

CITY OF HIALEAH



CITY OF HIALEAH ELECTION CANVASSING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting day, date and time: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting location: Office of the Supervisor of Elections, Miami-Dade County Elections Department, 2700 NW 87th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33172

Canvassing Board Members:

- The Honorable Andrew S. Hague, Judge for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in and for Miami-Dade County, *Chair*
- The Honorable Shelley J. Kravitz, Judge for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in and for Miami-Dade County, *Substitute*
- Marbelys Fatjo, Esq., *City Clerk*

- The Honorable Victoria Ferrer, Judge for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in and for Miami-Dade County, *Alternate*
- The Honorable Michaelle Gonzalez-Paulson, Judge for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in and for Miami-Dade County, *Alternate*

REPORT: Canvassing Board Members Present:

- The Honorable Andrew S. Hague, Judge for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in and for Miami-Dade County, *Chair*
- The Honorable Shelley J. Kravitz, Judge for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in and for Miami-Dade County, *Substitute*
- Marbelys Fatjo, Esq., *City Clerk*

REPORT: Miami-Dade County Elections Department Employees Present:

- Elizabeth Prieto, Elections Coordinator Manager
- Carmen Bofill

This meeting of the City of Hialeah Canvassing Board is called in accordance with the general election laws of the State of Florida, for the canvassing of presumed invalid vote-by-mail ballots, tabulation of results, and to obtain the unofficial results of the 2017 City of Hialeah Primary and Special Elections.

REPORT: Canvassing of ballots presumed invalid commenced at 6:07 p.m.

1. Duplication of ballots

REPORT: Ballots were duplicated by Elizabeth Prieto in the presence of a majority of the Canvassing Board, Judge Andrew Hague and Marbelys Fatjo.

2. No Signature – 123 ballots were presented to the Canvassing Board.

REPORT: 123 ballots were rejected as illegal.

3. Miscellaneous Variation – 2 ballots were presented to the Canvassing Board.

REPORT: 2 ballots were rejected as illegal.

4. Voted at Early Voting Site – 1 ballot was presented to the Canvassing Board.

REPORT: 1 ballot was rejected as illegal.

5. Voted at Polls – 1 ballot was presented to the Canvassing Board.

REPORT: 1 ballot was rejected as illegal.

6. Already voted on their own ballot – 1 ballot was presented to the Canvassing Board.

REPORT: 1 ballot was rejected as illegal.

7. No Vote by Mail Request on File – 5 ballots were presented to the Canvassing Board.

REPORT: 5 ballots were rejected as illegal.

8. No Signature Affidavit – Illegible ID/Not Signed – 1 ballot was presented to the Canvassing Board.

REPORT: 1 ballot was rejected as illegal.

9. No Signature Affidavit – No ID provided – 7 ballots were presented to the Canvassing Board.

REPORT: 7 ballots were rejected as illegal.

10. Signature Differ Affidavit – No ID provided – 2 ballots were presented to the Canvassing Board.

REPORT: 2 ballots were rejected as illegal.

11. Signature Does Not Match – 169 ballots were presented to the Canvassing Board.

REPORT: 80 ballots were accepted as legal, 3 of which are being referred to the State Attorney's Office for prosecution and 3 of which require a signature update from the registered voter(s).

REPORT: 89 ballots were rejected as illegal.

REPORT: Canvassing of ballots presumed invalid was completed at 8:30 p.m.

REPORT of Unofficial Results from Miami-Dade County Department of Elections for the City of Hialeah November 7, 2017 Primary and Special Elections:

1. Report of all precinct votes, absentee ballot votes and early voting votes for each candidate in the City of Hialeah Council – Mayor:

Tania Garcia – 2,307 total votes (15.62%)
Carlos Hernandez – 11,635 total votes (78.80%)
Juan Santana – 823 total votes (5.57%)

2. Report of all precinct votes, absentee ballot votes and early voting votes for each candidate in the City of Hialeah Council – Group V race:

Ernesto Avila – 1,558 total votes (10.89%)
Angel Omar Fajardo – 767 total votes (5.36%)
Juan Carlos Santana – 1,200 total votes (8.39%)
Carl Zogby – 10,783 total votes (75.36%)

3. Report of all precinct votes, absentee ballot votes and early voting votes for each candidate in the City of Hialeah Council – Group VII race:

Katharine “Katy” Cue Fuente – 10,407 total votes (76.35%)
Rafael L. Gomez – 3,223 total votes (23.65%)

4. Report of all precinct votes, absentee ballot votes and early voting votes for Charter Amendment, Sale of City Lands race:

Yes – 7,286 total votes (57.15%)
No – 5,462 total votes (42.85%)

5. Report of all precinct votes, absentee ballot votes and early voting votes for Charter Amendment, Sale of Real Property race:

Yes – 8,364 total votes (66.25%)

No – 4,260 total votes (33.75%)

6. Report that pursuant to Hialeah Charter § 5.08, no election for the Council Group VI race was required as there was only one duly qualified candidate, Paul Hernandez, for said office.

REPORT: The following candidates for Mayor and City Council Groups V and VII, having received a majority of the votes canvassed and certified are deemed elected:

City of Hialeah Mayor – Carlos Hernandez

City of Hialeah Council Member Group V – Carl Zogby

City of Hialeah Council Member, Group VII – Katharine “Katy” Cue Fuente

Further, Paul Hernandez, being the only duly qualified candidate for the City of Hialeah Group VI is deemed elected.