

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

Monday, July 6, 2026 - Mail-In Ballot 2 & Original Ballot Canvass

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
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)
Katherine Adelaide	Carroll County Republican Central Committee, Chair of the Election Integrity Subcommittee
Anthony Birdsong	Citizen
Corynne Courpas	Carroll County Democratic Central Committee
Robin Frazier	Citizen
Kelley McIver	Citizen
Scott Richards	Citizen
Katherine Sullivan	MDGOP
Sallie Taylor	Citizen

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, July 6, 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.

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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.

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 – MIB2 CANVASS

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 – 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 – MIB2 Canvass*. Ms. Perrone also confirmed that the ballot boxes were empty.

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

CANVASSING OF BALLOTS – MIB2 Canvass

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.

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

Print-at-home ballots (formerly known as 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 11:00 a.m. to review referred ballots from the Wednesday, July 1, 2026, Provisional and MIB2 canvasses.

Challenges From Previous Canvass

The Board of Canvassers reviewed the challenged ballot by Wayne Scott Richards from the Board of Canvassers decision meeting held at the Combined Provisional and Mail-in Ballot 2 canvass on Wednesday, July 1, 2026. The Board of Canvassers upheld their original action to cast the ballot with an overvote on the State's Attorney contest.

Board Decisions from the provisional canvass on 7/1

Batch Number	Referral Reason	Contest	Board Action	Citation	Vote
PROV-10	Wrong party Primary ballot	N/A	Rejected	33.16.05.03E	MOTION: Mr. Watson SECOND: Mr. Edelman Unanimous Consent
283	Voter Intent	Democratic Central Committee	Duplicate the ballot without a vote for Bergman	33.08.02	MOTION: Mr. Watson SECOND: Mr. Edelman Unanimous Consent

Challenges During Canvass

There was one challenge during the decision meeting from the provisional canvass held by the Board of Canvassers as indicated by the highlighted row in the table above. The *Canvass Challenge Form* was completed by Katherine Adelaide. The reason for the challenge was the

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refusal to clarify the gender issue for Democratic Central Committee. Ms. Adelaide stated that ½ female and ½ male because no vote to determine if that requirement was met – administrative issue unlike the stray mark voter intent vote not voter intent which she was not challenging.

The Board of Canvassers reviewed the challenged ballot by Katherine Adelaide. The Board of Canvassers upheld their original action to duplicate the ballot without a vote for Bergman for the Democratic Central Committee contest.

Board Decisions from the MIB2 canvass on 7/1

Batch Number	Referral Reason	Contest	Board Action	Citation	Vote
261	Voter Intent	State's Attorney	Duplicate the ballot with a vote for Culver	33.08.02	MOTION: Mr. Watson SECOND: Ms. Miller Unanimous Consent
262	Voter Intent	Governor	Duplicate the ballot with a vote for Moore	33.08.02	MOTION: Mr. Edelman SECOND: Ms. Donaldson Unanimous Consent
268	Voter Intent	Democratic Central Committee	Duplicate the ballot with no votes for Bergman and Bronson	33.08.02	MOTION: Mr. Edelman SECOND: Ms. Donaldson Unanimous Consent

Board Decisions from the MIB2 canvass on 7/6

Batch Number	Referral Reason	Contest	Board Action	Citation	Vote
276	Two ballots for two different voters in the same envelope	N/A	Accept both ballots as individual ballots	33.11.05.04A	MOTION: Mr. Edelman SECOND: Ms. Donaldson NO: Mr. Watson Motion passed
273	Voter Intent	Sheriff	Duplicate the Ballot with a vote for DeWees	33.08.02	MOTION: Ms. Donaldson SECOND: Ms. Miller Unanimous Consent – Mr. Watson Recusal
308	Voter Intent – ballot had a hole in the middle	Democratic Central Committee	Duplicate the ballot with no vote in the “hole”/Dueppin	33.08.02	MOTION: Ms. Donaldson SECOND: Ms. Miller Unanimous Consent

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Batch Number	Referral Reason	Contest	Board Action	Citation	Vote
312	Identifying mark on ballot	Congressional District 2	Rejected	33.11.05.03C	MOTION: Mr. Edelman SECOND: Ms. Donaldson Unanimous Consent

The Board of Canvassers ruled on whether to accept or unanimously reject the referred mail-in ballots. See the table below showing the ballots Ms. Perrone presented to the Board of Canvassers.

Referral Reason	Quantity	Board Action	Citation	Vote
Untimely Received	102	Reject all 102 ballots	33.11.05.02A	MOTION: Mr. Watson SECOND: Ms. Miller Unanimous Consent
No Oath Signature	5	Reject all 5 ballots	33.11.05.02B	MOTION: Mr. Watson SECOND: Ms. Miller Unanimous Consent

Let the record show that the Board unanimously rejected all the ballots presented at this canvass.

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	Delores Blubaugh & 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 & Dave Traenkner
Team #2	Michael Myers, Andrew Pak & Jan Rubenstein
Team #3	Lukas Faber

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Canvassing of Ballots

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

Canvass Closing – MIB2 Canvass

Printing Canvass Results

After scanning all accepted ballots, Ms. Jones and Mr. DeLima locked the ballot scanners and printed the Voting 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 – MIB2 Canvass*. The other copy was posted on the outside of the canvass room next to the Zero Reports for public viewing.

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

DAILY CANVASSING STATISTICS

Mail-in Ballot 2 Canvass Statistics	Number of Ballots
Mail-in Ballots Presented in Mail-in Ballot 2 Canvass	252
Mail-in Ballots counted because of board decision meeting	+6
Mail-in Ballots Accepted	258
Mail-in Ballots rejected because of board decision meeting	-1
Total Ballots Accepted	257
Rejected Mail-in Ballots (untimely and no oath)	107

PUBLIC COUNT ON SCANNING UNITS – MIB2 CANVASS

SCANNING UNIT NUMBER	PUBLIC COUNT
1	214
2	43
TOTAL	257

Mail-In Ballot Canvass Statistics	Number of Ballots
A) Total Ballots Presented	7,509
B) Total Mail-in Ballots Presented	7,117
C) Total Provisional Ballots Presented	392
D) Total Ballots Accepted	7,290
E) Accepted in Full Provisional Ballots	162
F) Accepted in Part Provisional Ballots	30
G) Accepted Mail-in Ballots	7,098
H) Total Rejected Ballots	310

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I) Rejected Provisional Ballots	200
J) Rejected Mail-in Ballots	111

ORIGINAL BALLOT CANVASS

At the conclusion of the MIB2 canvass, Ms. Perrone opened the Original Ballot Canvass as instructed by the guidelines issued by the State Board of Elections.

VERIFICATION OF THE SCANNING UNITS – ORIGINAL BALLOT CANVASS

Ms. Perrone stated that the ballot scanners being used in the original ballot 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 – Original Ballot 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 – Original Ballot Canvass*. Ms. Perrone also confirmed that the ballot boxes were empty.

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CANVASSING OF BALLOTS – ORIGINAL BALLOT CANVASS

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.

Ms. Perrone stated that a total of 298 original ballots will be presented for the original ballot canvass. There were 285 original ballots that were mailed in the original envelope. Of those 285 original ballots, 152 ballots are Democratic and 133 ballots are Republican. In addition, there were 13 original ballots that were mailed in the replacement envelope. Of those 13 original ballots, 5 ballots are Democratic and 8 ballots are Republican.

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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 1:15 p.m. to review referred ballots from original ballot canvass.

Board Decisions from the original ballot canvass on 7/6

Batch Number	Referral Reason	Contest	Board Action	Citation	Vote
ORIG-2	Voter Intent	Senate District 42	Duplicate the ballot with a vote for Fox	33.08.02	MOTION: Mr. Watson SECOND: Ms. Miller Unanimous Consent
ORIG-6	Wrong party primary ballot	N/A	Rejected	SBE Guidance: <i>GP26 Canvass Instructions for Voters Sent Replacement Ballots</i>	MOTION: Mr. Watson SECOND: Mr. Edelman Unanimous Consent
ORIG-8	Voter Intent	Governor & Congressional District 2	Duplicate the ballot with no vote for Governor and a vote for Johnny O	33.08.02	MOTION: Mr. Edelman SECOND: Ms. Donaldson Unanimous Consent
ORIG-14	Wrong party primary ballot	N/A	Rejected	SBE Guidance: <i>GP26 Canvass Instructions for Voters Sent Replacement Ballots</i>	MOTION: Mr. Watson SECOND: Ms. Miller Unanimous Consent

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Challenges During Canvass

There were two challenges during the decision meeting held by the Board of Canvassers as indicated by the highlighted row in the table above. For the first challenge, the *Canvass Challenge Form* was completed by Katherine Sullivan. Ms. Sullivan's reason for the challenge was that Election Law §11-302, HB535 of 2023 states that a voter must be cured "if a mail-in ballot is missing required voter oath/signature (or has another curable defect specified by the law) the local board of elections must attempt to notify the voter ..."

Before reviewing the first challenge, the second *Canvass Challenge Form* was completed by Sallie Taylor. Ms. Taylor's reason for the challenge was that the voter was not given a chance to cure the wrong party ballot per Election Law §11-302 and HB535 of 2023.

The Board of Canvassers reviewed the challenged ballots by Katherine Sullivan and Sallie Taylor. The Board of Canvassers upheld their original action to reject both ballots.

Canvass Closing – Original Ballot Canvass

Printing Canvass Results

After scanning all accepted ballots, Ms. Jones and Mr. DeLima locked the ballot scanners and printed the Voting 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 – Original Ballot Canvass*. The other copy was posted on the outside of the canvass room next to the Zero Reports for public viewing.

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DAILY CANVASSING STATISTICS – ORIGINAL BALLOT CANVASS

Original Ballot Canvass Statistics	Number of Ballots
Original Ballots Presented in Original Ballot Canvass	298
Original Ballots in Original Envelope	285
Original Ballots in Replacement Envelope	13
Rejected Original Ballots (wrong party ballot)	-2
Total Ballots Accepted	296

PUBLIC COUNT ON SCANNING UNITS – ORIGINAL BALLOT CANVASS

SCANNING UNIT NUMBER	PUBLIC COUNT
1	268
2	28
TOTAL	296

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Mail-In Ballot & Original Canvass Statistics	Number of Ballots
A) Total Ballots Presented	7,807
B) Total Mail-in Ballots Presented	7,117
C) Total Provisional Ballots Presented	392
D) Total Original Ballots Presented	298
E) Total Ballots Accepted	7,586
F) Accepted in Full Provisional Ballots	162
G) Accepted in Part Provisional Ballots	30
H) Accepted Mail-in Ballots	7,098
I) Accepted Original Ballots	296
J) Total Rejected Ballots	313
K) Rejected Provisional Ballots	200
L) Rejected Mail-in Ballots	111
M) Rejected Original Ballots	2

RELEASE OF UNOFFICIAL RESULTS – ALL CANVASSES

Mr. Foster announced the results from the entire mail-in ballot canvass.

Mail-In Ballot Canvass Statistics	Number of Ballots
A) Total Ballots Presented	7,807
B) Total Mail-in Ballots Presented	7,117
C) Total Provisional Ballots Presented	690
D) Total Ballots Accepted	7,586
E) Accepted in Full Provisional Ballots	458
F) Accepted in Part Provisional Ballots	30
G) Accepted Mail-in Ballots	7,098
H) Total Rejected Ballots	313
I) Rejected Provisional Ballots	202
J) Rejected Mail-in Ballots	111

VERIFICATION OF VOTE COUNT

Ms. Perrone presented the Board of Canvassers with the verification results, and the Board of Canvassers reviewed the results.

POST ELECTION AUDITS

Ms. Perrone explained that staff conducted several post-election verifications and audits. Staff manually added the Voting Results Reports from each ballot scanner in the precincts previously randomly selected by the local board of elections and compared the manually added totals with the totals produced by the election database for those precincts. Ms. Perrone confirmed that all the numbers matched in precincts 07-009, 08-003, and 09-001. In addition, any variances in the number of voters checked in on the pollbooks versus the

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number of ballots scanned on a scanner at all three early voting centers and 25 polling places were within the State Board of Elections accepted guidelines of + or - 5. The State Board of Elections did not require an additional audit of early voting centers or election day polling places.

Ms. Perrone explained that a similar verification was performed on each ballot scanner used during the Mail-in Ballot 2 Canvass. Staff manually added the Voting Results Reports printed from each ballot scanner used during that canvass and manually added totals to a report printed from the election database for the canvass. Ms. Perrone confirmed that all the numbers matched.

Ms. Perrone explained that a sample of accepted provisional ballots were 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. Perrone confirmed that all the numbers matched.

Ms. Perrone explained that all ballot images from early voting, election day, and Mail-in Ballot 1 canvasses were sent to a third-party for re-tabulation. The vendor produces reports comparing precinct-level results from the voting system against the precinct-level results from the re-tabulation, and these reports show any differences between the two sets of results. Ms. Perrone 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. Perrone 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 and signed a cover sheet explaining the various audits.

NEXT BOARD OF CANVASSERS' MEETING

If additional ballots are received, the Board of Canvassers will convene after the next meeting of the Carroll County Board of Elections. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 10 am at the Carroll County Board of Elections, 1135 Business Parkway South, Suite #60, Westminster. Members of the public can enter at the Public Entrance.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 pm on a motion by Mr. Watson. The motion was seconded by Ms. Donaldson and the motion passed unanimously.