

A meeting of the Canvassing Committee was held on Thursday, October 7, 2021, in the City Council Chambers.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Precinct Chair Pat Walsh called the meeting to order at 12:19 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Canvass Committee Members present:

Pat Walsh                      Curt Armstrong                      Denise Lisac

Staff Present:                      Lori Goodell

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:**     Denise Lisac moved, and Curt Armstrong seconded the motion to approve the agenda.

**VOTE:**         The motion passed unanimously by consent.

**4. SPECIAL BUSINESS**

DMC 3.70.030, Record of canvass, states the minutes shall indicate the disposition of all questioned, absentee, write-in and voided ballots.

*(Clerk Note: All valid/accepted ballot types are set to the side and opened at the same time. The ballots are shuffled before they are counted.)*

a.     Review Mismarked Ballot

There were no mismarked ballots.

b.     Review Questioned Ballots

Pat Walsh referred to the Question Verification Voter form with comments provided by the State of Alaska, Division of Elections, and Region IV office. A review was made on each of the eleven questioned ballots received. After the review, seven ballots were determined to be eligible having met the Dillingham Municipal Code voter qualifications as outlined in DMC 3.10.020.

**MOTION:**     Curt Armstrong moved, and Denis Lisac seconded the motion to accept ballots 1, 3, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 12, and reject ballots 2, 4, 5, and 9 on the questioned ballot register.

It was noted line 6 on the Questioned Ballot Register has no voter information.

**VOTE:**         The motion passed unanimously by consent.

c.     Review Absentee Ballots

1) Absentee Voting In-Person Ballots

Fifty absentee in-person ballots were submitted. The City Clerk reviewed the Absentee In-Person Register List, verified all were registered voters with residence listed in Dillingham. The committee members were asked to comment on whether or not they questioned the residency of any one individual, no comments were received.

MOTION: Denise Lisac moved, and Curt Armstrong seconded the motion to accept all fifty of the absentee voting in-person ballots.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by consent.

2) Absentee Voting by Personal Representative Ballots / Special Needs

Nine Special Needs ballots were submitted. The City Clerk reviewed the Special Needs Register List, verified all were registered voters with residence listed in Dillingham. The committee members were asked to comment on whether or not they questioned voter qualification of any one individual, no comments were received.

MOTION: Curt Armstrong moved, and Denise Lisac seconded the motion to accept all nine of the voting by Personal Representative / Special Needs Ballots.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by consent.

3) Absentee Voting By Mail Ballots

Four Absentee By-Mail Ballots were sent by certified mail. Two Absentee By-Mail Ballots were received on or before the October 5, 2021 election. The City Clerk reviewed the Absentee by-Mail List, verified all were registered voters with residence listed in Dillingham. Further requirement per Dillingham Municipal Code 3.70.020 B:

B. Questioned and absentee ballots shall be counted as follows: No ballot shall be counted if the voter has failed to properly execute the certificate or if the witness, officer or other person authorized by law to administer the oath fails to affix his/her signature.

After a review, two ballots were determined to be eligible as they met all Dillingham Municipal Code election qualifications.

MOTION: Denise Lisac moved, and Curt Armstrong seconded the motion to accept the two absentee by-mail ballots that met all qualifications.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by consent.

d. Review Write-in and Voided Ballots

Write In ballots:

There was one letters of intent received prior to the election for write-in candidates.

School Board Seat D; Terry Fuller

This information will be added to the tally sheet and the certification report and will reflect as Write In (Terry Fuller).

Voided (spoiled) ballots:

There were no voided (spoiled) ballots.

e. Tally Accepted Ballots

The Canvass Committee identified a total of 68 accepted absentee / special needs / questioned ballots. Pat Walsh oversaw the opening of the accepted ballot envelopes that were set aside, the privacy sleeves removed, and the ballots placed on the table and verified a count of 68. The ballots were removed from the privacy sleeve, and a recount was made to verify there were a total of 68 ballots.

The Committee determined to make a hand count of the absentee, personal representative, and questioned ballots, with one member reading the ballot, one watching while the ballot was read, two member tallying the votes.

The ballot results were read aloud by Pat Walsh, confirmed by the Canvass Committee, and entered on the Certification of the Canvassing Committee Report/Official Tally Report.

f. Approve the Official Tally Report

*(Clerk Note: The Official Tally Report and the minutes of the Oct. 7, 2021 Canvassing Committee meeting will be presented at a Special Council Meeting, October 14, 2021 to certify the election.)*

MOTION: Denise Lisac moved and Pat Walsh seconded the motion to approve the Official Tally Report.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by consent.

TALLY VOTES	Name	Absentee/Questioned
<b>MAYOR</b>	Tracy Hightower	5
	Alice Ruby	37
	Steven Carriere	25
	Write-ins	0
<b>COUNCIL SEAT E</b>	Kaleb Westfall	34
	Write-ins	12
<b>COUNCIL SEAT F</b>	Gregg Marxmiller	44
	Perry Abrams	23
	Write-ins	1
<b>SCHOOL BOARD SEAT D</b>	Helen Smeaton	61
	Write-ins (Terry Fuller)	1
	Write-ins (Other)	1
<b>SCHOOL BOARD SEAT E</b>	Bernina Venua	21
	Jon Clouse	45
	Write-ins	0

g. Rejected Ballot Voter Statements

The names of the four rejected ballots were read aloud by Pat Walsh to confirm who will receive Statement of Questioned Ballot. A statement will be distributed to all voters whose vote was disallowed, informing them their vote was rejected and the reason for the decision.

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**


There was no other business.

**6. COMMITTEE COMMENTS**


The committee was thanked for the work during the election and as the Canvass Committee.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Pat Walsh adjourned the meeting at 1:44 p.m.

  
Patricia Walsh, Precinct Chair

ATTEST:

  
Lori Goodell, City Clerk

Attachment: Certification of Canvassing Committee Results/Official Tally Report