

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

February 11, 2022 - Vote by Mail Canvass Minutes
Prince George's County Council District 8 Special General Election
Canvass Day 3

Vote by Mail Daily Canvass Minutes – Final Day

ATTENDEES

Board of Canvassers (In-Person):

Name	Position	Party
Beatrice P. Tignor	Vice President	Democrat
Thomas J. Slezak	Member	Republican
Jaime J. Vazquez-Saldana	Member	Republican
Lucille V. Gaither	Alternate Member	Republican
Clement A. Gaynor, Jr.	Alternate Member	Republican
Terri L. Williams	Alternate Member	Democrat

Kevin Karpinski	Board Attorney
Anita C. Jones	Board Recording Secretary

LBE Staff (in person):

Alisha Alexander	Elections Administrator
Wendy Honesty-Bey	Elections Operations
Mike Colbert	Data Coordinator
Christian Robertson	Floor Runner/Opener
Marcus Ike	Floor Runner/Opener
Freddie Colston	Floor Runner/Opener
Owen Johnson	Floor Runner/Opener
Beulah Williams	Floor Runner/Opener
Donald Benton	Floor Runner/Opener
Joe Young	Floor Runner/Opener
Patricia Thorpe	Elections Operations

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 11, 2022. There was a quorum of the Board of Canvassers and at least one member of the Board of Canvassers who is a registered voter of the principal minority party was present. The meeting was convened according to statute to consider Provisional Ballots and vote-by-mail ballots.

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Zero reports were printed, signed, and posted.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS

Ms. Alexander 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.

The following scanners were used:

Serial Number	Security Tapes
DS8517110323	17-223037, 17-294731
DS8515040157	17-223038, 17-223039

CANVASSING OF BALLOTS

Provisional Ballot Canvass

Ms. Alexander reported that there was one (1) Provisional Ballot for consideration and staff recommended that it be rejected.

Board of Canvassers' Decision Meeting

The following Provisional Ballot was considered:

Voter ID Number	Reason
Williams	Same-day registration, verification not timely.
A motion was made by Mr. Gaynor, seconded by Mr. Vazquez-Saldana, and unanimously passed to reject this ballot.	

The seal tapes were put on the Ballot Integrity Transfer Chain of Custody forms.

Voter ID Number	Reason
757122719	USPS forwarded damaged envelope, no post mark. The date by the signature was timely.

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A motion was made by Mr. Gaynor, seconded by Ms. Tignor, and duly passed to accept this ballot for scanning.
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Results of Board of Canvasser Review:

Voter ID Number	Reason
757175045 (Batch 293), (Team 1)	No ballot.
Rejected, there is a standing motion for any ballot envelope submitted without a ballot.	

Voter ID Number	Reason
757159683, (Batch 274), (Team 2)	Returned Primary Ballot.
Rejected, there is a standing motion for any ballot envelope submitted with an incorrect ballot.	

Voter ID Number	Reason
326 Ballots	Untimely received.
A motion was made by Mr. Vazquez-Saldana, seconded by Mr. Gaynor, and unanimously passed to reject these ballots.	

Voter ID Number	Reason
99 Ballots	No signature.
A motion was made by Mr. Slezak, seconded by Mr. Vazquez-Saldana, and unanimously passed to reject these ballots.	

The rejected ballots were put in a box, locked and sealed (tape numbers 17-250219 and 17-250220).

Printing Canvass Results

After scanning all accepted ballots, Mr. Colbert 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 Reports and posted a second copy of the report the front window of the canvass room.

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

DAILY CANVASSING RESULTS

Vote by Mail Canvass Statistics- Day [February 11, 2022]	Number of Ballots
Total Ballots Presented	1,041
Accepted Ballots	615
Rejected Ballots	426

RELEASE OF UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

Ms. Alexander showed the results to the Board and posted them.

Vote by Mail Canvass Statistics	Number of Ballots
Total Ballots Presented	7,399
Accepted Ballots	6,954
Rejected Ballots	444
Rejection Provisional Ballot – code 8, ID or DL	1

VERIFICATION OF VOTE COUNT

Ms. Alexander explained that staff conducted several post-election verifications and audits 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.

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.

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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 January 14, 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. 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 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.

Ms. Gaither made a motion to certify the results of the 2022 Special General County Council District 8 Election. Ms. Tignor seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Gaynor, seconded by Ms. Gaither, and duly passed to adjourn the canvass at 10:30 a.m. on February 11, 2022.