MINUTES OF THE WYOMING STATE CANVASSING BOARD
CAPITOL COMPLEX AUDITORIUM
CHEYENNE, WYOMING
November 10, 2026

In accordance with the Wyoming Election Code, W.S. 22-16-118, the State Canvassing Board met on November 10th, 10:00 a.m. in the Capitol Complex Auditorium, to canvass the statewide returns of the General Election held on November 3rd, 2026.

Members of the State Canvassing Board present were:

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

In-Person Attendees at the meeting were: Paul Raines, Frank Apollo, Justus Rieger, Colin Crossman, Micah Pfaffe, Dusty Shryack, Michelle Mickey, Ellie Anderson, Amanda Seymour, Betsy Anderson, Mackenzie Williams, Maureen Murphy, and Debra Lee. Zoom attendees included Joe Rubino and Elizabeth Eaton.

Call to Order & Introductory Remarks

Secretary Gray called the meeting to order and began by noting the presence of Governor Gordon, Treasurer Meier, Auditor Racines, and Secretary Gray, 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, 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, votes for judicial retention, and the number of votes for and against each ballot proposition. He outlined that there would be multiple times for public comment to be given throughout the meeting.

Secretary Gray then spoke about the 2026 General Election, and thanked county clerks, election judges, poll watchers, and those exercising their right to vote, that made the 2026 General Election a success. He noted that where issues arose, these were addressed, and that the Secretary of State's Office was committed to always striving for successful elections in the future.

Secretary Gray then gave the floor to Paul Raines, State Election Director, to provide a general overview of the conduct of the election, voter turnout, post-election audit, and the presentation of results of the state abstract.

Director Raines' Opening Remarks

Director Raines 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 2026 General Election a success.

General Information

Director Raines then gave an overview of issues encountered on and after the day of the 2026 General Election, which were addressed and resolved by both the Wyoming Secretary of State's Office and county clerks. He discussed efforts to ensure public concerns were addressed, and election-day issues encountered by Fremont and Park Counties were appropriately responded to. He also noted all 23 county clerks certified to the Secretary of State's Office public testing of voting equipment.

Candidate Participation

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

- 86 elective offices on the ballot before the board, 2 federal, 5 statewide, and 79 state legislative;
- 21 judges standing for retention, including 2 Supreme Court Justices;
- 1 ballot proposition, Proposed Initiative Proposition Number One.

Director Raines stated that there were a total of 130 candidates for these races.

Voter Turnout

Director Raines then summarized voter turnout statistics for the 2026 General Election based on estimates from the Wyoming Economic Analysis Division of the Department of Administration and Information, and provided highlights including:

- Overall turnout was 191,713, which represented 41.5% of the voting age population;

Post-Election Audit

Director Raines informed the board about the post-election audit, which was conducted in all 23 counties pursuant to W.S. 22-6-130.

Director Raines noted that all 23 counties reported no findings or observations in their audit of contests required by W.S. 22-6-130 and the counties' decision to audit legislative contests as well.

Recounts

Director Raines informed the Board that there were no mandatory recounts triggered by W.S. 22-16-109, or recounts requested by candidates under W.S. 22-16-110, for races before the Board.

Presentation of Statewide Abstract

Director Raines requested permission to begin walking the Board through the 2026 Statewide General Election Abstract.

Director Raines 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, Director Raines directed the Board to review the Total Ballots Cast report that breaks down the total ballots cast, noting that there were 191,713 ballots cast for the 2026 General Election, then directed the Board's attention to the Total Ballots Cast in each county broken down by precinct, reconciled with the Total Ballots Cast Summary.

Director Raines summarized the Statewide Summary that contains results for Statewide Candidates. He informed the Board that this report includes results for United States Senate, with Republican Harriet Hageman defeating Democrat James Byrd; for United States Representative, with Republican Chuck Gray defeating Democrat Lisa Kinney, Libertarian candidate Shawn Johnson and Constitution candidate Jeffrey Haggit; for Wyoming Governor, with Republican Eric Barlow defeating Democrat Kenneth R. Casner and Constitution Party candidate Rebecca Bextel; for Wyoming Secretary of State, with Republican Robert Short defeating Democrat Bryan McCarty and Constitution Party candidate Tamara Trujillo; for State Auditor, with Republican Kristi Racines winning election unopposed; for State Treasurer, Curt Meier winning election unopposed; and Superintendent of Public Instruction, with Republican Steve Harshman Defeating Democrat Ana Cordova.

Director Raines then called the Board's attention to the Statewide Summaries of the 17 State Senate races broken down by county.

He then requested the Board review the Statewide Summaries of the 62 State House races broken down by county.

He continued by requesting the board review the summaries of the 21 judicial retention elections, noting all judges up for retention votes were retained.

He continued that the next section contained the summary of ballot issues, which contains the results of Proposed Initiative Proposition Number One. He then informed the board that the "for" votes for a ballot initiative must be a majority of the total ballots cast. He

then noted that Proposed Initiative Proposition Number One did not receive a majority of votes cast, and therefore Proposed Initiative Proposition Number One did not pass.

Director Raines then briefly mentioned the precinct-by-precinct results reflecting results within each precinct in each county, with totals. He noted that there were no successful write-in candidates to report.

Director Raines also noted that, as a result of the election, the Constitution Party, having achieved more than 10% of votes cast for the office of Governor, achieved status as a major political party under Wyoming law, with the Libertarian Party remaining its status as a minor political party under Wyoming law.

Public Comment on Statewide Abstract

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

> Maureen Murphy, Teton County Clerk and President of the County Clerks Association of Wyoming, thanked everyone for their service, and highlighted the work of county clerks, election judges, members of the Secretary of State's Office, for their work administering the 2026 General Election. Treasurer Meier asked how another major party will affect administration of elections for clerks, and Clerk Murphy noted that the Constitution Party would be nominating candidates by primary election in 2028.
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> Elizabeth Eaton, who was present via Zoom, stated she had no comment at this time, and that she had spoken with Secretary of State's Office staff.

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

Certification of Statewide Abstract

Secretary Gray asked if there was a motion to certify the Statewide Abstract as the Official State Canvass.

> **Auditor Kristi Racines moved to certify the statewide abstract for the 2026 General Election, as the official State Canvass. Treasurer Curt Meier seconded the motion, and the motion to certify the statewide abstract passed unanimously.**

Further Public Comment

Secretary Gray again opened the floor for additional public comment now the abstract had been certified. There was no additional public comment.

Closing Remarks by Canvassing Board

Secretary Gray again thanked election officials, poll watchers, and voters for making the 2026 General Election a success. He reiterated that the State Canvassing Board certified the statewide abstract presented to the board as the official state abstract for the 2026 General Election as the official State Canvass. Secretary Gray opened the floor for closing comments from members of the Board.

Governor Gordon thanked the county clerks for being available, and the Secretary of State's Office's staff, particularly for their work assisting Weston County.

Treasurer Meier commented that we needed to continue to work to get higher voter turnout, and the need to vote. Auditor Racines reiterated those comments. Treasurer Meier and Secretary Gray noted it was a pleasure to work with other members of the board, and looked forward to continued service to the State of Wyoming.

Secretary Gray, with confirmation from the Attorney General's Office, authorized his deputy to affix his signature to the minutes reflecting his vote in accordance with Wyoming law, reiterating the Attorney General's Office's procedure for doing so. The Attorney General's Office affirmed this process.

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 Treasurer Meier, 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

General Election – November 3rd, 2026

This is to certify that the undersigned members of the State Canvassing Board, having canvassed all of the returns of the General Election held on November 3rd, 2026, 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 10th day of November 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