

Carroll County Board of Canvassers
1135 Business Parkway South, Suite 60
Westminster, MD 21157

Monday, June 8, 2026 - Pre-Election Day Mail-in Ballot Canvass

ATTENDEES

Board of Canvassers:

Name	Position	Party
Karen Donaldson	Member	Republican
Mitch Edeleman	Member	Democratic
Samuel Foster	Chairman	Democratic
Gina Miller	Member	Democratic
Benjamin Watson	Secretary	Republican

LBE Staff:

Name	Position
Jennifer Bartholow	Deputy Director
Eduardo DeLima	Election IT Specialist III
Lukas Faber	County Technician
Kimberly Jones	Election Program Supervisor II
Isaac Nogueron	Election Program Specialist II
Erin Perrone	Election Director

No members of the public were in attendance.

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

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began at 10 am on Monday, June 8, 2026, at the Carroll County Board of Elections canvass room. 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.

CONFIRMATION OF OATH

Heather DeWees, the Clerk of the Court for Carroll County, administered and recorded the oath of each member of the Board of Canvassers and Jay Gullo, Board Attorney, on Wednesday, March 18, 2026.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS

At a meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, the Board of Canvassers elected Samuel Foster as Chairman of the Board of Canvassers and Benjamin Watson as Secretary.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS

Mr. Foster noted that public notice of the mail-in ballot canvass was provided and that the notice was provided via the website, social media, and an email to various parties including candidates, central committees, and elected officials.

VERIFICATION OF THE SCANNING UNITS

Ms. Perrone presented documents to the Board of Canvassers showing that the ballot scanners being used in the canvass successfully passed Logic and Accuracy Testing on Monday, May 11, 2026. Ms. Perrone reported that the memory sticks created for this canvass were placed in the ballot scanners and sealed. Ms. Perrone provided the Board of Canvassers with the results from the Logic and Accuracy Testing. Ms. Perrone 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.

Ms. Jones and Mr. DeLima 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*. Ms. Jones and Mr. DeLima 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.

The Board of Canvassers confirmed that the counts on the ballot scanners were zero. Staff posted one copy of the Zero Report from the ballot scanners on the outside of the public entrance to the Carroll County Board of Elections. Ms. Jones and Mr. DeLima printed a second copy of the Zero Report, which were detached from the ballot scanners and attached to the *Scanning Unit Opening Integrity Report*. At the direction of Ms. Jones and Mr. DeLima, the Board of Canvassers signed the zero reports that were attached to the *Scanning Unit Opening Integrity Report*. Ms. Perrone also confirmed that the ballot boxes were empty.

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

CANVASSING OF BALLOTS

Overview of Canvass Process

Ms. Perrone explained the rules concerning public observation of the canvass. Ms. Perrone provided an overview of the canvassing process and noted that the rules were posted in the canvass room. Ballots were distributed to the bipartisan team of election judges operating the envelope openers.

Each canvassing team determined whether the voter signed the oath. After verifying that the oath is signed and with the envelope face down, each canvassing team removed the ballot, taking care that the envelope stays face down. As each ballot was removed from its envelope, each canvassing team reviewed the ballot for the asterisk (*) to signify the ballot was a

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replacement ballot. After removing all the ballots in the batch, the ballot envelopes were set aside. Each canvassing team reviewed the ballots for compliance and tabulating acceptability.

Print-at-home ballots were duplicated by a bi-partisan ballot duplication team and verified for accuracy.

Ballots that were not in compliance were placed in a folder, with the canvassing team's number, or other information identifying the canvassing team to which the ballot belonged, and the reason for the referral written on the header sheet. The folder with the ballots inside will be referred to the Board of Canvassers for later review.

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

Canvass Participants

Canvasser	Names of Bi-Partisan Ballot Processing & Duplicating Canvassing Team Members
Team #1	Susan Whitcomb & Paula Stonesifer
Team #2	Estelle Frederick & Michelle Moreau
Team #3	Richard Wills & Betsy Scott
Team #4	Debra Robertson & Kristen McMasters
Team #5	Patrick McCourt & Precious Morrison
Team #6	Danielle Unglesbee & Stacey Jones
Team #7	Delores Blubaugh & Josephine Billings
Team #8	Marilyn Sawaya & Marcia Heyman
Team #9	Sharon Glass & Becky Rittenhouse
Team #10	Judy Cook & Wendy Raith
Team	Names of Bi-Partisan Envelope Openers & Floor Runners
Team #1	Faye Davis & Brenda Brenneman
Team #2	Chris Catterton & Michael Myers
Team	Names of Bi-Partisan Ballot Scanner Operating Team Members
Team #1	Dave Traenkner, Adnrew DeMario, and Liuda Galinaitis
Team #2	Andrew Pak, E. Beth Bowman, and Rosalyn Altman
Team #3	Wallace Brown, Sylvia Bellak, and Jack Pollard
Runners	Names of Bi-Partisan Ballot Scanner Operating Team Members
Runner #1	Kimberly Frock
Runner #2	Robert Boblitz
Runner #3	Rodney Morris

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Canvassing of Ballots

Mr. Watson made a motion to accept and approve the opening and tabulation of the ballots. Mr. Edelman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Challenges During Canvass

There were no challenges brought forth in the canvass because the Board of Canvassers did not have a decision meeting during this canvass.

Canvass Closing

After scanning all accepted mail-in ballots, Ms. Jones and Mr. DeLima verified the total public count matched the number 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

Mail-In Ballot Canvass Statistics- Day 1	Number of Ballots
Total Ballots Presented	1,660
Accepted Ballots	1,650
Rejected Ballots	0
Ballots held over by the Board of Canvassers (if applicable)	7
Ballots removed from canvass for oath cure	2
Ballots removed from canvass to wait for SBE Replacement Ballot Instructions (replacement envelope with original ballot)	1

RECESS

The canvass recessed at 12:15 pm and will reconvene on Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 10 am. Ms. Jones and Mr. DeLima recorded the public count, turned the scanners off, and affixed a seal.