

Charles County Board of Canvassers  
201 East Charles Street, La Plata, MD 20646

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
Craig Renner	Board Chairman	Republican
Fern Brown	Board Secretary	Democrat
Dorothy Duffield	Board Member	Republican
Norman Saunders	Board Member	Democrat
Mark Hashagen	Board Member	Republican
Louis Jenkins, Jr.	Board Attorney	

### LBE Staff

Name	Position
Tracy Dickerson	Election Director II
Wade Beswick	Election IT Program Manager I
Stephanie Ramos-Santos	Election Program Assistant II
Chris McDougal	Election Deputy Director II
Luke Beswick	LBE Technician

### Public

Name
Norma Jean Gibson
Ralph E. Patterson

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 a.m. A quorum of the Board of Canvassers was present.

## PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS and VERIFICATION OF OPTICAL SCAN VOTING UNIT(S)

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

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## **CANVASSING OF BALLOTS**

### Overview of Canvass Process

Ms. Dickerson 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

<b>Canvasser</b>	<b>Names of Ballot Processing Canvasser</b>
Team #1	Danna Thelen & Tracy Doane-Mattingly
Team #2	Chris Malloy & Mary Lawson
Team #3	Shawnecia Munson & Mary Beck
Team #4	N/A
Team #5	Loriann Bowman & Patricia Wade

<b>Team</b>	<b>Names of Duplicating Members</b>
BMD #1	Vincenz Dickerson
BMD #2	Danna Thelen
BMD #3	Tracy Doane-Mattingly

<b>Proofing BMD</b>	<b>Names of BMD Duplicating Proofing Members</b>
Proofing BMD #1 & 2	Tracy Dickerson & Louis Jenkins
Proofing BMD #3	Fern Brown & Dorothy Duffield

<b>Team</b>	<b>Names of Ballot Scanner Operating Team</b>
Team #1	Patricia Wade
Team #2	Loriann Bowman
Team #3	Mary Beck
Team #4	Chris Malloy
Team #5	Mary Lawson
Team #6	Craig Renner

Canvassing of ballots resumed.

Ms. Dickerson 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. 713 ballots were presented for canvassing at this canvass.

- Ms. McDougal presented the Board, 3 ballots that were not postmarked. The Board unanimously voted to reject the ballots.

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- Ms. McDougal presented the Board, 7 ballots that were not postmarked but were signed before the deadline. Ms. Duffield made a motion to accept 6 of the 7 ballots, seconded by Mr. Hashagen, unanimously approved. Mr. Renner asked for a motion to reject the 1 ballot that had lack of information, Ms. Brown made a motion to reject the ballot, seconded by Mr. Hashagen, unanimously approved.
- Ms. McDougal presented the board with 53 ballots that were turned in late, the Board unanimously voted to reject the ballots.
- Ms. McDougal presented the Board with 11 ballots that had no signature, attempts to contact the voter before the deadline were made. Mr. Saunders made a motion to reject the unsigned oath ballots, seconded by Ms. Brown. Unanimously approved.

During canvassing, 2 ballots were pulled aside for unsigned oaths, Ms. Brown made a motion to reject the unsigned oath ballots, seconded by Ms. Duffield. Unanimously approved.

Ms. Dickerson informed the Board a voter voted their mail-in ballot then moved to Montgomery County. The ballot was held to ensure the voter did not vote another ballot, after review it was determined that they had not voted another ballot. Ms. Brown made a motion to accept the ballot, seconded by Mr. Hashagen. Unanimously approved.

#### Printing Canvass Results

After scanning all accepted ballots, Canvassers locked the ballot scanners and printed an Election Results Report. The Board of Canvassers reviewed the daily canvass minutes and confirmed that for each day, the number of accepted ballots equaled the number of ballots counted by the ballot scanner. The Board of Canvassers signed the Voting Results Report and posted a second copy of the report on the wall near the entrance.

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

#### **DAILY CANVASSING RESULTS**

Mail-In Ballot Canvass Statistics- Final Day	Number of Ballots
A) Total Ballots Presented	713
B) Total Mail-in Ballots Presented	713
C) Total Provisional Ballots Presented (During Mail-in Ballot Canvass ONLY)	
D) Total Ballots Accepted	643
E) Accepted in Full Provisional Ballots (During Mail-in Ballot Canvass ONLY)	
F) Accepted in Part Provisional Ballots (During Mail-in Ballot Canvass ONLY)	
G) Accepted Mail-in Ballots	643
H) Total Rejected Ballots	70

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I) Rejected Provisional Ballots (During Mail-in Ballot Canvass ONLY)	
J) Rejected Mail-in Ballots	70

**RELEASE OF UNOFFICIAL RESULTS**

Mr. Renner announced the results from the entire mail-in ballot canvass.

Mail-In Ballot Canvass Statistics	Number of Ballots
A) Total Ballots Presented	7880
B) Total Mail-in Ballots Presented	7881
C) Total Provisional Ballots Presented (During Mail-in Ballot Canvass ONLY)	
D) Total Ballots Accepted	7811
E) Accepted in Full Provisional Ballots (During Mail-in Ballot Canvass ONLY)	
F) Accepted in Part Provisional Ballots (During Mail-in Ballot Canvass ONLY)	
G) Accepted Mail-in Ballots	7811
H) Total Rejected Ballots	70
I) Rejected Provisional Ballots(During Mail-in Ballot Canvass ONLY)	
J) Rejected Mail-in Ballots	70

MDVOTERS show 7880 accepted Mail-in Ballots. The total of ballots accepted in the canvass is 7811, due to a mail-in ballot being held back because the voter had moved to another county. The ballot is recorded as a provisional vote on MDVOTERS, but was scanned in during this canvass after Ms. Brown made a motion to accept the ballot, and seconded by Mr. Hashagen, which was unanimously approved.

**VERIFICATION OF VOTE COUNT**

Ms. Dickerson explained that staff conducted several post-election verifications and audits performed. Staff 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. Ms. Dickerson confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

Ms. Dickerson 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. 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 canvass and

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compared the manually added totals to a report printed from the election database for the canvass. Ms. Dickerson confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

Ms. Dickerson presented the Board of Canvassers with the verification results, and the Board of Canvassers reviewed the results. Mr. Hashagen made a motion to accept the verification results. Ms. Duffield seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **POST ELECTION AUDITS**

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

Ms. Dickerson 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 staff compared the number of signed voter authority cards for each ballot scanner against the number of ballots cast. Ms. Dickerson confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

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

Ms. Dickerson 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. 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. Staff confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

Ms. Dickerson 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. Ms. Dickerson 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**

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Ms. Dickerson explained that the post-election verifications and audits had no discrepancies and presented the Board of Canvassers with the election results. The Board of Canvassers reviewed the election results.

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

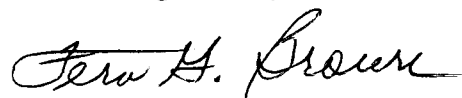
Ms. Dickerson presented the canvass sheets to the Board of Canvassers. Ms. Duffield made a motion authorizing Election Director to email canvass sheets to the President and Secretary and authorized them to sign the canvass sheets. Mr. Hashagen seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **NEXT BOARD OF CANVASSERS' MEETING**

If additional ballots are received, the Board of Canvassers will convene at the next meeting of local board of elections. The next meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2022 at 9 a.m., at the Charles County Board of Elections – 201 East Charles Street, La Plata, MD 20646.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. on July 29, 2022.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Terri H. Brown".