

Allegany County Board of Canvassers
701 Kelly Road, Room 100
Cumberland, MD 21502

July 29, 2022 - Mail-In Ballot Canvass for an In-Person Election with Precincts
Minutes - Final Canvass Day

ATTENDEES

Board of Canvassers

Name	Position	Party
Timothy Donaldson	Chairman	Republican
Debra Johnson	Secretary	Democratic
Lisa Griffith	Member	Republican
JoAnn Spiker	Member	Republican
John Stakem	Member	Democratic

Board of Canvassers Absent:

Name	Position	Party
None		

LBE Staff (in person):

Name	Position
Diane Loibel	Administrator
Armand Pannone	Board Attorney
Samantha Logsdon	Deputy Director
Brandy Gordon	Registrar
Melissa Smith	Clerk
Sharon Mike	Temporary Office Help

Public

Name	Organization (if applicable)
Carla Rigger	
John Fetchero	

All canvassing teams, duplicating team members, and ballot scanner operating team members in attendance are listed under the Canvass Participants section below.

RECONVENING THE MEETING

The vote by mail canvass reconvened on July 29, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. A quorum of the Board of Canvassers was present.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS and VERIFICATION OF OPTICAL SCAN VOTING UNITS

Mrs. Loibel explained the rules concerning public observation of canvass and canvassing process. Staff verified that the seals were intact and that the seal number matched the seal

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number attached and that the public count matched the public count recorded before the prior day's canvass recessed.

A copy of the *Scanning Unit Opening Integrity Report* is attached to the minutes.

CANVASSING OF BALLOTS

Overview of Canvass Process

Mrs. Loibel explained the rules concerning public observation of the canvass, provided an overview of the canvassing process, and noted that the rules were posted in the canvass room.

Canvass Participants

Canvasser	Names of Ballot Processing Canvasser
Team #1	Samantha Logsdon and JoAnn Spiker
Team #2	Melissa Smith and Debra Johnson
Team #3	Sharon Mike and Lisa Griffith
Team #4	Lisa Lyons and Cecilia Pittman
Team #5	Cindy Beeler and Martha Davis

Team	Names of Bi-Partisan Duplicating Team Members
Team #1	Samantha Logsdon and Melissa Smith

Team	Names of Ballot Scanner Operating Team
Team #1	John Stakem and Timothy Donaldson

Mrs. Loibel reported that, to preserve the secrecy of the ballot, five ballots of each ballot style were held back from and will be canvassed during the final day of the Mail-In Ballot canvass. 667 ballots were presented for canvassing at this canvass.

Printing Canvass Results

After scanning all accepted ballots, staff locked the ballot scanners and printed an Election Results Report. The Board of Canvassers signed the Voting Results Report and posted a second copy of the report on the bulletin board outside of the election office.

A copy of the *Scanning Unit Closing Integrity Report* is attached to the minutes.

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DAILY CANVASSING RESULTS

Mail-In Ballot Canvass Statistics- Final Day – July 19, 2022	Number of Ballots
A) Total Ballots Presented	667
B) Total Mail-in Ballots Presented	667
C) Total Provisional Ballots Presented (During Mail-in Ballot Canvass ONLY)	0
D) Total Ballots Accepted	651
E) Accepted in Full Provisional Ballots (During Mail-in Ballot Canvass ONLY)	0
F) Accepted in Part Provisional Ballots (During Mail-in Ballot Canvass ONLY)	0
G) Accepted Mail-in Ballots	651
H) Total Rejected Ballots	16
I) Rejected Provisional Ballots (During Mail-in Ballot Canvass ONLY)	0
J) Rejected Mail-in Ballots	16

RELEASE OF UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

Mrs. Loibel announced the results from the entire mail-in ballot canvass.

Mail-In Ballot Canvass Statistics	Number of Ballots
A) Total Ballots Presented	2,500
B) Total Mail-in Ballots Presented	2,500
C) Total Provisional Ballots Presented (During Mail-in Ballot Canvass ONLY)	0
D) Total Ballots Accepted	2482
E) Accepted in Full Provisional Ballots (During Mail-in Ballot Canvass ONLY)	0
F) Accepted in Part Provisional Ballots (During Mail-in Ballot Canvass ONLY)	0
G) Accepted Mail-in Ballots	2482
H) Total Rejected Ballots	18
I) Rejected Provisional Ballots(During Mail-in Ballot Canvass ONLY)	0
J) Rejected Mail-in Ballots	18

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VERIFICATION OF VOTE COUNT

Mrs. Loibel explained that staff conducted several post-election verifications and audits performed. Mrs. Loibel manually added the Voting Results Reports from each ballot scanner in the precincts previously randomly selected by the local board of elections and compared the manually added totals with the totals produced by the election database for those precincts. Mrs. Loibel confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

Mrs. Loibel explained that a similar verification was performed on each ballot scanner used on the canvassing day randomly selected by the Board of Canvassers for the canvass. She manually added the Voting Results Reports printed from each ballot scanner used on the canvassing day randomly selected by the Board of Canvassers for the canvass and compared the manually added totals to a report printed from the election database for the canvass. Mrs. Loibel confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

Mrs. Loibel presented the Board of Canvassers with the verification results, and the Board of Canvassers reviewed the results. Mr. Stakem made a motion to accept the verification results. Mrs. Spiker seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

POST ELECTION AUDITS

Mrs. Loibel explained that post-election audits were performed on the polling places of certain randomly selected precincts, and on select mail-in and provisional ballots.

Mrs. Loibel explained that for the polling places, in the randomly selected precincts and any polling place where the difference between the number of voters that checked in to vote and ballots cast is five or more, that she compared the number of signed voter authority cards for each ballot scanner against the number of ballots cast. Mrs. Loibel confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

Mrs. Loibel explained that she reviewed a sample of accepted mail-in ballots to determine if the ballot was timely received. She also reviewed a sample of rejected mail-in ballots to determine if the ballot was untimely received or was rejected for another valid reason. Mrs. Loibel confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

Mrs. Loibel explained that a sample of accepted provisional ballots were reviewed to determine whether the provisional voter was registered to vote at the time of the election, voted the ballot for the precinct in which the voter resides, and all other applicable criteria were met. A sample of partially accepted provisional ballots was also reviewed to confirm that a voter was registered to vote at the time of the election, did not vote the ballot for the precinct in which the voter resides, and all other applicable criteria were met. Mrs. Loibel also reviewed a sample of rejected provisional ballots to confirm that the voter was not

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registered to vote at the time of the election or the voter's ballot was rejected for another valid reason. Mrs. Loibel confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

Mrs. Loibel explained that all ballot images from early voting, election day, and all mail-in ballots canvassed and tabulated prior to election day were sent to a third-party for re-tabulation. The vendor produces reports comparing precinct-level results from voting system against the precinct-level results from the re-tabulation, and these reports show any differences between the two sets of results. Mrs. Loibel showed the reports and confirmed that any differences between the two sets of results were less than 0.5%, the threshold for additional auditing.

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

Mrs. Loibel explained that the post-election verifications and audits had no discrepancies or the discrepancies were less than the vote margin of any contest on the ballot in that precinct and presented the Board of Canvassers with the election results. The Board of Canvassers reviewed the election results.

Mrs. Spiker made a motion to certify the results of the 2022 Gubernatorial Primary Election. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Loibel presented the canvass sheets to the Board of Canvassers. The President and Secretary and signed the canvass sheets.

NEXT BOARD OF CANVASSERS' MEETING

If additional ballots are received, the Board of Canvassers will convene before the next meeting of local board of elections. The next meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. at the Allegany County Office Complex, 701 Kelly Road, Room 100, Cumberland, MD 21502.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M. on July 29, 2022.