

**VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING**

JUNE 12, 2024

Valencia County Commission Chambers, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, NM 87031

PRESENT	ABSENT
Gerard Saiz, Chairman	
Troy Richardson, Vice-Chair	
Morris Sparkman, Member	
District V, Member (vacant)	
Joseph Bizzell, Member	
	Danny Monette, County Manager
Jhonathan Aragon, Deputy County Manager	
Dave Pato, County Attorney	Adren Nance, County Attorney
Mike Milam, County Clerk	
Press and Public	

1) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Saiz at 5:00 P.M.

2) Probate Judge Wendy Wallace led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Bizzell moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Sparkman. Roll call vote. Commissioner Richardson voted yes. Commissioner Bizzell voted yes. Commissioner Sparkman voted yes. Chairman Saiz voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

ACTION ITEM(S):

Board Convenes as Canvassing Board

Commissioner Bizzell moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Sparkman. Roll call vote. Commissioner Richardson voted yes. Commissioner Bizzell voted yes. Commissioner Sparkman voted yes. Chairman Saiz voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

4) Canvass of the 2024 Primary Election. Presenters: Bureau of Elections Administrator Candace Teague; Sponsor: Pursuant to NMSA 1978 § 1-13-1 (2019).

BOE Administrator Candace Teague stated that she is here tonight to present the election results for the June 4, 2024 Primary Election. Ms. Teague stated that while voter turnout was low she doesn't want that to overshadow the fact that administering and preparing for an election takes a lot of work. She thanked the employees of the County Clerk's office and Bureau of Elections, the election couldn't have happened without this team. She thanked the poll officials, the IT department who attended election school and helped with the certification of the machines. Gabe Luna with safety and compliance. Brandon Brown from code enforcement who helped with the delivering and picking up of the voting machines. She also thanked code enforcement, the assessor's office and human resources for making sure the poll officials were feed on election day. The finance department for paying the poll officials in a timely manner and fire admin for use of the training room.

Ms. Teague also thanked Jeremias Silva and Ms. Jaramillo for making sure Del Rio Center could be used during construction. The county manager and the commission for use of the commission room for early voting. She stated that it takes a village, and she appreciates all the county employees who assisted in any way during this election. As for the numbers for this election there were a total of 7,641 ballots cast of which there were:

3,598 Democrats

22 Libertarians

4,021 Republicans

This primary election had a 22% voter turnout, there was a total of 35,288 eligible voters in the county for this election. Commissioner Bizzell thanked Ms. Teague for all her hard work. County Clerk Milam stated that it was a great team that worked to put on the election. Ms. Teague as the team leader did a phenomenal job, also thanks to the clerk's and BOE staff and other departments that helped, thank you to the poll officials as well. He stated that this election did have a low voter turnout but it was higher than the national