

CONDUCT OF ELECTION REPORT
SECTION 102.141(9), FLORIDA STATUTES

#123887
03/27/2020

The County Canvassing Board must submit a completed Conduct of Election Report to the Division of Elections at the same time that the board submits its certified official election results for any presidential preference primary, general, primary, or special election, whichever is applicable.

On behalf of the county canvassing board, the Supervisor must submit the report via the SOE File Transfer Utility on the SOE portal. For assistance if needed, please contact the Bureau of Voting Systems Certification, Eleonor Lipman; Eleonor.Lipman@dos.myflorida.com; 850-245-6258 or Zane Wood; Zane.Wood@dos.myflorida.com; 850-245-6123.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. County: Sarasota

Date of Election: March 17, 2020

Election (Check one):

- ☒ Presidential Preference Primary Election
☐ Primary Election
☐ General Election
☐ Other election (specify): _____

2. Election Definition created by (Check one): ☒ County Supervisor of Elections' Office (SOE)

- ☐ Vendor
☐ Consultant
☐ Other (specify): _____

EQUIPMENT

3. Voting Devices (Insert the applicable number):

Vote-by-Mail (VBM) Central Count Marksense Scanners		
Initial Total VBM Scanners	Removed	Replaced or Added
4	0	0

Precinct Count Marksense Scanners				
	Number of Polling Locations	Initial Total Deployed	Removed	Replaced or Added
Early Voting	5	10	0	0
Election Day	69	107	0	2

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Voter Interface Device (e.g., Automark, ExpressVote, or ICE)				
	Number of Polling Locations	Initial Total Deployed	Removed	Replaced or Added
Early Voting	5	5	0	0
Election Day	69	82	0	0

Reason for removal, replacement or addition of voting devices:

2 DS200s were replaced, one due to continuous jamming and another would not boot up.

4. Did equipment or software issues occur at the precinct level, at a counting location, or within computer and telecommunications networks supporting county location? (Section 102.141, F.S.)

☐ **NO** Proceed to #5.

☒ **YES** Specify the number of issues in the appropriate column(s) in the table below, indicate the specific type of issue(s) incurred on the checklist, and explain the steps taken to resolve the issue(s) on the lines provided (☐ check this box if on a separate sheet).

		Number of issues		
		Early Voting Site	Election Day Polling Locations	Central Location
Equipment	Marksense Scanner	0	2	
	Voter Interface Device	0	0	
Software	Marksense Scanner	0	0	0
	Voter Interface Device	0	0	
Computer	Election Mgmt. System			0
Telecommunications	Modems and Phone lines	2	0	0

Checklist for type of equipment/software issues encountered (Check all that apply)

Early Voting and Election Day

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Checklist for type of equipment/software issues encountered (Check all that apply)

Voting devices

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Voting devices – not connected to electrical power or power source issue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Voting devices – battery backup issue – battery not charged |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Voting devices – battery backup issue – removed from service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Voter interface device issue – repaired – remained in service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Voter interface device media issue – media replaced |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Marksense scanner issue – repaired – remained in service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Marksense scanner memory media issue – media replaced |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Marksense scanner did not reject a blank ballot |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Marksense scanner did not reject a ballot with an overvoted contest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Marksense scanner did not accept one or more undervoted contests |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ballot box diverter issue – removed from service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ballot box diverter issue – repaired – remained in service |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Used the marksense scanner's ballot box emergency/auxiliary bin |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Could not complete a planned modem upload or problems with the phone lines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other – Provide the description |

Central Location

Vote-by-Mail tabulation

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Marksense scanner issue – repaired – remained in service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Marksense scanner memory media issue – media replaced |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other – Provide the description |

Election Management

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Problem uploading results or creating reports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other – Provide the description |

Steps Taken to Resolve:

Three polling places could not modem in results. Their DS200s were brought into the main office where results were directly uploaded to the server.

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5. Were any election definition errors discovered after the logic and accuracy test?
(Section 102.141., F.S.)



NO Proceed to #6.



YES Specify the number of issues in the appropriate column(s) in the table below and explain the steps taken to resolve the issue(s) on the lines provided (☐ check this box if on a separate sheet).

	Number of issues		
	Election definition issues	Precinct count media issues	Central count media issues
County created definition or media	0	0	0
Vendor created definition or media <u>with correct</u> county information	0	0	0
Vendor created definition or media <u>with incorrect</u> information from the county	0	0	0

Notes: Election Day refers to the polling locations. Media refers to a tabulator's memory cards, memory packs, USB flash memory, zip drive, PEBs, etc.

Steps Taken to Resolve:

BALLOTS

6. Ballot-Printing (Check all that apply):

	Early Voting	Election Day	Vote-by-Mail
Ballot-on-Demand (BOD)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ballot Printer Service (provided by SOE's Voting System Vendor)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ballot Printer Service (provided by vendor other than SOE's Voting System)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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7. Did any ballot printing and/or ballot supply problems occur? (Section 102.141., F.S.)

☐ NO Proceed to #8.

☒ YES Specify the number of issues in the appropriate column(s) in the table below, indicate the specific type of issue(s) incurred on the checklist, and explain the steps taken to resolve the issue(s) on the lines provided (☐ check this box if on a separate sheet).

	Number of issues			
	Electronic ballot layout issues	Paper ballot layout issues	Paper ballot printer issues	Paper ballot supply problems
County created the ballot	0	0	0	0
Vendor created <u>with correct</u> county information	0	0	0	0
Vendor created <u>with incorrect</u> information from the county	0	0	0	0

Checklist for type of ballot or printer issues encountered (Check all that apply)

Early Voting and Election Day

Polling location (please identify the location)

- ☒ Incorrect ballots provided to the voter – poll worker
- ☐ Ballot moisture (humidity) cannot scan
- ☐ Multi-language or minority language (e.g., Spanish) ballots – not available and/or issues

Vote-by-Mail

- ☐ Incorrect ballots provided to the voter – election staff
- ☐ Incorrect ballots provided to the voter – vendor error
- ☐ Multi-language or minority language (e.g., Spanish) ballots – not available and/or issues

Ballot-on-demand (BOD)

- ☐ Printed incorrect ballots – printer configuration error, such as duplex
- ☐ Printed incorrect ballots – software error
- ☐ Printer failure
- ☐ Incorrect ballots provided to the voter – poll worker

Other

- ☐ Describe the issue: At a shared polling location, the voter was handed the correct party affiliation ballot but from the wrong precinct.

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Steps Taken to Resolve:

Will stress procedures at future poll worker training.

ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

8. Did you have any **staffing shortages and/or procedural problems by employees or precinct workers** during the conduct of the election?
(Section 102.141, F.S.)

☐ NO Proceed to #9.

☒ YES Specify the number of issues in the appropriate column(s) in the table below, indicate how the issue was addressed, and explain the steps taken to resolve the issue(s) on the lines provided (☐ check this box if on a separate sheet).

Who experienced the issue	Number of shortages	Number of times that additional training may have mitigated the problem(s)	Number of times when procedures were not followed
Poll workers			1- voter got wrong ballot style (see #7)
Election staff			
Security			
Temporary support			

Steps Taken to Resolve:

9. Were there instances when the needs for **staffing and equipment** were insufficient to meet voters' needs?
(Section 102.141, F.S.)

☒ NO Proceed to #10.

☐ YES Specify the numbers in the appropriate column(s) in the next table and explain the steps taken to resolve the issue(s) on the lines provided (☐ check this box if on a separate sheet).

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	Number of planned resources for Election Day	Number of resources available for Election Day	Number of insufficient resources on Election Day to meet the voters' needs
Poll workers	686	505	
Election staff			
Voting devices		Note below and see page 1	
Other equipment and supplies			

Note: The number of "planned" items are based on the Election Day estimates, and "available" is the actual items at the start of the Election Day. Note that the number of voting devices available is based on the actual initial total deployment including voter interface devices as provided on page 1 for Election Day. Other equipment and supplies, for example, refers to summation of the number of electronic poll book devices, provisional ballot supplies, ballot boxes, transfer bags, etc.

Steps Taken to Resolve:

Approx 180 poll workers dropped prior to election day due to Covid-19. We relocated several precincts into temporary polling locations to share resources. We also placed emergency poll workers at the original polling locations to direct voters to new locations. We reached out to government officials and the community to recruit additional staff to meet voters needs.

10. Did you experience any issues associated with Voter Check – In? (Section 102.141., F.S.)

☐ NO Proceed to #11.

☒ YES Specify the number of issues in the appropriate column(s) in the table below, indicate the specific type of issue(s) incurred on the checklist, and explain the steps taken to resolve the issue(s) on the lines provided (☐ check this box if on a separate sheet).

	Number of issues	
	Early Voting Site	Election Day Polling Locations
Electronic Poll Book/ Precinct Register (If used in election)		1
Paper poll book / precinct register		

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Checklist for type of voter check-in issues encountered (Check all that apply)	
Early Voting and Election Day	
Electronic-Poll Book	
Type: iPad	Vendor: Tenex
<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Poll Book – not connected to electrical power or power source issue
<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Poll Book functionality issue – repaired – remained in service
<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Poll Book functionality issue – removed from service
<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Poll Book media issue – media replaced
<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Poll Book connectivity issue – repaired – remained in service
<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Poll Book connectivity issue – removed from service
<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Poll Book Check-In Process
Paper poll book / precinct register	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Paper Poll Book – Incorrect
<input type="checkbox"/>	Paper Poll Book – Check-In Process
Other	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Describe the issue: 305, 527, 315 had MiFi issues throughout the day; MiFi connectivity dropped sporadically.

Steps Taken to Resolve:

MiFi's were either moved to a better location within the precinct or replaced.

11. Did you experience any additional issues associated with the conduct of election?
(Section 102.141, F.S.)

☐ NO Proceed to #12.

☒ YES Indicate on the checklist the type of issue(s), and explain the steps taken to resolve the issue(s) on the lines provided (☐ check this box if on a separate sheet).

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Checklist for Additional Issues	
Early Voting and Election Day	
Polling location	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Incorrect setup
<input type="checkbox"/>	Solicitation area violated
<input type="checkbox"/>	Incompatible for ADA accessibility
<input type="checkbox"/>	Incompatible for use as a polling location
Voters	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fleeing voter
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disruptive behavior
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disruptive photography
Observers	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not approved
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disruptive behavior
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disruptive photography
Media and/or citizen polling	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disruptive behavior
Other	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Describe the issue: Five fleeing voters in total.

Steps Taken to Resolve:

Issue will be discussed in future poll worker training.

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CANVASSING BOARD



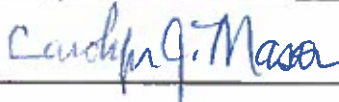
12. If the canvassing board conducted a manual recount of overvotes and undervotes, does the canvassing board have suggested revisions to the law or the rules for determining a voter's choice?
(Sections 101.6952(2) and 102.166(4), F.S. and Rules 15-2.027 and 15-2.051)

- ☒ N/A Proceed to #13.
- ☐ NO Proceed to #13.
- ☐ YES Provide suggested revisions below. If needed, attach additional pages and a copy of a representative ballot for which a determination could not be made to illustrate the issue.

Proposed revisions to standards for determining a voter's choice:

13.

County Canvassing Board

Print Name	Signature	Title	Date
Ron Turner		Supervisor of Elections	3/27/20
Marilyn Gerkin		Alternate	3/27/20
Carolyn J. Mason		Substitute	3/27/20

NOTICE: A statutory duty exists to continually report any new or additional information on any of the items required to be included in this Report. The supervisor of elections on behalf of the board must:

- Notify the Division of Elections no later than the next business day after the discovery of the information; and
- Submit a signed written report amended report no later than no later than 10 days after the discovery. (Section 102.141, F.S.)

Addendum

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Addendum

This section asks what services and materials were provided to accommodate Spanish language voters.

1. Type of Spanish-language ballot used in county:

Select all that apply	
Spanish-Language Ballots	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unilingual Ballot
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bi- or multilingual ballot
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Voter Interface Device (Automark, Expressvote, or ICE)

2. Number of persons that requested Spanish-language ballot? (only applicable to counties with single language ballots): _____
3. Form of language assistance offered at the Supervisor of Elections Office:

Select all that apply	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bilingual staff
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Spanish voter assistance hotline
<input type="checkbox"/>	Professional translation services by phone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Spanish language election related signage and materials
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other- describe

4. Form of language assistance offered at the polls:

Select all that apply	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bilingual election worker
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Spanish voter assistance hotline
<input type="checkbox"/>	Professional translation services by phone
<input type="checkbox"/>	Virtual bilingual election worker
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Spanish language election related signage and materials
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other- describe

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5. Number of persons that accessed the Spanish-language website: N/A

6. Form of language assistance offered on website:

Select all that apply	
<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>	Fully translated website in Spanish
<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>	Link to state's Spanish-language information website
<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>	Spanish language election related materials
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other- describe

7. Provide any additional relevant information: _____
