

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

November 18, 2022- Mail-In Ballot Canvass for an In-Person Election with Precincts
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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	Board Attorney	

LBE Staff (in person):

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

Public

Name
Julia Queen
Henry Thompson

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 November 18, 2022 at 10 a.m. A quorum of the Board of Canvassers was present.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS and VERIFICATION OF OPTICAL SCAN VOTING UNITS

Ms. Dickerson explained the rules concerning public observation of canvass and canvassing process. Canvassers 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.

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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

Canvasser	Names of Ballot Processing Canvasser
Team #1	Lois Bowling and Michael Rainwater
Team #2	Tammy Shoyeb and Mary Lawson
Team #3	Theodore Milligan and Joanne Vanwie
Team #4	Natasha Janga and Kevin Savoy
Team #5	Gloria Riley and Chris Malloy
Team #6	Fern Brown and Dorothy Duffield

BMD	Names of Duplicating Team Members
BMD #1	Michelle Mabry
BMD #2	Danna Thelen
BMD #3	Ethan Divelbliss
BMD #4	Norma Jean Gibson
BMD #5	Luke Beswick

Proofing BMD	Names of Duplication Proofing Members
	Mark Hashagen and Tracy Dickerson

Scanner	Names of Ballot Scanner Operating Team
Scanner #1	Shawnecia Munson
Scanner #2	Jashaun Munson
Scanner #3	Ruth Culver
Scanner #4	Loriann Bowman
Scanner #5	Allen Prince
Scanner #6	Patricia Wade
Scanner #7	Craig Renner
Scanner #8	Wade Beswick

Canvassing of ballots resumed.

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Ms. McDougal presented the Board with 11 ballots with the recommendation to reject due to no signature, 18 ballots with the recommendation to reject due to being late, and 3 ballots with the recommendation to reject due to being Primary ballots.

Ms. Duffield made a motion to reject the 32 ballots, seconded by Ms. Brown. 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 of the canvassing room.

DAILY CANVASSING RESULTS

Mail-In Ballot Canvass Statistics	Number of Ballots
A) Total Ballots Presented	3304
B) Total Mail-in Ballots Presented	3304
C) Total Provisional Ballots Presented (During Mail-in Ballot Canvass ONLY)	0
D) Total Ballots Accepted	3272
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	3272
H) Total Rejected Ballots	32
I) Rejected Provisional Ballots (During Mail-in Ballot Canvass ONLY)	0
J) Rejected Mail-in Ballots	32

RELEASE OF UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

Ms. Dickerson announced the results from the entire mail-in ballot canvass.

Mail-In Ballot Canvass Statistics	Number of Ballots
A) Total Ballots Presented	11875
B) Total Mail-in Ballots Presented	11875

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C) Total Provisional Ballots Presented (During Mail-in Ballot Canvass ONLY)	0
D) Total Ballots Accepted	11843
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	11843
H) Total Rejected Ballots	32
I) Rejected Provisional Ballots(During Mail-in Ballot Canvass ONLY)	0
J) Rejected Mail-in Ballots	32

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 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. Saunders made a motion to accept the verification results. Mrs. Brown 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.

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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. Ms. Dickerson 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

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

Ms. Dickerson presented the canvass sheets to the Board of Canvassers. Mr. Hashagen made a motion authorizing Election Director to email canvass sheets to the President and Secretary and authorized them to sign the canvass sheets. Ms. Duffield 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 December 15, 2022 at 9 a.m. at the Charles County Board of Elections office.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm on November 18, 2022.

Fera H. Brown