board with the Official Results of the November 5, 2019 General and Special Election (including Vote-by-Mail and provisional ballots). The members of the Canvassing Board accepted and signed the result copies.

Name Badges - A new State Statute requires that each member, substitute member, and alternate member of the Canvassing board and all clerical help must wear identification badges during any period in which the Canvassing Board is canvassing votes or engaging in other official duties. The identification badges should be worn in a conspicuous and unobstructed area and include the name of the individual and his or her official position. Judge Raul Cuervo, Rafael E. Granado, and Judy Hoanshelt wore their identification badge while engaging in their official duties.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 p.m.