

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

Wednesday, July 1, 2026 – Combined Provisional and Mail-in 2 Canvass Minutes

ATTENDEES:

Board of Canvassers:

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

Members of the Public:

Name	Organization (if applicable)
Anthony Birdsong	Citizen
Scott Richards	Citizen
Sallie Taylor	Citizen

All canvassing teams, duplicating team members, ballot scanner operating team members, 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 Wednesday, July 1, 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 SCANNING UNITS

Ms. Perrone stated 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 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 – Provisional Canvass and DS200 Integrity Report – MIB2 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, and staff posted the copy of the signed Zero Report from the ballot scanners on the outside of the public entrance to the canvass room. Ms. Jones and Mr. DeLima printed a second copy of the Zero Report, and staff attached that copy to the *DS200 Integrity Report – Provisional Canvass and DS200 Integrity Report – MIB2 Canvass*. Ms. Perrone also confirmed that the ballot boxes were empty.

A copy of the *DS200 Integrity Report – Provisional Canvass and DS200 Integrity Report – MIB2 Canvass* is attached to the minutes.

CANVASSING

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.

Ms. Perrone explained that each provisional ballot application was reviewed prior to canvassing to determine the voter's eligibility to vote in this election and the voter's correct ballot style. At this canvass, the provisional ballot applications will be presented to the Board of Canvassers with a recommendation. The recommendations will be to:

1. Accept 162 provisional ballot applications in full – recommend counting all votes cast on the provisional ballot.

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2. Accept 31 provisional ballot applications in part – recommend counting some but not all votes cast on the provisional ballot. This is because the voter voted in the wrong precinct and the voter is registered in a different Congressional District.
3. Reject 199 provisional ballot applications – recommend not counting the provisional ballot.

The Board of Canvassers will vote to accept in full, accept in part, or reject the provisional ballots. The provisional ballots for which the Board voted to accept in full or accept in part are distributed to the bipartisan ballot processing teams to open and review the ballots. The “accepted in full” ballots are scanned into the ballot scanner, and the “accepted in part” ballots are referred to a duplicating team. The duplicating team will copy onto the voter’s correct ballot style the votes for the contests for which the provisional voter is eligible to vote.

Ms. Perrone explained that, to preserve the secrecy of the ballots, at least five mail-in ballots of each ballot style were held back to be canvassed with the provisional ballots. The held-back mail-in ballots are distributed to the ballot processing teams in batches. Each team reviews the envelope first to determine whether it was timely received. For timely received ballots, each team determines whether the voter signed the oath. After verifying that the oath is signed, each team opens the envelopes. With the envelope face down, each team removes the ballot, taking care that the envelope stays face down. After removing all of the ballots in the batch, the ballot envelopes are set aside. Each team reviews the ballots for compliance and tabulating acceptability.

Those timely ballots that were in compliance and could be read by the ballot scanner were referred to the Board of Canvassers for acceptance. All other ballots are placed in an orange folder, with the team number and other information identifying the group or scanner number with which the ballot belongs, and the reason for the referral to the Board of Canvassers. The orange folder with the ballots inside is referred to the Board of Canvassers.

The Board of Canvassers convened at 10:30 am to review referred ballots from the MIB1 canvass on Thursday, June 25, 2026. The Board of Canvassers ruled on whether to accept or unanimously reject the referred ballots. See the table below showing the ballots presented to the Board of Canvassers.

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Batch Number	Referral Reason	Contest	Board Action	Citation	Vote
223	Voter intent	State's Attorney	Cast ballot as overvote	33.08.02	MOTION: Mr. Edelman SECOND: Ms. Donaldson Unanimous Consent
236	Identifying mark on ballot	Republican Central Committee	Rejected	33.11.05.03C	MOTION: Mr. Watson SECOND: Mr. Edelman Unanimous Consent
186	Voter intent	Senate District 42	Duplicate the ballot with a vote for Ford	33.08.02	MOTION: Mr. Watson SECOND: Ms. Donaldson Unanimous Consent
248	Two ballots in one envelope	N/A	Rejected	33.11.05.04A	MOTION: Mr. Watson SECOND: Ms. Donaldson Unanimous Consent

Challenges During Canvass

There was one challenge during the decision meeting held by the Board of Canvassers as indicated by the highlighted row in the table above. The *Canvass Challenge Form* was completed by Wayne Scott Richards. The reason for the challenge was that Psoras was complete. Mr. Richards stated that Culver was not and intent was for Psoras. The Board of Canvassers decided to hold the challenged ballot until the next board decision meeting held on Monday, July 6, 2026, at 11 am. This challenge

Canvass Participants

Canvasser	Names of Bi-Partisan Ballot Processing & Duplicating Canvassing Team Members
Team #1	Paula Stonesifer & Susan Whitcomb
Team #2	Richard Wills & Kristen McMasters
Team #3	Estelle Frederick & Marcia Heyman
Team #4	Victoria Isaac & Josephine Billings
Team #5	Judy Cook & Wendy Raith

Team	Names of Floor Runners
Runner #1	Kimberly Frock
Runner #2	Rodney Morris
Runner #3	Kelly Devilbiss

Team	Names of Bi-Partisan Ballot Scanner Operating Team Members
Team #1	Andrew DeMario, Patrick McCourt, and Dave Traenkner
Team #2	Michael Myers, Jan Rubenstein, and Andrew Pak
Team #3	Lukas Faber

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Canvassing of Provisional Ballots

Ms. Perrone reported that 392 provisional ballots were cast. To preserve the secrecy of the ballots, Ms. Perrone explained that five mail-in ballots of each ballot style were held back for this provisional canvass and will be counted with the provisional ballots. A total of 193 provisional ballots and 500 mail-in ballots were presented for canvassing during this part of this canvass.

Mr. Edelman made a motion to begin presenting provisional ballot applications. Ms. Donaldson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

1. Ms. Perrone presented 162 provisional ballots with the recommendation to accept them in full. The recommendation was based on the fact that staff had confirmed that each provisional application was submitted by a registered voter and was cast in the correct precinct where that voter currently resides. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and accept and count the provisional ballots in full.
MOTION: Mr. Edelman
SECOND: Ms. Donaldson
Motion passed unanimously
2. Ms. Perrone presented 31 provisional ballots with the recommendation to accept them in part. The recommendation was based on the fact that staff had confirmed that each provisional application was submitted by a registered voter and the provisional ballot was cast in the wrong precinct and the voter is registered in a different Congressional District. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation, and the ballots were referred to the duplicating team.
MOTION: Mr. Edelman
SECOND: Ms. Donaldson
Motion passed unanimously
3. Ms. Perrone presented 1 provisional ballot with the recommendation to reject because the applicant returned a voted mail-in ballot or already voted. The Board voted to accept the recommendation, reject the ballot, and submit the name of the voter to the State Board of Elections as a double voter.
MOTION: Ms. Donaldson
SECOND: Mr. Watson
Ms. Donaldson, Mr. Watson, Mr. Foster, and Ms. Miller voted to reject the ballot and submit the name of the voter to the State Board of Elections as a double voter. Mr. Edelman voted to reject the ballot and not submit the name of the voter to the State Board of Elections as a double voter.
4. Ms. Perrone presented 196 provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the applicant voted the wrong primary ballot. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballots.
MOTION: Mr. Watson
SECOND: Ms. Donaldson
Motion passed unanimously

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5. Ms. Perrone presented 2 provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the voter failed to sign the provisional ballot application. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballots.

MOTION: Mr. Watson

SECOND: Ms. Donaldson

Motion passed unanimously

Canvassing of Held-Back Mail-in Ballots

The staff distributed to canvassing teams the mail-in ballots reserved for this canvass to preserve the secrecy of the provisional ballots to review for timeliness and signatures. Ms. Perrone presented 500 mail-in ballots with the recommendation to accept the mail-in ballots. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and voted to accept the ballots.

Canvassing of Additional Mail-in Ballots

To begin the Mail-in Ballot 2 Canvass, staff distributed to canvassing teams the additional mail-in ballots to review for timeliness and signatures. Ms. Perrone presented 500 mail-in ballots with the recommendation to accept the mail-in ballots. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and voted to accept the ballots.

Printing Canvass Results

After scanning all accepted in full and accepted in part provisional ballots and all accepted mail-in ballots, Ms. Jones and Mr. DeLima locked the ballot scanners and printed a Voting Results Report. The Board of Canvassers confirmed that the number of accepted in full and accepted in part provisional ballots and accepted mail-in 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 – Provisional Canvass or DS200 Integrity Report – MIB2 Canvass* depending on the type of canvass. The other copy was posted on the outside of the canvass room next to the Zero Reports for public viewing.

RELEASE OF UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

Mr. Foster announced the results from the combined provisional and mail-in canvass, and the separate mail-in canvass. Ms. Perrone announced the following statistics from the combined provisional and mail-in canvass:

Provisional Canvass Statistics (PROV)	Number of Ballots
A) Total Ballots Presented at Provisional Canvass	892
B) Total Provisional Ballots Presented	392
C) Total Held-back Mail-in Ballots Presented	500
D) Total Accepted Ballots	
E) Accepted in Full Provisional Ballots	162
F) Accepted in Part Provisional Ballots	31
G) Accepted Held-back Mail-in Ballots	500
H) Total Rejected Ballots	2
I) Rejected Provisional Ballots	199

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J) Rejected Held-back Mail-in Ballots	0
K) Provisional Ballot held until next board decision meeting on 7/6/26	-1

Mail-in Ballot Canvass Statistics (MIB2)	Number of Ballots
Mail-in Ballots Presented in Mail-in Part of Canvass	500
Mail-in Ballots Accepted	494
Mail-in Ballots Accepted by the Board of Canvassers	0
Rejected Mail-in Ballots	0
MIB2 ballots held until next board decision meeting on 7/6/26	-4
Replacement envelope with original ballots held for 7/6 Original Ballot Canvass	-2

PUBLIC COUNT ON SCANNING UNITS – PROVISIONAL CANVASS

SCANNING UNIT NUMBER	PUBLIC COUNT
1	268
2	268
3	156
TOTAL	692

PUBLIC COUNT ON SCANNING UNITS – MIB2 CANVASS

SCANNING UNIT NUMBER	PUBLIC COUNT
1	491
2	3
TOTAL	494

Ms. Perrone announced that provisional voters can find out if their provisional ballots were counted and if not, the reason why it was not counted by visiting the State Board of Elections' website or by calling the State Board at 1-800-222-8683.

NEXT BOARD OF CANVASSERS' MEETING

The Board of Canvassers will meet on Monday, July 6, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to canvass all remaining ballots.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 pm with a motion from Mr. Watson, seconded by Ms. Donaldson. The motion passed unanimously.