

KING COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD  
**PRIMARY & SPECIAL ELECTIONS**  
**September 14, 2004**

**MEETING AGENDA**

3:30 p.m., Friday, September 24, 2004

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**FINAL POST ELECTION MEETING:** *(Expected Meeting Time: 30 minutes)*

1. Comments on the Election, Final Results
  - Total Absentee Ballots Counted: 330,100
  - Total Poll Ballots Cast: 136,632
  - Total Ballots Cast: 466,732
2. Reports
  - Absentee/Mail Ballots
  - Provisional Ballots
3. Signature on Canvass Report and Election Certificate
4. Convening Meeting for the General Election

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**NEXT MEETING:** *Thursday, November 4th, 2:00 p.m..*



## King County

Department of Executive Services  
Records, Elections and Licensing Services Division

### Elections Section

King County Administration Building  
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Seattle, WA 98104-2337  
206-296-1565 TTY Relay: 711

September 24, 2004

TO: King County Canvassing Board Members and Staff  
FM: Bill Huennekens, Superintendent of Elections  
RE: Schedule of Canvassing Board Meetings – November 2, 2004 General Election

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- 2:00 p.m. Thursday November 4, 2004 First Post-Election Meeting: Review preliminary abstract of votes. Resolve any special-case ballots and issues of voters' intention requiring Board's determination. Consider voter registration challenges submitted within thirty-day period prior to the election and issues of voters' intent.
- 3:00 p.m. Wednesday November 10, 2004 Second Post Election Meeting: Review provisional ballots and any special-case mail ballots received subsequent to the election. Make determination regarding issues of voters' intent.
- 2:00 p.m. Tuesday November 16, 2004 Final Post-Election Meeting: Complete the canvassing process, review the Director's Abstract of Votes for validity, and direct preparation of election certificate.
- 3:30 p.m. Wednesday November 17, 2004 Certification Meeting: Approve corrective action for discrepancies or errors resulting from abstract review, if any. Sign the certificate.

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| *4:00 p.m. | Monday    | November 15, 2004 | <u>Third Post Election Meeting</u> : Review provisional ballots and any special-case mail ballots received subsequent to the election. Make determination regarding issues of voters' intent.  |
| 2:00 p.m.  | Tuesday   | November 16, 2004 | <u>Final Post-Election Meeting</u> : Complete the canvassing process, review the Director's Abstract of Votes for validity, and direct preparation of election certificate.  |
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\*Revised 11/10/2004

**KING COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD**  
**GENERAL & SPECIAL ELECTIONS**  
**November 2, 2004**

**MEETING AGENDA**

2:00 p.m., Thursday, November 4, 2004
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**First Post Election Meeting:** *(Expected Meeting Time: 60 minutes)*

1. Comments on the Election, results to date
  - Absentee Ballots Counted as of 11/3/04: 332,968
  - Poll Ballots Cast: 305,380
2. Schedule for Additional Tabulation of Absentee Ballots.
3. Resolution of Ballots

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**NEXT MEETING:** *Wednesday, November 10th, 3:00 p.m..*

# Cards Cast Report GENERAL SPECIAL ELECTION

District/Reportant	VGroup1	VGroup2	Ballot	Card	Cast	Voters	Percent
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS							
LEGISLATIVE DIST NO 1	NP	NP			3399	13182	25.79
LEGISLATIVE DIST NO 5	NP	NP			18474	85418	21.63
LEGISLATIVE DIST NO 11	NP	NP			11957	57427	20.82
LEGISLATIVE DIST NO 30	NP	NP			13453	63356	21.23
LEGISLATIVE DIST NO 31	NP	NP			6312	28787	21.93
LEGISLATIVE DIST NO 32	NP	NP			14163	66068	21.44
LEGISLATIVE DIST NO 33	NP	NP			12545	59381	21.13
LEGISLATIVE DIST NO 34	NP	NP			17120	76097	22.50
LEGISLATIVE DIST NO 36	NP	NP			18581	90851	20.45
LEGISLATIVE DIST NO 37	NP	NP			13644	68043	20.05
LEGISLATIVE DIST NO 39	NP	NP			61	408	14.95
LEGISLATIVE DIST NO 41	NP	NP			21626	83314	25.96
LEGISLATIVE DIST NO 43	NP	NP			18258	88426	20.65
LEGISLATIVE DIST NO 45	NP	NP			17852	78758	22.67
LEGISLATIVE DIST NO 46	NP	NP			15942	83151	19.17
LEGISLATIVE DIST NO 47	NP	NP			14229	69237	20.55
LEGISLATIVE DIST NO 48	NP	NP			15638	70502	22.18
Total	NP	NP			233254	1082406	21.55

*OK P. L. Berry 11/2/04*  
*OK Seville Roche 11/2/04*  
*Grant Anderson Lid*

KING COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD  
**GENERAL & SPECIAL ELECTIONS**  
*November 2, 2004*

**MEETING AGENDA**

3:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 10, 2004

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<sup>2<sup>ND</sup></sup>  
~~First~~ Post Election Meeting: *(Expected Meeting Time: 60 minutes)*

1. Comments on the Election and results to date.
2. Schedule for Additional Tabulation of Absentee Ballots.
3. Progress of Provisional ballot disposition.
4. Resolution of Ballots.

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**NEXT MEETING:** *Monday, November 15th, 4:00 p.m..  
All Remaining Meetings will be in the Lydia & Catherine Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, King County  
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**KING COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD**  
**GENERAL & SPECIAL ELECTIONS**  
**November 2, 2004**

**MEETING AGENDA**

4:00 p.m., Monday, November 15, 2004
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**Third Post Election Meeting:**                    *(Expected Meeting Time: 60 minutes)*

1. Comments on the Election and results to date.
  
2. Schedule for Additional Tabulation of Absentee Ballots.
  - Today's Count
  
3. Progress of Provisional ballot disposition.
  
4. Resolution of Ballots.

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***NEXT MEETING:*** *Tuesday, November 16th, 2:00 p.m. .*  
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## McCaw, Sondra

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**From:** Chinn, Kathy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 16, 2004 10:37 AM  
**To:** Huennekens, Bill  
**Cc:** Logan, Dean; McCaw, Sondra  
**Subject:** RE: Updated: Canvassing Board Meeting

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Due By:** Wednesday, November 17, 2004 10.37 AM  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Thank you for the clarification

### Kathy Chinn

Legislative Aide to Councilmember Pelz  
Metropolitan King County Council, District 5  
206 296.1005 direct  
206 296.0198 fax  
[kathy.chinn@metrokc.gov](mailto:kathy.chinn@metrokc.gov)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Huennekens, Bill  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 16, 2004 10:33 AM  
**To:** Chinn, Kathy  
**Cc:** Logan, Dean  
**Subject:** RE: Updated: Canvassing Board Meeting

At the meeting last night Council member Pelz said he could attend early

We have many ballots to go through.

Bill

-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** Chinn, Kathy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 16, 2004 10:22 AM  
**To:** Huennekens, Bill  
**Subject:** Declined: Updated: Canvassing Board Meeting  
**When:** Tuesday, November 16, 2004 1:30 PM-2:30 PM (GMT-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada); Tijuana.  
**Where:** Dean Logan's office, KCAB: 500 4th Ave. Rm. 553

Bill,

Why has the time changed from 2:00 to 1:30? I had this canvassing board meeting on Dwight's calendar for 2:00 - 2:30 originally. He now has a conflict and has a 1:00 - 2:00 meeting at the Mayor's office.

Will you have a quorum without Dwight?

Kathy (206) 296 1005

KING COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD  
**GENERAL & SPECIAL ELECTIONS**  
*November 2, 2004*

**MEETING AGENDA**

1:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 16, 2004
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**Final Post Election Meeting:** *(Expected Meeting Time: 60 minutes)*

1. Comments on the Election and results to date.
  
2. Schedule for Additional Tabulation of Absentee Ballots.
  - Today's Count
  
3. Progress of Provisional ballot disposition.
  
4. Resolution of Ballots.

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KING COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD  
**GENERAL & SPECIAL ELECTIONS**  
*November 2, 2004*

**MEETING AGENDA**

9:00 am Wednesday, November 17, 2004

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Final Post Election Meeting: *(Expected Meeting Time: 10 minutes)*

1. Resolution of Ballots.

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*All Remaining Meetings will be in the Lydia & Catherine Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, King County Administration building.*

*Per Bill H.,  
this is a continuation  
of 11/16 1:30 pm  
meeting.*

KING COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD  
**GENERAL & SPECIAL ELECTIONS**  
*November 2, 2004*

**MEETING AGENDA**

3:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 17, 2004

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**Certification Meeting:**                      *(Expected Meeting Time: 30 minutes)*

1. Resumption of the Board
2. Comments on the operation.  
An additional 1446 Ballots were tabulated this morning
3. Reports  
Mail Ballots  
Provisional Ballots    ] *see attachments*
4. Signatures on Canvass Report and Election Certificate
5. Recount Planning

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***NEXT MEETING:*** *Monday, November 22nd, 8:00 am*



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November 17, 2004

TO: King County Canvassing Board Members and Staff  
FM: Bill Huennekens, Superintendent of Elections  
RE: Schedule of Canvassing Board Meetings  
November 2, 2004 General Election RECOUNT

To meet the statutory requirements regarding the canvassing of election ballots and to accommodate members' schedules as much as possible, the following meetings of the Canvassing Board are:

8:00 a.m.	Monday	November 22, 2004
4:30 p.m.	Tuesday	November 23, 2004
3:00 p.m.	Wednesday	November 24, 2004

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The Logic and Accuracy Test for the November 2, 2004 RECOUNT will be held on Saturday, November 20, 2004 at our Mail Ballot Operation Satellite located at 3901 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S. Seattle, WA at 8:00 a.m.



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### Recount Process and Timelines – Preliminary Draft

#### Machine Recount

For a machine recount - 4-5 days; we have tentatively proposed a schedule that starts on Saturday and concludes on Wednesday, November 24.

Location: MBOS, 3901 1<sup>st</sup> Ave S, Seattle, WA 98134

Hours: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Start Date	Step Description	Estimated # of Employees	Duration
Wed. 11/17/04	Notify political parties of recount times and location	1	1 day
Thu 11/18/04	Machine maintenance and facility set-up	10	2 days
Sat 11/20/04	Logic and Accuracy Test on vote tabulation database	45 employees	2 hours
Sat 11/20/04	Begin recount absentees	55 employees	4-5 days
Sat 11/20/04	Begin recounting poll ballots	60 employees	4-5 days

#### Manual Recount

For a manual recount - we believe it will take 3-4 days to sort and prep the ballots for a manual count and 5+ days to conduct the recount. We have tentatively proposed a schedule that starts on Sunday, continues through Wednesday with a break for Thanksgiving and then continues through Wednesday, December 1.

Location: To Be Determined

Hours: 8:00 AM – 8.00 PM

Start Date	Step Description	Estimated # of Employees	Duration
Wed 11/17/04	Determine location, hire staff, address other logistical issues	5	2 days
Thu. 11/18/04	Notify political parties of recount times and location	1	1 day
Fri. 11/19/04	Begin facility set-up for recount	20	2 days
Sun 11/21/04	Begin sorting and preparing ballots for manual recount	300	3-4 days
Wed 11/24/04	Begin manually recounting ballots	300	5-7





**KING COUNTY  
PROVISIONAL BALLOT SUMMARY REPORT**

**November 2, 2004  
GENERAL ELECTION**

**REPLACEMENT FOR FINAL REPORT**

January 18, 2005

<b>Total Provisional Ballots Processed</b>		<b>32,996</b>
<b>Provisional Ballots Sent to Other Counties</b>		<b>554</b>
<b>Valid Ballots</b>		<b>28,010</b>
<b>Invalid Ballots</b>		<b>4,432</b>
Canceled	622	
Not registered	3013	
Signature Mis-Match	307	
Voters Absentee Ballot Returned	282	
Not Registered, Needed Further Research	208	

KING COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD

November 2, 2004 - GENERAL ELECTION

Mail Ballot Report

1. Total number of ballots issued		646,537
2. Total number of ballots returned		568,333
3. Total number accepted as valid and counted		564,222
4. Total number of ballots rejected:		4,111
*PRIOR TO VALIDATION		
a. Postmarked after election date	1,700	
b. No signature on envelope	502	
c. Not voter's signature	1,561	
d. Mailed marked voter "deceased" or "moved"	56	
*AFTER VALIDATION		
e. Wrong Election	89	
f. Returned multiple ballots	203	
5. # of Ballots returned by USPS as Undeliverable		6,959
Percentage of ballots returned:	87.90%	
Percentage of valid ballots returned:	87.27%	
Percentage returned undeliverable	1.08%	
Percentage of ballots received "Too Late"	0.30%	

## Oath of County Auditor or Supervisor of Elections

STATE OF WASHINGTON )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF KING )

I solemnly swear that the returns of the State General Election held on November 2, 2004, in King County, State of Washington, have been in no way altered by additions or erasures and that they are the same as when they were deposited in my office.

Deane C. Logan  
Director of the Records, Elections and Licensing Services Division

Subscribed and sworn to me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2004

[Signature]  
Chairman, County Legislative Authority

## Certification of the Canvassing Board

STATE OF WASHINGTON )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF King )

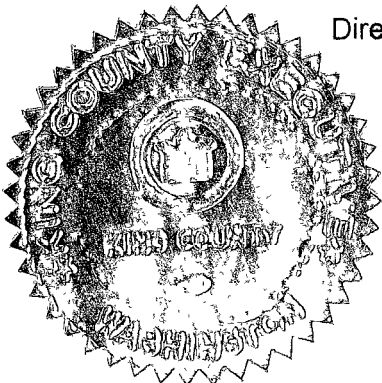
The undersigned officers designated by law as constituting the Canvassing Board for the County of King, State of Washington, hereby certify that this is a full, true and correct copy of the Abstract of Votes cast at the State General Election held on November 2, 2004, in King County, State of Washington; that the total number of active registered voters in all precincts was 1,082,406; the total number of inactive registered voters in all precincts was 169,830; the total number of all registered voters in all precincts was 1,252,236 and that the total number of votes cast in such precincts was 898,238

Witness our hands and official seal this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2004

Deane C. Logan  
Director of the Records, Elections and Licensing Services Division

[Signature]  
Chairman, County Legislative Authority

Daniel J. Fatterberg  
County Prosecuting Attorney





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**KING COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD**  
NOVEMBER 2, 2004 - GENERAL ELECTION  
**Canvassing Board Delegation of Authority**

**RECOUNT**

KNOW BY ALL PRESENT that Councilmember Dwight Pelz, designee of the Chair, Metropolitan King County Council; Dan Satterberg, designee of the King County Prosecuting Attorney; and Dean Logan, Director of the Records, Elections, and Licensing Services Division, as the King County Canvassing Board, hereby appoint and designate:

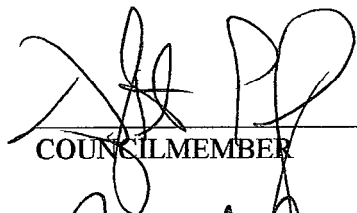
Bill Huennekens, Julie Moore, Carlos Webb, Garth Fell, Nicole Way, Linda Sanchez, Alycia Luke, Harry Sanders, Lisa Moore, Vicki Moore, and additional staff, as designated by King County Election's management

to act on behalf of the Canvassing Board pursuant to RCW 29A.60.140 (2), for the purpose of conducting required or requested recounts of offices or measures conducted during the November 2, 2004 General Election.

The authority delegated herein is limited to those routine actions that are required to be performed by the King County Canvassing Board under RCW 29A.64.041 for conducting the recount. The recount of ballots for any statewide races shall not commence until so declared by the Secretary of State, but preparing the ballots for the recount may commence immediately.

Dated this 18th day of November, 2004.

**KING COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
COUNCILMEMBER

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
DESIGNEE OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
DIRECTOR OF THE RECORDS, ELECTIONS,  
AND LICENSING SERVICES DIVISION

**KING COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD**

***Governors Race Recount  
November 2, 2004***

**MEETING AGENDA**

8:30 a.m., Monday, November 22, 2004

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**First post convening meeting:**                    *(Expected Meeting Time: 60 minutes)*

1. Resumption of the Board
2. Comments on the recount.
  - Each set of polling place ballots has been recounted
  - 400,000 plus absentee ballots have been counted
  - The recount is progressing well
3. Determination on ballots

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***NEXT MEETING:*** *Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4:30 pm (if necessary)*

**KING COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD**

***Governors Race Recount  
November 2, 2004***

**MEETING AGENDA**

4:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 23, 2004

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**Second post convening meeting:**      *(Expected Meeting Time: 30 minutes)*

1. Resumption of the Board
2. Comments on the recount.
  - Nearly done with the bulk of the recount; auditing batches and polling places; recording write-ins, and re-running batches
3. Determination on ballots
4. Direction on write-in ballots
5. Recount for Fire District No. 51
  - Wednesday, November 24, 8:00 am

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***NEXT MEETING:*** *Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 pm*

**KING COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD**

***Governor's Race Recount  
November 2, 2004***

**MEETING AGENDA**

3:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 24, 2004

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**Certification meeting:** *(Expected Meeting Time: 15 minutes)*

1. Resumption of the Canvassing Board
  2. Certification of Governor's race recount
  3. Certification of Fire District #51 Proposition 1, recount
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Election Summary Report  
**GENERAL SPECIAL ELECTION**

Date: 11/24/04  
 Time: 11:46:26  
 Page: 1 of 1

**Summary For Jurisdiction Wide, All Counters, GOVrecount**

Registered Voters 1082406 - Cards Cast 898574 83.02%    Num Report Precinct 2616 - Num. Reporting 2616 100.00%

Governor	NP	Total	
Number of Precincts		2616	
Precincts Reporting		2616	100.0 %
Times Counted		898574/1082406	83.0 %
Total Votes		877221	
Times Blank Voted		21307	
Times Over Voted		46	
Christine Gregoire	D	505836	57.66%
Dino Rossi	R	351127	40.03%
Ruth Bennett	L	18936	2.16%
Write-in Votes		1322	0.15%



**McCaw, Sondra**

**From:** Chinn, Kathy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 07, 2004 10:20 AM  
**To:** McCaw, Sondra  
**Subject:** RE: Canvassing Board Meetings  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Due By:** Wednesday, December 08, 2004 10:19 AM  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Got it!! Thanks Sondra—I have these on Dwight’s calendar. Yesterday I replied to those automatic scheduling requests and they bounced back as undeliverable.

**Kathy Chinn**

Legislative Aide to Councilmember Pelz  
Metropolitan King County Council, District 5  
206 296 1005 direct  
206 296 0198 fax  
[kathy.chinn@metrokc.gov](mailto:kathy.chinn@metrokc.gov)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** McCaw, Sondra  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 07, 2004 9:56 AM  
**To:** Logan, Dean; Satterberg, Dan; Joly, Janine; Chinn, Kathy  
**Cc:** Huennekens, Bill  
**Subject:** Canvassing Board Meetings

Dear Dean, Dan, Janine and Kathy:

Please ensure that your calendars have the following dates and times for the three Canvassing Board Meetings scheduled to meet in Dean Logan’s office:

- Today, December 7, 2004 at 3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 15, 2004 at 4:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 21, 2004 at 3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

I apologize for any confusion the meeting requests may have caused. I am having trouble with Outlook.

Thank you,

Sondra McCaw  
Administrative Assistant to Elections Superintendent  
[sondra.mccaw@metrokc.gov](mailto:sondra.mccaw@metrokc.gov)

*Need B.H. Ager  
12/7  
Bill did not attend due to recou  
Workers training on same day.  
Dean held C.R. mtg. on 12/7  
and did record it. He will check  
his file for an agenda*

**Governor's Race Manual Recount  
November 2, 2004**

**MEETING AGENDA**

3:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 15, 2004

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**2nd meeting:**        *(Expected Meeting Time: 2 hours)*

1. Resumption of the Canvassing Board
  2. Opening remarks by the Chair – Dean Logan
  3. Report on *McDonald v Reed* – Janine Joly
  4. Progress of the Manual Recount - Staff
    - Polling Place ballots have been counted.
    - Completion of Absentee Ballot sorting will be done today
    - Reconciling counts on precincts
      - Precincts where the counting board math was not accurate
      - Precincts that needed a miss-sorted ballot added
      - Precincts that are 2 or more different from the machine recount either in the positive or negative for the total number of ballots, or any response.
    - Still anticipate finishing the recount by the December 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  5. Presentation of 573 ballots originally rejected when no signature existed in the Election Management and Voter Registration System - Staff *See attachment*
  6. Presentation of 22 ballots from base units of Accuvote Machines (2 provisional and 20 absentee) - Staff
  7. Eight ballots already canvassed will be directed to be counted pursuant to original canvass. - Staff
  8. Determination on 245 ballots sent to Canvassing Board by the counting boards for Voter Intent. – Staff
  9. Other Business.
  10. Addition of further meetings
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## KING COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD

### *Governor's Race Manual Recount November 2, 2004*

## Staff Report

Prepared by: Bill Huennekens, Superintendent of Elections

#### **1. Presentation of 573 ballots originally rejected when no signature existed in the Election Management and Voter Registration System**

- How these ballots were administered in this election.
  - These ballots were received on time and handled the same as the 560,000 plus ballots that we received and tabulated.
  - When staff checks the signatures on absentee ballots, if the record of the voter did not have an image, the image was not visible, or the image was incorrect, the ballot was set aside and coded as "No Signature on File" in the Election Management and Registration System.
  - These ballots were then grouped with the ballots from voters whose signatures did not match.
  - All of these ballots were then reviewed by more experienced staff.
  - Data was then captured on these ballots from the bar code on the ballot and a mail merge letter was sent to each voter.
    - As the election was administered and these ballots were received, we can confirm that 423 of these voters were sent a letter asking for an updated signature.
  - If the voter sent back the completed letter, the signature was compared and the ballot accepted if the signature matched.
  - If the voter did not return the letter, the ballots were kept secured in the vault and not tabulated and no research was done to find the voter's original registration form.
  - Before certification of the Election on the November 17, 2004, each of these ballots was reviewed again and researched.
  - At certification of the election, these ballots were accounted for in the mail ballot report as signature mis-comparisons.
- Background on these types of absentee ballots:
  - In August, 101 of these voters were sent letters asking them for an updated signature because we did not have a signature on file in our system and they did not return a signature on the letter.
  - To date, staff has located a signature either in electronic or hard copy for 240 out of the 573 voters.

- The scanning and capturing of signature images has been a difficult challenge in King County for some time. It was one of many reasons for switching to a new Election Management and Voter Registration System.
- This spring, I learned that the long-standing operating procedure for absentee voters who did not have a signature in the system was to simply let the ballot count. For the May special election, I instructed staff that this was not acceptable and that the effort must be made to locate the voter's original registration card, or the image of their signature.
- At conversion to our new system early this summer, we had several thousand registration records that did not have a record attached. A concerted effort was made to scan and link the signature in the new system upon conversion.
- In August 1,146 letters were mailed to voters who did not have a signature in our system.
- We did have an ongoing issue with newer registrations that were entered over the counter where individuals were given a ballot. This was discussed at weekly meetings and to my understanding was resolved.

**2. Presentation of 22 ballots from base units of Accuvote Machines (2 provisional and 20 absentee)**

- Ballots retrieved when units are picked up from polling locations after the certification of the election on November 17, 2004:
  - When the ballots were discovered they were transported to our Mail Ballot Operations Satellite and securely stored.
- Ballots that were retrieved from the base units prior to the certification of the election on November 17, 2004 were included if they were otherwise valid.
- Poll workers are trained to ensure that every ballot is retrieved from the side bin of the base unit at the end of the night. I did this training personally with each of the polling place inspectors in advance of the general election.
- After Election Day and before certification of the election crews attempt to go to polling locations and double-check each base unit. We were unable to gain access to all the locations and all units are not able to be checked.



## Elections

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### Schedule of Canvassing Board Meetings 2004 General Election Manual Recount

To meet the statutory requirements regarding the canvassing of election ballots and to accommodate members' schedules as much as possible, the following meetings of the Canvassing Board are:

Time	Day	Date	Meeting
2:00 p.m.	Monday	December 20, 2004	<del>Second</del> <sup>Third</sup> <b>Recount Meeting:</b> Resolve any issues of voters' intention requiring the Board's determination.
3:00 p.m.	Tuesday	December 21, 2004	<del>Third</del> <sup>Fourth</sup> <b>Recount Meeting:</b> Resolve any issues of voters' intention requiring the Board's determination.
<b>UPDATED 10:00 a.m.</b>	Thursday	December 23, 2004	<del>Fourth</del> <sup>Fifth</sup> <b>Tentative meeting pending a ruling from the Washington State Supreme Court.</b>
3:00 p.m.	Thursday	December 23, 2004	<del>Fifth</del> <sup>Sixth</sup> <b>Recount Meeting:</b> Certify results of the manual recount, pending the State Supreme Court's ruling.

Meetings will be held in the King County Council Chambers located on the 10th floor of the King County Courthouse, 516 - 3rd Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104.

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KING COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD

***Governor's Race Manual Recount  
November 2, 2004***

**MEETING AGENDA**

2:00 p.m., Monday, December 20, 2004

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**3rd meeting:           *(Expected Meeting Time: 5 hours)***

1. Resumption of the Canvassing Board
  2. Adoption of the agenda
  3. Report on *Washington State Republican Party v. King County Division of Records Elections and Licensing Services Division*
  4. Progress of the Manual Recount
    - Polling Place and Absentee ballots have been counted.
    - Reconciling counts on precincts using standards adopted by canvassing board
      - 400+ Polling place Precincts, completed Sunday 12/19/04.
      - 900+ Absentee Precincts, completion expected today.
    - Still anticipate finishing the recount by the December 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  5. 22 ballots from base units of Accuvote Machines (2 provisional and 20 absentee)
  6. 10 ballots already canvassed will be directed to be counted pursuant to original canvass.
  7. Determination of Voter Intent on 1627 ballots
  8. Other Business.
  9. Addition of further meetings
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KING COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD

**Governor's Race Manual Recount  
November 2, 2004**

**MEETING AGENDA**

3:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 21, 2004

4TH

~~3rd~~ meeting: **(Expected Meeting Time: 2 hours)**

1. Resumption of the Canvassing Board
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Progress of the Manual Recount
  - Polling Place and Absentee ballots have been counted.
  - Reconciling counts on precincts using standards adopted by canvassing board is completed
  - Data entry on the Canvassing Board Ballots is proceeding
4. 8 ballots already canvassed from previous certification requested to be presented at this meeting
5. 1 ballots already canvassed will be directed to be counted pursuant to original canvass
6. Determination of Voter Intent on 320 ballots

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Next meeting: 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 23, 2004



KING COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD

***Governor's Race Manual Recount  
November 2, 2004***

**MEETING AGENDA**

3:00 p.m., Thursday, December 23, 2004

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**6th meeting: *(Expected Meeting Time: 30 minutes)***

1. Resumption of the Canvassing Board
  2. Adoption of the agenda
  3. Staff Report on No Signature on File Ballots
  4. Resolution on 4 ballots for voter intent
  5. Final accumulation of results
  6. Certification of the Requested Manual Recount for the Governor's Race
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## Oath of County Auditor or Supervisor of Elections

STATE OF WASHINGTON            )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF KING                )

I solemnly swear that the returns of the Requested Recount for the office of Governor in King County, State of Washington, have been in no way altered by additions or erasures and that they are the same as when they were deposited in my office.

*Sean C Logan*

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Director of the Records, Elections and Licensing Services Division

*Subscribed and sworn to me this 23rd day of December, 2004*

*[Signature]*

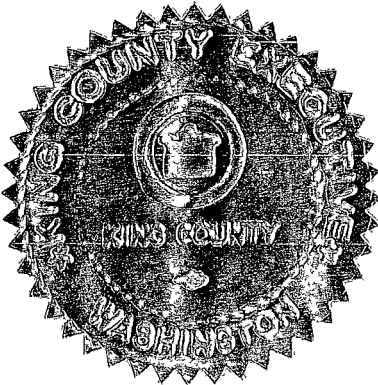
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Chairman, County Legislative Authority

## Certification of the Canvassing Board

STATE OF WASHINGTON            )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF KING                )

The undersigned officers designated by law as constituting the Canvassing Board for the County of King County, State of Washington, hereby certify that this is a full, true and correct copy of the Requested Recount for the office of Governor in King County, State of Washington; that the total number of active registered voters in all precincts was 1,082,406 ; the total number of inactive registered voters in all precincts was 169,830; the total number of all registered voters in all precincts was 1,252,236; and that the total number of votes cast in such precincts was 899,199.

*Witness our hands and official seal this 23rd day of December, 2004*



*Sean C Logan*

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Director, Records Elections and Licensing Services Division

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Chairman, County Legislative Authority

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County Prosecuting Attorney