

Berkeley County Board of Canvassers
November 11, 2022

Call to Order

The meeting of the Berkeley County Board of Canvassers was held in the office of the Berkeley County Elections and Voter Registration on Friday, November 11, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Saturday.

Commissioners Present

Don Saturday, Frances Taylor, Don Rose, Darel Trout, Truman Metts and Pam Lamb. The record shows there is a quorum.

Director's Report

Absentee Ballots -

1 mailed absentee ballot was returned to the office unopened. The voter passed away prior to casting his ballot. The ballot was returned by the family marked as "not voted, voter deceased".

3 absentee ballots returned unopened by the Postal Service due to problems with the mailing address.

30 absentee ballots returned without witness signatures, as required by law.

35 absentee ballots were returned without the voter signature for the Oath, as required by law.

7 absentee ballots were received after 7pm on Election Day.

Provisional Ballots -

1 voter was registered in Orangeburg County but reported to vote in Berkeley County.

52 voters were registered in other counties throughout the state.

6 voters registered after the 30 day deadline.

14 voters not registered in South Carolina.

7 ballots lacked enough information that would allow the staff to research the voter and the reason for the Provisional Ballots. The Precincts have been identified and the Chairman has requested that the responsible Clerks be identified for further training.

4 voters had expired SC Drivers License, making the ID not valid according State law.

4 ballots were cast without a photo ID. 2 provided their ID at the office prior to certification and the other

2 claimed a "reasonable impediment" in trying to get a photo ID.

6 voters requesting absentee ballots did not receive their ballots and were able to vote after confirming that those ballots had not been cast.

2 voters requested and received absentee ballots but decided to destroy the ballots and vote in person. After confirming that the voters had not cast ballots, they were allowed to vote.

3 voters refused to vote on the machines because they "did not trust the machines." These votes cannot be counted because state law states the the voter has to use the machines if they are operational.

Failsafe Ballots -

14 voters had moved but returned to the Precinct where they were registered to vote. These votes can be counted.

32 voters moved but voted in their new precincts where they were not registered. These votes cannot be counted. The law states that the voters can vote a failsafe ballot in the precinct where they are registered or they can go to the mail office to record a change of address and vote there.

Meeting went into recess in order to open, count and record the acceptable ballots.

Official Results -

26 provisional ballots were counted and added to the total number of 72,041 unofficial ballots bringing the total numbers of acceptable ballots to 72,067. A motion was made and seconded and a vote followed to make the final number Official.

Public Comments -

Victoria Cowart from Berkeley GOP asked about voters who were mailed absentee ballots but later cast a ballot in person. This can occur when there is enough information for the voter registration staff to confirm that

the absentee ballot has not been cast or returned to the office.

A motion was made, seconded and voted in favor to adjourn.