

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2025**

A special meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Frank Antenori, Chairman; Tom Crosby, Vice-Chairman, Telephonic; Kathleen L. Gomez, Supervisor

Staff Present: Sharon Gilman, County Administrator
Joe Casey, Deputy County Administrator
Dylan Hendel, Civil Deputy County Attorney
Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Billy Cloud, Recorder
Melissa Avant, Elections Director

Chairman Antenori called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

ACTION

Board of Supervisors

1. Certify the election results submitted by the Cochise County Elections Department as the official canvass for the Special General CD7 held on September 23, 2025.

Supervisor Gomez made a motion to certify the election results submitted by the Cochise County Elections Department as the official canvass for the Special General CD7 held on September 23, 2025. Chairman Antenori seconded the motion.

Tara Clayton, Cochise County organizer for Rural Arizona Action, stated that under ARS 16-642, the Board of Supervisors has a legal duty to canvass and certify election results as an administrative action, and urged prompt certification to ensure full representation and uphold the integrity of the democratic process.

Vice-Chairman Crosby explained that the certification of voting system test laboratories was originally limited to two years, but version 3.0 of the manual made accreditation permanent unless revoked. He emphasized that this is a nonpartisan issue affecting the whole county and expressed concern about removing the prior two-year check, highlighting the importance of maintaining checks and balances.

Supervisor Gomez praised Melissa Avant, Elections Director, for successfully managing the election. She noted that each election must be evaluated individually, emphasizing the need for checks and balances, equipment, and replacement when

issues arise.

Chairman Antenori called for the vote and it was approved 3-0.

Chairman Antenori adjourned the meeting at 1:12 p.m.

APPROVED:

Frank Antenori, Chairman

ATTEST:

Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board