



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE:	May 13, 2025
MEETING TYPE:	City Council
SUBMITTED BY:	Cynthia Olguin
AGENDA CAPTION:	Discuss and consider Resolution R2025-05-1257 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINS, TEXAS, CANVASSING THE RETURNS OF THE MAY 3, 2025, GENERAL ELECTION TO ELECT THREE (3) COUNCIL MEMBERS AT LARGE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Presented by Cynthia Olguin

Background Information

On February 3, 2025, the Hutchins City Council ordered a Joint General Election for May 3, 2025, to elect three (3) City Councilmembers at large to serve three-year terms. Chapter 67 of the Texas Election Code states that the results of the election are not unofficial until canvassed by the City Council.

On May 2, 2025, the Secretary of State issued Election Advisory 2025-03, Post-Election Procedures and Qualifying for Office for the May 3, 2025, Uniform Election. The canvass must be conducted at an open meeting of the governing body no later than the eleventh day after election day, Wednesday, May 14, 2025.

The canvass cannot occur until the early voting ballot board has: (1) qualified and counted all provisional ballots if a provisional ballot has been cast in the election; (2) counted all timely received late-arriving ballots, including the next business day, military and overseas ballots; and (3) counted all ballots contained in previously defective carrier envelopes which were corrected by voters by the required deadline. (Tex. Elec. Code § 67.003).

Dallas County Elections does not break down the provisional or outstanding mail ballots by district or entity, therefore, the joint election entities must wait until the County issues the final countywide canvassing report for all entities participating in the May 3, 2025 election.

Pursuant to the Code, only two officers are needed for a quorum for a canvassing meeting. Tex. Elec. Code § 67.004(a).

The canvassing authority shall prepare a tabulation stating the following:

1. Each candidate
2. Total number of votes received in each precinct
3. Sum of precinct totals tabulated
4. Votes FOR and AGAINST each measure

Legal Review

Staff Recommendation

Supporting Documentation and Attachments