

Prince George's County Board of Canvassers
1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A
Largo, MD 20774

July 29, 2022 - Vote by Mail Canvass Minutes
2022 Gubernatorial Primary Election
Canvass Day 8 (Final Day)

ATTENDEES

Board of Canvassers (In-Person):

Name	Position	Party
Roberta B. Deegan	President	Republican
Beatrice P. Tignor	Vice President	Democrat
Harold Ruston	Member	Republican
Tom Slezak	Member	Republican
Jaime Vazquez-Saldana	Member	Republican
Lucille V. Gaither	Alternate Member	Republican
Clement A. Gaynor, Jr.	Alternate Member	Republican
Terri L. Williams	Alternate Member	Democrat

Michael Adams	Board Attorney
Anita C. Jones	Board Recording Secretary

LBE Staff (in person):

Name	Position
Alisha L. Alexander	Elections Administrator
Wendy Honesty-Bey	Manager of Elections Operations
Christian Robertson	Data Coordinator
Freddie Colston	Floor Runner/Opener
Joe Young	Floor Runner/Opener
Beulah Williams	Floor Runner/Opener
Donald Benton	Floor Runner/Opener
Marcus Ike	Floor Runner/Opener

A list of all canvassers, duplicating team members, and ballot scanner operating team members in attendance is attached.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 29, 2022, at the Lake Arbor Elementary School, 10205 Lake Arbor Way, Bowie, MD in the multipurpose room. There was a quorum of the Board of Canvassers in-person, and at least one member of the Board of Canvassers who is a registered voter of the principal minority party was present.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS

Ms. Alexander opened the canvass and noted that public notice of the vote by mail canvass was provided and that the notice was provided by agenda posted on door of the election office and on the Prince George's County Board of Election's website. She noted that this was the final day of canvass and the vote tallies were expected to be posted today.

The Board of Canvassers confirmed that the counts on the ballot scanners were zero. Ms. Alexander posted one copy of the Zero Report from the ballot scanners on the wall of the canvassing room. Mr. Colbert printed a second copy of the Zero Report, which remained with the integrity reports.

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

Canvassing of Ballots

Ms. Tignor made a motion to convene the mail-in ballot canvass. Mr. Gaynor seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Jones removed the following seals from the ballot cabinets:

17-319450	17-319447	17-319453
17-319449	17-319452	17-319451
17-319448		

Ms. Alexander noted that the Board of Canvassers' Decision meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m.

Board of Canvassers' Decision Meeting

The canvassing teams were dismissed.

Ms. Deegan, Ms. Tignor, Mr. Ruston, Mr. Slezak, Mr. Vazquez-Saldana, Ms. Gaither, Mr. Gaynor, and Ms. Williams stayed to observe the scanning and printing of results.

Printing Canvass Results

After scanning all accepted ballots, Mr. Colbert locked the ballot scanners and printed an Election Results Report. Ms. Alexander confirmed that the number of accepted ballots

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equaled the number of ballots counted by the ballot scanners. Ms. Alexander signed the Voting Results Report and attached it to the Zero Report.

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

DAILY CANVASSING RESULTS

Mail-In Canvass Statistics-Day Eight	Number of Ballots
Total Ballots Presented	341
Accepted Ballots	341
Rejected Ballots	0

Mail-In/Provisional Canvass Statistics-Overview	Number of Ballots
Total Mail-in Ballots Accepted	46,530
Accepted Hold-Back Ballots (counted with provisional ballot)	2,270
Total Mail-In Ballots Rejected	453
Total Provisional Ballots Accepted (not including Hold Backs)	5,578
Accepted Provisional In-Part	4,438
Accepted Provisional In-Full	1,140
Rejected Provisional Ballots	3,123

VERIFICATION OF VOTE COUNT

Ms. Alexander explained that staff conducted several post-election verifications and audits are performed. Staff manually added the Voting Results Reports from each ballot scanner at the election day vote center and compared the manually added totals with the totals produced by the election database for those precincts. Ms. Alexander confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

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Ms. Alexander 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 vote by mail canvass. Staff 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 vote by mail canvass and compared the manually added totals to a report printed from the election database for the vote by mail canvass. Ms. Alexander confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

Ms. Alexander presented the Board of Canvassers with the verification results, and the Board of Canvassers reviewed the results. Ms. Tignor made a motion to accept the verification results. Mr. Ruston seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

POST ELECTION AUDITS

Ms. Alexander explained that post-election audits were performed on all vote centers and select vote by mail and provisional ballots.

For the vote centers, Ms. Alexander explained that staff compared the number of signed voter authority cards for each ballot scanner against the number of ballots cast. Ms. Alexander confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

Ms. Alexander explained that staff reviewed a sample of accepted vote by mail ballots to determine if the ballots were timely received. Staff also reviewed a sample of rejected vote by mail ballots to determine if the ballot was untimely received or was rejected for another valid reason. Ms. Alexander confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

Ms. Alexander explained that the accepted provisional ballot was 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. Staff also reviewed a sample of rejected provisional ballots to confirm that the voter was not registered to vote at the time of the election or the voter's ballot was rejected for another valid reason. Ms. Alexander confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

Ms. Alexander explained that all ballot images from election day and canvasses through July 29, 2022, 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.

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Ms. Alexander 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

Ms. Alexander explained that the post-election verification *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.

Ms. Deegan made a motion to certify the results of the 2022 Gubernatorial Primary Election. Ms. Tignor seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Alexander presented the canvass sheets to the Board of Canvassers. Ms. Deegan made a motion authorizing Elections Director to email canvass sheets to the President and Secretary and authorized them to sign the canvass sheets. Ms. Tignor seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Vazquez-Saldana, seconded by Mr. Slezak, and duly passed to adjourn the vote by mail Gubernatorial Primary Canvass. The canvass closed at 11:15 a.m. Mr. Colbert recorded the public count, turned the optical scan ballot scanners off, and affixed seals.