

Minutes
Election Advisory Panel
November 28, 2012

Members present: Dan O'Connor, Debbie Gonzalez, Kathy Carithers, Kim Glasgal, Leslie Goller, Natalie Alden, and Scott Wiley

Members absent: Ed Gaston

Visitor: Jerry Holland, Supervisor of Elections

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.

Roll Call: Leslie Goller spoke to the panel about the importance of attendance in order to form a quorum.

Minutes: Natalie Alden motioned to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2012 meeting. Dan O'Connor, second.

Old Business:

General Election-

Early Voting/Absentee Voting - Leslie Goller stated voters appreciated the wait time listing on the website for Early Voting. The EViD machines are a nice help during Early Voting in which it allows poll workers to view whether or not someone has already voted in that election. Debbie Gonzalez suggests to push absentee voting.

Provisional Balloting - Jerry Holland stated there was approximately 7,700 provisional ballots from the General Election and of those approximately 2,600 were rejected after Canvassing Board reviewed them.

Equipment - Jerry Holland is overall happy with the tabulation of the new DS200 machines. The DS200 are equipped with the latest technology and is state certified. Currently looking into electronic poll register books for future elections.

Precinct Location - New voter registration cards were mailed to every voter so they were aware of new precinct number and location changes. With the presidential being a huge election, special assignment poll workers were placed at old polling precincts to direct voters to the new polling location.

Gateway SOE Warehouse and Branch Office Space Status-

City Council has directed Mayor Brown to look into the LaVilla properties for the new location of the Supervisor of Elections office which would be able to house both the office and warehouse in the same location. City Council introduced the Yates Building as a possible location, but Mr. Holland explained the difficulties with parking for poll worker training and the processes for loading and unloading voting equipment during election times.

Actions by EAP/EAP members-

Leslie Goller wrote a letter to the Editorial Board at the Florida Times Union to urge voters to utilize the option of early voting or absentee ballot voting for the upcoming General Election.

New Business:

Actions Needed by EAP-

Leslie Goller urged the panel to participate in the viewing of L&A testing of machines and the Canvassing Board in future elections.

Election of New Officers-

Affirmed by acclamation, all panel members are in favor of the newly elected officers. Kathy Carithers, chair; Scott Wiley, vice chair; Secretary, TBD.

Next Meeting Date-

Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. Since there are no elections scheduled for 2013, the panel is only required to meet 4 times out of the year.

Adjournment: 4:35 p.m.