

Carroll County Board of Canvassers
300 S Center Street, Rm 212
Westminster, MD 21157

Thursday, November 7, 2024 – Post-Election Day Mail-in Ballot 1 Canvass

ATTENDEES

Board of Canvassers:

Name	Position	Party
Carol Coley	Member	Democratic
Karen Donaldson	Member	Republican
Mitch Edelman	Member	Democratic
Samuel Foster	Chairman	Democratic
Benjamin Watson	Secretary	Republican
Jack “Jay” Gullo	Board Counsel	

LBE Staff:

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

Members of the Public:

Name	Organization (if applicable)
Corynne Courpas	Carroll County Democratic Central Committee
Oscar Savaryn	Carroll County Republican Central Committee

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 mail-in ballot canvass reconvened at 10 am on Thursday, November 7, 2024, at the gymnasium of the Robert Moton Building, 300 S Center Street, Westminster. 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 on Wednesday, September 18, 2024. Ms. DeWees administered and recorded the oath of board counsel on Wednesday, October 16, 2024.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS

At a meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, the Board of Canvassers elected Samuel Foster as Chairman of the Board of Canvassers and Benjamin Watson as Secretary.

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 stated that the ballot scanners being used in the canvass successfully passed Logic and Accuracy Testing on Friday, September 13, 2024. Ms. Perrone reported that the memory sticks created for this canvass were placed in the ballot scanners and sealed. 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 *DS200 Integrity Report – MIB1 Canvass*. 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. At the direction of Ms. Jones and Mr. DeLima, the Board of Canvassers signed the zero reports that were posted inside the front doors to the Robert Moton Building. After the Board of Canvassers signed the zero reports from each scanner, Ms. Bullock and Mr. Watson posted one copy of the Zero Report from the ballot scanners on the inside of the front doors to the Robert Moton Building. Ms. Jones and Mr. DeLima printed a second copy of the Zero Report, which were detached from the ballot scanners and attached to the *DS200 Integrity Report – MIB1 Canvass*.

A copy of the *DS200 Integrity Report – MIB1 Canvass* is attached to the minutes.

CANVASSING OF BALLOTS

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. After removing all the ballots in the batch, the

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ballot envelopes were set aside. Each canvassing team reviewed the ballots for compliance and tabulating acceptability.

Web delivered ballots were duplicated by a bipartisan ballot duplication teams 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 ballot inside was referred to the Board of Canvassers for later review.

Those 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 convened at 12:00 noon to review referred ballots from the Tuesday, October 15, 2024, Pre-Election Day MIB1 Canvass. The Board of Canvassers ruled on whether to accept or unanimously reject the referred ballots.

Ms. Perrone explained that, to verify the accuracy of the voting system, some mail-in ballots will be hand counted and the results of that hand count will be compared against the results from the voting system. The number of mail-in ballots to be hand counted is at least 1% of the number of mail-in ballots cast in the precious comparable general election. For this election, at least 361 mail-in ballots will be hand counted. The first ballots to be tabulated after election day will be the mail-in ballots randomly selected for this audit. Once these ballots are scanned, results will be printed, and the results and the ballots will be stored for the manual audit. The manual audit will be conducted no later than 120 days after the general election.

Ms. Perrone explained the process to provide information to the Board of Canvassers or challenge a decision of the Board. See the table below showing the ballots presented to the Board of Canvassers.

Batch Number	Referral Reason	Contest	Board Action	Vote
86	Voter intent	US Senator	Duplicate the entire ballot with a vote for Larry Hogan	Unanimous Consent
172	Voter intent	Supreme Court 3	Duplicate the entire ballot with a For vote for Matthew Fader.	Unanimous Consent

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172 – From 10/15 Canvass	Stray mark on the ballot	President and Vice- President of the United States	Duplicate the entire Ballot with a vote for Kamala Harris	Unanimous Consent
191 – From 10/15 Canvass	Voter intent	Representative in Congress - District 2	Duplicate the entire ballot with a vote for John “Johnny O” Olszewski, Jr	Unanimous Consent
203 – From 10/15 Canvass	Voter intent	State Question 1	Duplicate the entire ballot with an Against vote for State Question 1	Unanimous Consent
215 – From 10/15 Canvass	Voter intent	President and Vice- President of the United States	Duplicate the entire ballot with no vote for President	Unanimous Consent
240 – From 10/15 Canvass	Voter intent – ballot was sliced open on a contest	Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large Andrea M. Leahy	Duplicate the entire ballot with Leahy blank	Unanimous Consent
253 – From 10/15 Canvass	Voter intent	State Question 1	Duplicate the entire ballot with an Against vote for State Question 1	Unanimous Consent
256 – From 10/15 Canvass	Voter intent – ballot was sliced open on a contest	Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large Andrea M. Leahy	Duplicate the entire ballot with a Yes vote for Leahy	Unanimous Consent
279 – From 10/15 Canvass	Voter intent	Board of Education	Duplicate the entire ballot with a vote for Malveaux and Zihmer	Unanimous Consent
299 – From 10/15 Canvass	Voter intent	Board of Education	Duplicate the entire ballot with a vote for Malveaux and Zihmer	Unanimous Consent
333 – From 10/15 Canvass	Identifying mark on the ballot	Entire ballot	Rejected for identifying mark – voter signed the ballot	Unanimous Consent

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352 – From 10/15 Canvass	Voter intent	Board of Education	Duplicate the entire ballot with a vote for Jozkowski and Malveaux	Unanimous Consent
377 – From 10/15 Canvass	Voter intent	State Question 1	Duplicate the entire ballot with a For vote for State Question 1	Unanimous Consent
409 – From 11/7 Canvass	Identifying mark on the ballot	Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large Andrea M. Leahy	Rejected for identifying mark – voter initialed the contest	Unanimous Consent
456 – From 11/7 Canvass	Voter intent – ballot was sliced open on a contest	Judge, Appellate Court of Maryland At Large Andrea M. Leahy	Duplicate the entire ballot with a blank contest for Leahy	Unanimous Consent
490 – From 11/7 Canvass	Two ballots in one envelope	No specific contest	Rejected for two ballots in one envelope	Unanimous Consent
492 – From 11/7 Canvass	No ballot in the envelope	No specific contest	Rejected the envelope for no ballot in the envelope	Unanimous Consent

Canvass Participants

Canvasser	Names of Bi-Partisan Ballot Processing & Duplicating Canvassing Team Members
Team #1	Susan E Whitcomb & Norma Bair
Team #2	Kristen McMasters & Paula Stonesifer
Team #3	Becky Ritterhouse & Richard Wills
Team #4	Josephine Billings & Estelle Frederick
Team #5	Taylor Button & Sandra Hohne
Team #6	Marcia Heyman & Marilyn Sawaya
Team #7	Wallace Brown & Carol Fornwalt
Team #8	Richard Choma & Donna Schott
Team #9	Cindy Hirshberg & Barbara Phelps
Team #10	Stacey Jones & Ivy Smink
Team #11	Jeffrey Haugh & Sharon Glass
Team #12	Elena Hodgkiss & Sandra Strickler

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Team #13	Martha Hankins & Lori Anderson
Team #14	Jean Lewis & Sylvia Belak
Team #15	E Beth Bowman & Guin Elizabeth Gilberto
Team #16	Wendy Raith & Judy Cook

Team	Names of Bi-Partisan Envelope Openers & Floor Runners
Team #1	Faye Davis & Sandra Ebbs
Team #2	Pam Malkin & Patrick McCourt
Runner #1	Kimberly Frock
Runner #2	Jeff Morse
Runner # 3	Rodney Morris

Team	Names of Bi-Partisan Ballot Scanner Operating Team Members
Team #1	Bryce Kuhn & Andrew Pak
Team #2	Robert Moody & Robert Gwynn
Team #3	Jane Thayer & Betsy Scott
Team #4	Deborah Palm & Barb Partenope
Team #5	Andrew DeMario & Michael Myers
Team #6	Drew Heartly & Kim Smithson
Scanner #7	Lukas Faber

Canvassing of Ballots

Ms. Coley made a motion to accept and approve the opening and tabulation of the ballots. Ms. Donaldson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Challenges During Canvass

No challenges were made during the canvass.

Canvass Closing

After scanning all accepted ballots, Ms. Jones and Mr. DeLima locked the ballot scanners and printed an Election Results Report. Ms. Perrone confirmed that the number of accepted ballots equaled the number of ballots counted by the ballot scanners. The Board of Canvassers signed one copy of the Voting Results Report and attached it to the *DS200 Integrity Report – MIB1 Canvass*. The other copy was posted on the inside of the front doors to the Robert Moton Building next to the Zero Reports for public viewing.

A copy of the *DS200 Integrity Report – MIB1 Canvass* is attached to the minutes.

DAILY CANVASSING STATISTICS

Mail-In Ballot Canvass Statistics- Day 1	Number of Ballots
Total Ballots Presented	13,000
Accepted Ballots from the Board of Canvassers 11/7 decision meeting	13

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Ballots held over for the Board of Canvassers at their 11/13 meeting	6
Ballots for oath cures	7
Rejected Ballots	4
Accepted Ballots	12,996

RECESS

The canvass recessed at 6:25 pm and will reconvene on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 10 am for the provisional ballot and MIB2 canvass. Ms. Jones and Mr. DeLima recorded the public count, turned the scanners off, and affixed a seal.