

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 38-431.01, THE GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL HOLD A MEETING AT THE GILA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' HEARING ROOM, 1400 EAST ASH STREET, GLOBE, ARIZONA. ONE OR MORE BOARD MEMBERS MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL OR BY INTERACTIVE TELEVISION VIDEO (ITV). THE MEETING IS ALSO TELEVISED TO THE GILA COUNTY TOMMIE CLINE MARTIN COMPLEX, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' CONFERENCE ROOM, 707 S. COLCORD ROAD, PAYSON, ARIZONA. THE MEETING ROOMS WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT 9:00 A.M.

Citizens may watch the Board meeting live-streamed at:

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Citizens may submit written comments related to the March 27th Special Meeting agenda by no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, March 26th, by emailing the Deputy Clerk of the Board at strimble@gilacountyaz.gov or calling 928-402-8757. Citizens may also submit written comments during the meeting through YouTube. Please include the meeting date, agenda item number, your name, and your residence address in the email.

SPECIAL MEETING - TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024 - 10:00 A.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:**
 - A. Information/Discussion/Action to canvass the election results contained in the Official Canvass of the Presidential Preference Election held on March 19, 2024, in Gila County, Arizona, and declare the results official. **(Eric Mariscal)**
3. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** A call to the public is held for public benefit to allow individuals to address the Board of Supervisors on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors. Board members may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), at the conclusion of an open call to the public, individual members of the Board of Supervisors may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the Board, may ask staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda for further discussion and decision at a future date.

4. At any time during this meeting pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K), members of the Board of Supervisors and the County Manager may present a brief summary of current events. No action may be taken on the information presented.

IF SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS ARE NEEDED, PLEASE CONTACT THE RECEPTIONIST AT (928) 425-3231 AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE THE ACCOMMODATIONS. FOR TTY, PLEASE DIAL 7-1-1 TO REACH THE ARIZONA RELAY SERVICE AND ASK THE OPERATOR TO CONNECT YOU TO (928) 425-3231.

THE BOARD MAY VOTE TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING LEGAL ADVICE FROM THE BOARD'S ATTORNEY ON ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3).

THE ORDER OR DELETION OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AT THE MEETING.

ARF-8677

Regular Agenda Item 2. A.

Special BOS Meeting

Meeting Date: 03/27/2024

Submitted For: Eric Mariscal, Director

Submitted By: Eric Mariscal, Director

Department: Elections

Information

Request/Subject

Canvass of the March 19, 2024 Presidential Preference Election Results.

Background Information

In accordance with Arizona Revised Statute § 16-241, a Presidential Preference Election was held March 19, 2024. The Democratic Party and the Republican Party participated. Only Democrat and Republican registered party members were eligible to cast votes.

Evaluation

Arizona Revised Statute § 16-645 provides that the governing body holding an election shall meet and canvass the election not less than six days nor more than twenty days following the election. The Secretary of State Election Procedures Manual states that the Board of Supervisors shall meet to canvass the Presidential Preference Election returns by congressional district within 10 days after the Presidential Preference Election and shall deliver the canvass to the Secretary of State's Office. The last day to submit the election results to the Secretary of State's Office is Friday March 29, 2024.

Conclusion

The Presidential Preference Election was conducted in Gila County on March 19, 2024, and the Board of Supervisors is required by law to canvass the returns of the election, declare them official and send a certified copy of the election results to the Secretary of State.

Recommendation

The Elections Director recommends that the Board of Supervisors canvass the election returns for the Presidential Preference Election held on March 19, 2024, and declare the results of the election official.

Suggested Motion

Information/Discussion/Action to canvass the election results contained in the Official Canvass of the Presidential Preference Election held on March 19, 2024, in Gila County, Arizona, and declare the results official.
(Eric Mariscal)

Attachments

PC

16-241. Presidential preference election; conduct of election

A. A presidential preference election shall be held on the Tuesday immediately following March 15 of each year in which the President of the United States is elected to give qualified electors the opportunity to express their preference for the presidential candidate of the political party indicated as their preference by the record of their registration. No other election may appear on the same ballot as the presidential preference election.

B. Notwithstanding subsection A of this section, the governor may issue a proclamation that the presidential preference election is to be held on a date later than the date prescribed in subsection A of this section. The proclamation shall be issued no later than one hundred eighty days before the date of the election as set forth in the proclamation. The governor shall transmit a copy of the election proclamation to the clerks of the county boards of supervisors.

C. Except as otherwise provided in this article, the presidential preference election shall be conducted and canvassed in the same manner as prescribed in this title for the primary election held pursuant to section 16-201. All provisions of other laws that govern elections and that are not in conflict with this article apply to a presidential preference election, including laws relating to registration and qualifications of electors.

D. Unless otherwise specifically prescribed by this article, the powers and duties conferred by law on boards of supervisors, officers in charge of elections, county recorders, precinct boards and central counting boards in connection with a primary election are conferred on those persons for purposes of a presidential preference election and shall be exercised by them for a presidential preference election.

E. Every act that is an offense pursuant to the election laws of this state is an offense for purposes of a presidential preference election, and a person is subject to the penalties prescribed by those laws.

16-645. Canvass and return of precinct vote; declaring nominee of party; certificate of nomination; write-in candidates

A. When the board of supervisors, or the governing body of a city or town, has completed its canvass of precinct returns, the person having the largest number of votes, or if more than one candidate is necessary, those candidates to the required number who have received the largest number of votes for the nomination for an office in the political party of which the person was set forth on the ballot as a candidate for the nomination, shall be declared the nominee of the party for that office and shall be given a certificate of nomination for that office by the board or governing body, which shall entitle the person to have the person's name placed on the official ballot at the ensuing election as the nominee of the party for the office. When canvassing write-in votes the apparent intent of the voter shall be taken into consideration to the extent possible and the standard prescribed for federal write-in candidates in section 16-543.02, subsection C applies.

B. The board of supervisors shall deliver the canvass to the secretary of state within fourteen days after the primary election, and the secretary of state shall on or before the third Monday following the primary election canvass the return and issue a letter declaring nomination as provided in this section to the nominees who filed nominating petitions and papers with the secretary of state pursuant to section 16-311, subsection D. For any partisan primary election, the governing body or officer in charge of elections shall prepare and transmit to the secretary of state along with the official canvass the total by party of partisan ballots selected in that primary election by voters who registered as no party preference, as independents or as members of a political party that is not qualified for representation on the ballot.

C. A certificate of election shall not be issued to a write-in candidate for precinct committeeman or a write-in candidate for a nonpartisan office unless the candidate receives a number of votes equivalent to at least the same number of signatures required by section 16-322 for nominating petitions for the same office.

D. Except as provided in subsection C of this section, a letter declaring nomination shall not be issued to a write-in candidate of a party that has not qualified for continued representation on the official ballot pursuant to section 16-804 unless the candidate receives a plurality of the votes of the party for the office for which the candidate is a candidate.

E. Except as provided by subsection C of this section, a letter declaring nomination shall not be issued to a write-in candidate of a party qualified for continued representation on the official ballot unless the candidate receives a number of votes equivalent to at least the same number of signatures required by section 16-322 for nominating petitions for the same office.

F. A certificate of election shall not be issued to presidential electors who are pledged to a write-in candidate for president unless that candidate received the highest number of votes cast for the office of president.