

MINUTES OF THE WYOMING STATE CANVASSING BOARD
CAPITOL COMPLEX AUDITORIUM
CHEYENNE, WYOMING
August 28, 2024

In accordance with the Wyoming Election Code, W.S. 22-16-118, the State Canvassing Board met on August 28th, 10:00 a.m. in the Capitol Complex Auditorium, to canvass the statewide returns of the Primary Election held on August 20th, 2024.

Members of the State Canvassing Board present were:

Honorable Chuck Gray, Secretary of State, Chairman
Honorable Mark Gordon, Governor
Honorable Kristi Racines, State Auditor
Honorable Curtis E. Meier, Jr., State Treasurer (via Zoom)

In-Person Attendees at the meeting were: CJ Young, Paul Raines, Jesse Naiman, Drew Perkins, Micah Pfaffe, Richard Garrett, Susan Graham, Samuel Adams, Dubhlainn Adams, Stephanie Marsh, Lee Filer, Malcolm Ervin, Maggie Mullen, Lori Medina, Rob Geringer, Milo Gladstein, Noah Zahn, Leo Wolfson, and Dawn Williams. Zoom registrants included Marissa Carpio. The meeting was livestreamed online.

Call to Order & Introductory Remarks

Secretary Gray called the meeting to order and began by noting the presence of Governor Gordon, Auditor Racines, and Treasurer Meier, who was present via Zoom. Secretary Gray provided the statutory basis and the purpose for the meeting of the State Canvassing Board. He continued that the Canvassing Board would be reviewing the state abstract as prepared by the Secretary of State's Office and certify the State Abstract as the official State Canvass.

Secretary Gray informed the board that the State Abstract indicates, by county, the number of ballots cast by each political party, the number of votes cast for each candidate, the write-in candidates receiving a significant number of votes to affect the outcome of the election and the respective number of votes, and the number of votes for and against each ballot proposition.

Secretary Gray then spoke about the 2024 Primary Election, and thanked the county clerks, election judges, poll watchers, and other volunteers that made the 2024 Primary Election a success, as well as to all Wyomingites who voted. He noted the unique statutory changes implemented in this election, including changes to the absentee voting period.

Secretary Gray then gave the floor to CJ Young, State Election Director, to provide the overview of the State Abstract.

Director Young's Opening Remarks

Director Young discussed the process of the Secretary of State's Office in verifying, comparing, reconciling and auditing statewide election results for the Canvassing Board meeting, and thanked everyone involved in making the 2024 Election a success.

General Information

Director Young then gave an overview of issues encountered before and on the date of the Primary Election which were addressed and resolved by both the Wyoming Secretary of State's Office and county clerks. Director Young discussed the process to ensure public testing of voting equipment was conducted in accordance with Wyoming law, efforts to ensure public concerns were addressed, and election-day issues encountered by Sweetwater County and Lincoln County, and how those were addressed by the respective County Clerks and onsite support staff.

Candidate Participation

Director Young then gave a summary of total races, broken out by federal/legislative, write-in nominations, uncontested races, and summary of candidates on ballot]

- 79 races on each party ballot, 2 federal and 77 legislative races
- Total of 163 candidates; 7 federal, 35 State Senate, and 121 State House of Representatives.

Voter Turnout

Director Young then summarized voter turnout statistics for the 2024 Primary Election based on estimates from the Wyoming Economic Analysis Division of the Department of Administration and Information, and provided highlights including:

- 54% with 122,718 voters of the 226,062 registered
- 27% of the voting age population voted

Post-Election Audit

Director Young informed the board about the post-election audit, which was conducted in all 23 counties pursuant to Wyoming Statute 22-6-130, and that there were no findings or observations.

Recounts

Director Young continued his presentation by highlighting the relevant statutes that govern the recount process, and discussed the mandatory recount conducted in accordance with W.S. 22-16-109 in the Republican Primary for Wyoming House District 62 between Edis Allen and Kevin Campbell, specifically that there was no change to the results in either county based on the recount.

Presentation of Statewide Abstract

Director Young requested permission to begin walking the Board through the 2024 Statewide Primary Election Abstract.

Secretary Gray paused for any questions from the board, and then approved Director Young to begin.

Mr. Young directed the Board's attention to the abstract and reiterated that all of the results have been verified, compared, reconciled, and audited for accuracy.

In reviewing the abstract, Mr. Young directed the Board to review the Total Ballots Cast report that breaks down the total ballots cast by county and party. He reiterated that the total ballots cast in the 2024 Primary Election were 122,718. He then directed the board's attention to the Total Ballots Cast in each county broken down by precinct and party, reconciled with the Total Ballots Cast Summary.

Director Young discussed the Statewide Summary that contains results for Statewide Candidates. He informed the Board that this is broken down by county and party, and pointed out that this report includes results for United States Senator, with John Barrasso as the Republican nominee and Scott D Morrow as the Democratic nominee, and the results for United States Representative, with Harriet Hageman as the Republican nominee and Kyle G. Cameron as the Democratic nominee.

Director Young then called the Board's attention to the Statewide Summaries of the 15 State Senate races. He reiterated the report is broken down by county and party with totals at the bottom.

He then requested the Board review the Statewide Summaries of the 62 State House races. He reiterated the report is broken down by county and party with totals at the bottom.

Director Young then briefly mentioned the precinct-by-precinct results reflecting results within each precinct in each county, broken down by contest and party.

He then drew the board's attention to the write-in candidate summary, which would be discussed after the certification of the statewide abstract.

Public Comment on Statewide Abstract

Secretary Gray then opened the floor for public comment on the Statewide Abstract.

Susan Graham of Cheyenne commented on the public testing of voting equipment in Laramie County, and that the public testing left something to be desired.

Director Young then recommended the certification of the Statewide Abstract by the canvassing board.

Certification of Statewide Abstract

Secretary Gray asked for a motion to certify the Statewide Abstract as the Official State Canvass.

Auditor Racines moved to certify the statewide abstract for the 2024 Primary Election, as the official State Canvass. Governor Gordon seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Presentation of Write-In Abstract

Director Young proceeded to discuss the write-in candidates that were submitted to the Secretary of State's office.

Director Young then reviewed the statutory requirements for successful write-in candidates to be nominated for the General Election. He noted that a threshold of 25 votes is required, they must be a registered voter of the party they were nominated by on the day of the election, and they must receive a sufficient number of votes to affect the results of the election. Director Young noted that the first write-in candidate to satisfy these requirements was Larry Alwin as the Democratic nominee in House District 28, Martha Wright as the Democratic nominee in House District 29, and Carmen Whitehead as the Democratic nominee in House District 60.

Public Comment on Write-In Abstract

Secretary Gray then opened the floor for public comment on the Write-In Abstract. There was no public comment on the Write-In Abstract.

Certification of Write-In Abstract

Director Young then recommended the board certify the statewide write-in abstract as the Official Write-In Canvass and offer the write-in nomination to Larry Alwin Democratic nominee HD28, Martha Wright Democratic nominee for HD29, and Carmen Whitehead as Democratic nominee for HD60.

Auditor Racines moved to certify the Statewide Write-In Abstract and the Legislative Write-in Abstract as the official Write-In Canvass and to offer nominations to Larry Alwin as the Democratic nominee in House District 28, Martha Wright as the Democratic nominee in House District 29, and Carmen Whitehead as the Democratic nominee in House District 60. Governor Gordon seconded the motion, and Secretary Gray opened the floor for discussion. Hearing none, the motion passed unanimously.

Auditor Racines asked if the State Canvassing Board ever had to draw lots as contemplated by statute. Governor Gordon noted of one instance he could recall in which there was a tie vote.

Governor Gordon congratulated the Wyoming Secretary of State's Office and the Wyoming county clerks for their work in making the 2024 Primary Election a success.

Further Public Comment

Secretary Gray then opened the floor for additional public comment now that both abstracts had been certified.

County Clerks Association President Malcolm Ervin of Platte County thanked the Secretary of State's Office staff for their assistance in the days leading up to the 2024 Primary Election and the 2024 Primary Election. Secretary of State Gray thanked Clerk Ervin for all of his work as president of the County Clerks Association of Wyoming.

Richard Garrett commented on his experience in counting absentee ballots in Laramie County, and commended the Laramie County Clerk's Office on the training and the meaning of the process.

While public comment was open, Treasurer Meier confirmed his votes as a member of the Board, and informed the Board that once he read the minutes when they were compiled, that, per the Attorney General's Office's guidance, he authorized a designee from the State Treasurer's Office to affix his signature if he approved them.

Marissa Carpio, of the Equality State Policy Center, noted that new statutory changes labeled election integrity measurers, including changes to absentee voting periods and crossover voting, were actually voter suppression efforts, but was hopeful that members of the Secretary of State's Office and county clerks would work together in the future.

Further Discussion by Canvassing Board and Concluding Remarks

Secretary of State Gray informed the board that following the meeting of the State Canvassing Board, the official minutes will be produced by the Secretary of State's Office for their signatures, and that the State Abstract and the minutes will be filed in the Secretary of State's Office.

Secretary Gray reiterated his thanks to the county clerks, election judges, poll watchers, and everyone that made the 2024 Primary Election a success. He noted that the emphasis of his administration is that it is always improving, and pointed to his past and continuing election integrity efforts to make Wyoming's elections better and better.

Adjournment

Secretary Gray then asked for a motion to adjourn.

Auditor Racines moved to adjourn the meeting of the official State Canvass. This motion was seconded by Governor Gordon, and passed unanimously.

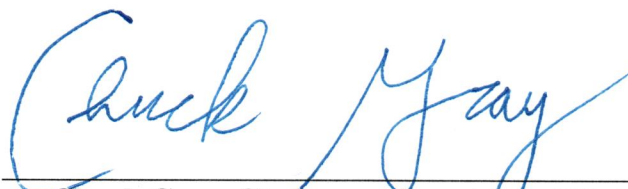
***All documents submitted to the Board have been attached to these minutes and are made a part thereof. A video recording of the meeting is also kept with the official record.**

CERTIFICATION BY STATE CANVASSING BOARD

Primary Election – August 20th, 2024

This is to certify that the undersigned members of the State Canvassing Board, having canvassed all of the returns of the Primary Election held on August 20th, 2024, do hereby certify that the attached is a full, true and correct summary of said canvass and that the attached minutes are a true record of the proceedings of the State Canvassing Board.

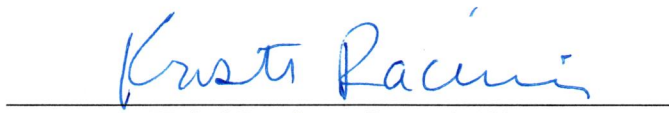
We hereby affix our signatures this 28th day of August and I, Chuck Gray, do hereby affix the Great Seal of the State of Wyoming.



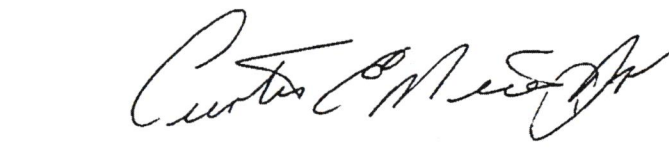
Chuck Gray, Chairman, Secretary of State



Mark Gordon, Governor



Kristi Racines, State Auditor



Curtis E. Meier, Jr, State Treasurer

