



## DUVAL COUNTY ELECTION ADVISORY PANEL

### PRELIMINARY MINUTES

*(These minutes are unofficial until reviewed and approved by the Election Advisory Panel at a future meeting.)*

**March 19, 2025**

**3:00 p.m.**

**Don Davis Room  
City Hall**

**Meeting convened:** 3:04 pm

**Attendance:** Panel Members Lanelle Phillmon, Daniel Henry, Robert Maldonado, Robert Phillips and Austin Kwikkel

**Excused:** None

**Absent:** Ray Pringle, Carmen Martinez, Gloria Einstein

**Also:** Colleen Hampsey – City Council Research Division

Austin Kwikkel called the meeting to order, and the attendees introduced themselves for the record. With 5 of 8 seated EAP members present, quorum was determined.

#### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 4, 2024 meeting of the Election Advisory Panel were moved for approval.

**Motion/2nd** (Phillmon/Kwikkel) approve the December 4, 2024 minutes - **approved unanimously via a voice vote.**

#### Supervisor of Elections update

Robert Phillips, SOE, provided an update on SOE activities. He said this will be his last meeting since he is now a part-time SOE employee and per Sec. 59.103, *Ordinance Code* the representative from the Supervisor's Office needs to be a full-time employee. He will be replaced by Justin Gicalone. Mr. Phillips talked about the student voter registration drive, currently underway. He said they have registered 1500 students thus far. Mr. Phillips said that enrollment has been the greatest at Bishop Kenny, Riverview and Fletcher High Schools, and that it increases when school administrators are supportive.

Mr. Phillips talked about state legislation related to polling places and photography, that if approved would permit photos before voting begins and after the polls close. The group discussed FL SB 1414 that limits the time for early voting by half. Ms. Phillmon asked about equipment upgrades between elections. Mr. Phillips said that the SOE will be getting a new website. The members talked about the incident last year outside the

Beaches library polling location and how it is within the purview of the State Attorney's Office whether to press charges for such incidents.

#### Old Business

Mr. Maldonado asked about non-citizen voting. Mr. Phillips said that there were no occurrences of that in Duval County in the last election. Mr. Henry asked about voter roll maintenance for inactive or ineligible voters.

#### New Business

The members talked about their annual report that will be discussed at the next meeting in June. They asked about any vacancies on the EAP, there is one Mayoral vacancy. The members expressed appreciation for Jeff Clements who staffed the Panel previously and just retired after 35 plus years of service to council.

#### Public Comment

None

With no further business, Vice Chair Kwikkel adjourned the meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 3:37 pm

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