



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *May 14, 2024*

DATE: Thursday, May 09, 2024

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Cari-Ann Burgess, Interim Registrar of Voters
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THROUGH: Eric Brown

SUBJECT: Declaration of Canvass of Vote and Order for the Palomino Valley General Improvement District Recall Election of Trustee Thomas Baker, as required by NRS 293.387. "Canvass" means a review of the election results by the Board of County Commissioners, by which any errors within the election results are officially noted and the official election results are declared. The canvass shall separately note any clerical errors discovered and take account of the changes resulting from the errors discovered, and the results declared must represent the true vote cast. As soon as the Board declares the results, the Registrar of Voters shall certify the abstract of the results, which must contain the number of votes cast for the recall and against the recall and enter it in the record of the Board. The Board shall order the Registrar of Voters to transmit a copy of the certified abstract, as well as a mechanized report of the abstract in accordance with regulations adopted by the Secretary of State, to the Secretary of State within the time required by NRS 293.387. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

The Board of County Commissioners must canvass the returns of the Palomino Valley General Improvement District Recall Election of Trustee Thomas Baker, which was held May 4, 2024, as required by NRS 293.387.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Innovative Services

PREVIOUS ACTION

No previous action has been taken on this item.

BACKGROUND

NRS 293.387 requires the Board of County Commissioners to canvass the returns and declare the results of elections that occur in the County. In a public meeting, the Board must make the official record of any errors discovered and, accounting for those errors, if any, declare the results representing the true votes cast. After the returns are canvassed and results declared, the Board has the duty to direct the Washoe County Registrar of

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Voters to enter upon the records of the county an abstract of the results containing the number of votes cast for and against the recall and to certify the abstract. NRS 293.387 further requires the Board to order the Registrar of Voters to transmit the election results to the Secretary of State. Approving the attached Washoe County Board of County Commissioners Declaration of Canvass of Vote satisfies that duty.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact pertaining to the Canvass of the Vote; however, a reimbursement item will be brought to the Board of County Commissioners for acceptance at a future meeting as the Palomino Valley General Improvement District is required to reimburse the county for expenses incurred in conducting the recall election (estimated cost \$30,787.60).

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation that the Board of County Commissioners approve the proposed Washoe County Board of County Commissioners Declaration of Canvass of Vote and Order for the Palomino Valley General Improvement District Recall Election of Trustee Thomas Baker

POSSIBLE MOTION

Move to approve the proposed Washoe County Board of County Commissioners Declaration of Canvass of Vote and Order for the Palomino Valley General Improvement District Recall Election of Trustee Thomas Baker.

Washoe County Board of County Commissioners
Declaration of Canvass of Vote and Order

WHEREAS, a special election for recall was held in Washoe County on May 4, 2024. The subject of the recall is Palomino Valley General Improvement District Trustee Thomas Baker.

WHEREAS, the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners has convened a duly noticed public meeting on May 14, 2024, to canvass the vote of that election;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to NRS 293 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, and NRS 293.032 and 293.387 in particular, the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners determines, declares and orders as follows:

1. A review of the election results has been made, by which any errors within the election results, if there were any, could be officially noted.
2. No clerical errors were discovered from the canvass and no resulting changes in the vote are necessary.
3. The official election results are hereby declared and the results declared represent the true votes cast.
4. The Washoe County Registrar of Voters is directed to enter upon the record of the Board an abstract of the results containing the number of votes for recall and against recall and shall certify the abstract.
5. Pursuant to this order hereby entered in the minutes of the Board, the Registrar shall copy the certified abstract and make a mechanized report of the abstract in compliance with regulations adopted by the Secretary of State and transmit them to the Secretary of State on or before the 10th day following the election.

ADOPTED this 14th day of May, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

Alexis Hill, Chair
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

Jan Galassini
Washoe County Clerk