

**VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING- CANVASS**  
**NOVEMBER 13, 2020**

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Jhonathan Aragon, Chairman	
Gerard Saiz, Vice-Chair	
David A. Hyder, Member	Via zoom
Tom Mraz, Member	
	Charles D. Eaton, Member
	Danny Monette, County Manager
Dave Pato, County Attorney (via zoom)	Adren Nance, County Attorney
Peggy Carabajal, County Clerk	
Press and Public	

1) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Aragon at 1:01 P.M.

2) Commissioner Saiz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) **Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Mraz moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Saiz. Roll call vote. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Commissioner Mraz voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Aragon stated that Commissioner Eaton will not be joining today's meeting.

**ACTION ITEM(S):**

4) **Consideration of the Board of County Commission to canvass the 2020 General Election on Friday, November 13, 2020 to declare the results of the election. Presenters: County Clerk Peggy Carabajal & BOE Administrator Candace Teague; Sponsor: County Manager for Regular County Business**

County Clerk Peggy Carabajal thanked her staff including Chief Deputy Clerk Aurora Chavez, BOE Administrator Candace Teague, Carlos Aragon, Sheryl Salas-Vega, Jessica Blanton, Sarah Wallace, Jasmyn Jaramillo, Kayla Carrillo, Cameron Robare and 2 temps Tyler and Malachi who worked in the Clerk's office for the election; they all went above and beyond in conducting this 2020 Presidential election. She stated that it takes a lot to run for office so congratulations to those who won. She went on to thank Probate Judge Jamie Goldberg, the poll officials, and the absentee board. County Clerk Carabajal also thanked the elected officials and senior management that let their employees be ballot runners on election day as well as the commission, county manager, IT, HR, community development/code enforcement, the county attorneys, Chief Culp and his team who all played a role in this election. She thanked Commissioner Tom Mraz for his service during his term as commission appointee.

Bureau of Elections Administrator Candace Teague reported the following numbers for the 2020 general election.

Absentee 11,728 ballots

Early voting 15,289 ballots

Election Day 5,070 ballots

Hand tallies, which included military or oversea citizens, 222 ballots

Provisional 118 ballots

For a grand total of 32,427 ballots cast, which was a 67% voter turnout.

Chairman Aragon thanked County Clerk Carabajal and her office and the rest of the county for doing an awesome job as usual.

Commissioner Hyder moved for approval to accept the canvass numbers. Seconded by Commissioner Saiz.

Commissioner Hyder thanked County Clerk Carabajal and her staff as well as everyone else involved in the election, everything went smoothly. Commissioner Mraz thanked staff for doing an exceptional job as well as all the poll officials, their work is appreciated as well. Mr. Pato stated that he had spoken to Commissioner Mraz yesterday and explained

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the constitutional provision Article 20 Section 4. Commissioner Mraz was appointed by the governor due to a vacancy; his successor was chosen during the general election so the successor will hold office until the expiration of the original term. Mr. Pato stated that this will be the last meeting for Commissioner Mraz and he would like to express his gratitude and appreciation to Commissioner Mraz for his service. Chairman Aragon thanked Commissioner Mraz for his service to the county, it is appreciated. Commissioner Saiz thanked Commissioner Mraz, stating he did a good job and was active and concerned about the county, it was a pleasure working with him.

Roll call vote. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Commissioner Mraz voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 4-0. (See Exhibit A)

**NEXT COMMISSION MEETING:**

November 18, 2020- Public Hearing/Business Meeting @ 5:00 P.M. via Facebook Live  
Valencia County Commission Chambers, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, NM 87031

December 2, 2020- Business Meeting @ 5:00 P.M. via Facebook Live  
Valencia County Commissioner Chambers, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, NM 87031

**5) Adjournment**

Commissioner Hyder moved for adjournment. Seconded by Commissioner Mraz. Roll call vote. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Commissioner Mraz voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 4-0. **TIME: 1:15 P.M.**

**NOTE:** All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the November 13, 2020 Special Business Meeting-Canvass (presented to the Board of County Commissioners) are attached in consecutive order as stated in these minutes.

**VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

*Jhonathan Aragon*

**JHONATHAN ARAGON, CHAIRMAN**

*Gerard Saiz*

**GERARD SAIZ, VICE-CHAIR**

*David A. Hyder*

**DAVID A. HYDER, MEMBER**

**TOM MRAZ, MEMBER**

**CHARLES D. EATON , MEMBER**

**ATTEST:**

*Peggy Carabajal*  
**PEGGY CARABAJAL, COUNTY CLERK**

*12-2-2020*  
**DATE**

Minutes are not verbatim. The complete audio file from this meeting can be heard at <https://www.co.valencia.nm.us/>