

Frederick County MD Board of Canvassers
8490 Progress Dr, Frederick MD

Wednesday, November 13, 2024 –Provisional Canvass, Day 1 - Minutes

ATTENDEES

Board of Canvassers:

Name	Position	Party
Mary Costello	President	Democratic
Nathaniel C.W. Wilson	Vice-President	Republican
Shirley McDonald	Secretary	Democratic
Michael Sowell	Board Member	Democratic
Ted Neeves	Board Member	Republican
Daniel Loftus	Board Counsel	---

LBE Staff (in person):

Name	Position
Barbara Wagner	Election Director
Anthony Gutierrez	Election Deputy Director
Tom Coogan	Election Program Manager
Marc Welch	Election Judge Supervisor
Sarah McAleavy	Election Judge EPA II - transcriber
Shakir Satterfield	Election Voting Operations Supervisor
Dan Callahan	Election VR/MIB Supervisor
Tracey Leaf	EPA I – MIB/Opening Team
Stanley Kumah	DS200 Ballot Tabulation #1
Brian Blakesly	DS200 Ballot Tabulation #2 & IIT
Lisa Fazio	DS200 Ballot Tabulation #3 & Ballot Prep
Robert Millard	DS850 Operator

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Public [can be attached or placed here]

Name	Organization (if applicable)
Josh Bokee	Josh Bokee for BOE
Pam Ciliberti	FCRCC
John Kaminsky	Self
Marc Weinberg	Democratic Central Committee
Sherry Gaynor	Parrott
Todd Offutt	Parrott for Congress
Mari Lee	FCDP Chair
Deb Reynolds	FCDC
P. Blanchard	Self
Esther Frances	FNP
Lisa Hughes	Parrott
Charles Hughes	Parrott
Thomas Slater	Democratic Party
Kelly Foster	Self
Veronica Lowe	Self
Mildred Thompson	Self

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

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

The 2024 Presidential General Election Board of Canvassers for Frederick Maryland met at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, in the Board of Elections office at 8490 Progress Dr, Frederick MD. In accordance with Election Law 11-301(d)) a quorum is present and at least one member of the Board of Canvassers who is a registered voter of the principal minority party is present (§ 11-301(g)).

CONFIRMATION OF OATH

On Wed, Sept 11, 2024, Sandra Dalton, Clerk of the Frederick County MD Circuit Court, administered and recorded the oath of each board member. She administered the oath for the board counsel on Thursday, September 26.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS

On March 6, 2024, the Board elected Mary Costello as President, Nate Wilson as Vice President and Shirley McDonald as Secretary for the 2024 Primary and General elections.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS

Public notice of the canvass was given on October 1, 2024, and posted at the Board of Elections Office and on our website.

VERIFICATION OF THE SCANNING UNIT(S)

Election Program Supervisor Satterfield presented documents to the Board of Canvassers showing that the ballot scanners being used in the canvass successfully passed Logic and Accuracy Testing on September 10 and September 12, 2024. He reported that the memory sticks created for this canvass were placed in the ballot scanners and sealed. He provided the Board of Canvassers with the results from the Logic and Accuracy Testing. He and Election Program Supervisor Marc Welch noted the Ballot Scanner Serial Numbers and Seal Numbers from the Logic and Accuracy Testing documentation for each ballot scanner being used in the canvass.

They verified that the seals on the ballot scanners were intact and recorded the scanner's serial number and seal number on the Scanning Unit Opening Integrity Report. They noted that the ballot scanners' serial numbers and seal numbers from Logic and Accuracy Testing matched the ballot scanners' serial numbers and seal numbers before the canvass began. Board Member Ted Neeves made a motion to open the DS850 machines and Board Member Shirley McDonald seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Canvassers confirmed that the counts on the ballot scanners were zero. Supervisor Welch posted one copy of the Zero Report from the ballot scanners on the door to Training Room. Supervisor Satterfield printed a second copy of the Zero Report, which remained attached to the ballot scanners. At the direction of the Board of Canvassers, all Board of Canvassers signed the Zero Report attached to the ballot scanners. Supervisor Satterfield and all Board of Canvassers also confirmed that the ballot boxes were empty.

Board Member Ted Neeves made a motion to remove seals after verification and open DS200 machines 1 through 3. Board Member Shirley McDonald seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. All machines were opened with Zero reports printed and posted on the wall in the 3rd Floor Reception area to Training room.

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

CANVASSING OF BALLOTS

Overview of Canvass Process

Election Director Barbara Wagner explained the rules concerning public observation of the canvass. She provided an overview of the canvassing process and noted that the rules were

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posted in the canvass room. Ballots were distributed to the ballot processing canvassing teams in batches. Each canvassing team reviewed the envelope first to determine whether it was timely received.

For timely received ballots, each canvassing team determined whether the voter signed the oath. After verifying that the oath is signed, each canvassing team opened the envelopes. With the envelope face down, each canvassing team removed the ballot, taking care that the envelope stays face down. After removing all of the ballots in the batch, the ballot envelopes were set aside. Each canvassing team reviewed the ballots for compliance and tabulating acceptability.

Ballots that were untimely or otherwise not in compliance were placed in a folder/envelope, with the canvassing team's number, or other information identifying the canvassing team to which the ballot belonged, and the reasons for the referral written on the envelope. The envelope with the ballots inside was referred to the Board of Canvassers for later review.

Those timely ballots that were in compliance and could be read by the ballot scanner were referred to the Board of Canvassers for acceptance.

The Board of Canvassers ruled on whether to accept or unanimously reject the referred ballots.

The Director explained the process to provide information to the Board of Canvassers or challenged a decision of the Board.

Canvass Participants

Canvasser	Names of Ballot Processing Canvassing Teams
Team #1	James Gibson/ Mike Rusk
Team #2	Pat Ray/ Ray May
Team #3	Leslie Barkley/ Scott Rowe
Team #4	Nancy Gameson/ Robert Bishop
Team #5	Pat Rhodes/ Glynis Dalgarn
Team #6	Jeana Wolf/Sharon Hane
Team #7	Lee Jeffrey/ Kathy May
Team #8	Mike Watterson/ Stephanie McGovern
Team #9	Sam Purswell/ Gail Boggs
Team #10	Gail Harris/ Barbara Christie
Team #11	Nancy Donovan/ Marylee Newman
Team #12	Ed Bunyan/ Adrian Draghici
Team #13	Michele Draiss/ Marilyn Bishop
Team #14	Jan Hall/Melanie Swank
Team #15	Elisa Marsh/Faye Glover

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Team #16	Teresa Bess/Linda Hartman
Team #17	Helen Johnson/Megan Swank
Team #18	Pam Holcomb/ Jeana Wolf (last batch of 16)

Team	Names of Bi-Partisan Duplicating Team Members
Backbenders	Dale Wolf/Pam Holcomb

Team	Names of Ballot Scanner Operating Team
Team #1	Stanley Kumah/Robert Millard
Team #2	Brian Blakesly/Lisa Fazio

Canvassing of Ballots

Board Member Neeves made a motion to accept and approve the opening and tabulation of the ballots. Board Member McDonald seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Board holding ballot from batch # 9035 attempt to cure at 11:53am

Board holding ballot from batch # 9031 rejected – identifying marks 12:02pm

1:29pm Ballot jam scanner 2 ballot was counted; jam was cleared no motion necessary.

1:30pm Watchers challenged Board decision on a ballot denied by Board for stray marks vs intent to vote, challenger forms placed with ballot paperwork. Board overruled the challenge. Challenge withdrawn.

Challenges During Canvass

There were no challenges brought forth in the canvass.

Canvass Closing

After scanning all accepted mail-in ballots, the board verified the total public count matched the amount of ballots canvassed, locked the ballot scanners and shut them down without printing results.

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

DAILY CANVASSING STATISTICS

Provisional Ballot Canvass Statistics- Day 1	Number of Ballots
Total Provisional Ballots Presented	2,226
Accepted Provisional Ballots	2,226
Rejected Provisional Ballots	0

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Provisional Ballots held over by the Board of Canvassers (if applicable)	0
Total Mail-In Ballots Presented	326
Accepted Mail-In Ballots Ballots	324
Rejected Mail-In Ballots Ballots	1
Mail-In Ballots Ballots held over by the Board of Canvassers (if applicable)	
Mail-In Ballots to be Cured	1

RECESS

Motion made by Board Member Neeves to recess day 1 of the Provisional Ballot Canvass and seconded by Board Member McDonald. Motion passed unanimously. The canvass recessed at 4:38 p.m. and will reconvene on Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 10 a.m. Supervisor Satterfield recorded the public count, turned the scanners off, and affixed a seal.