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Logan issues statement on canvassing board decision

"I am heartened we have an opportunity to right a wrong," said Dean Logan, director of Records, Elections and Licensing Services. "Clearly an administrative error was made in how these ballots were previously handled and presented to the canvassing board and we have the clear authority under state law to review these ballots."

In it's ruling, the three-person County Canvassing Board instructed election staff to verify the signatures of 573 previously uncounted ballots. Once signatures have been verified, staff will remove the ballots from their security envelopes for the canvassing board to make a final decision on whether the ballots should be counted.

Under state law, county canvassing boards are allowed to correct any discrepancies or inconsistencies in the returns of election results. The same authority was used in other counties during the machine recount to include previously uncounted ballots.

The next step for staff is to verify the ballots, a process which is expected to take several days. The canvassing board has not made a decision on how staff is to handle ballots if a voter's signature can not be located.

The canvass board will meet again Monday to rule on whether to count those verified ballots and to determine the status of 22 ballots found Monday in polling place voting units.

The time for Monday's canvassing board meeting has not been set. Please visit www.metrokc.gov/elections/2004recount/canvassboard.htm for an up-to-date schedule.

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