

Carroll County Board of Canvassers  
300 S Center Street, Robert Moton Room, Westminster MD 21157  
September 14, 2022 – Primary Election Ballots

Post-Certification Minutes

**ATTENDEES:**

Board of Canvassers (in person):

Name	Position	Party
Griffith Manahan	Chairman	Republican
John Woodley	Secretary	Republican
Carol Coley	Member	Democrat
Samuel Foster	Member	Democrat
Harvey Tegeler	Member	Republican
Jay Gullo	LBE Attorney	

Board of Canvassers (by virtual):

Name	Position
Jay Gullo	LBE Attorney

LBE Staff (in-person):

Name	Position
Katherine Berry	Election Director
Erin Perrone	Deputy Director

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT**

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began at 11:27 am on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at the Robert Moton Building, Robert Moton Room, 300 S Center Street, Westminster, MD 21157. 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 Circuit Court for Carroll County, administered and recorded the oath of each member of the Board of Canvassers on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 during the regular meeting of the Carroll County Board of Elections.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS**

At its meeting on July 19, 2022, the Board of Canvassers elected Mr. Manahan as Chairman of the Board of Canvassers and Mr. Woodley as Secretary.

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS**

Ms. Berry noted that public notice of the mail-in ballot canvass was provided and that the notice was provided by email notice to the Republican and Democratic Central Committees, the State Board of Elections, on our website and social media accounts.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes for the mail-in ballot canvasses (MIB1 and MIB2) and the provisional canvass were presented for approval.

**CANVASSING**

Canvassing of Mail-in Ballots

Ms. Perrone reported that 2 mail-in ballots were received after the certification of the election. Ms. Coley made a motion to reject these mail-in ballots as being untimely. Mr. Woodley seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

In response to a question, Ms. Berry stated that two additional provisional ballots were found in August while unpacking supplies and preparing for the general election. One of those ballots would have been rejected and the other would have been accepted. The office will implement additional steps to ensure all provisional ballots are received in the administrative office prior to the canvasses and certification.

In response to a question, Ms. Perrone stated that the mail-in ballots received by the United States Postal Service are counted since the postage is a split cost between the State and the county. The quantity of mail-in ballots are logged onto a Google sheet each day and any mail-in ballot where a voter needs to be contacted (missing signature, no ballot) are also logged separately. The number of mail-in ballots received (either by drop box, in person, or the USPS) are tracked from receiving the ballots in the office, to receiving the ballots into the statewide voter registration database (MDVOTERS), to securing the ballots in a locked office, to counting and preparation for the canvasses, and keeping the security of the ballot envelopes and ballots according to the retention schedule.

**CANVASSING STATISTICS**

Ms. Perrone reported that 2 mail-in ballots were presented for canvassing and 2 mail-in ballots were rejected for being untimely.

Ms. Perrone submitted the following statistics for rejected mail-in and provisional ballots. Ms. Berry noted that two additional provisional ballots were found in August while unpacking supplies and preparing for the general election. One would have been accepted and the other would have been rejected. The office will implement additional steps to ensuring all provisional ballots are received in the administrative office prior to the canvasses and certification.

State Mail-in Ballots – Rejection Reason	# of Ballots		
	Prior	Today	Total
Ballot was late for election	54	2	56
No signature on oath	8	0	8

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Voter died before election day	0	0	0
More than one ballot in same envelope	1	0	1
More than one ballot received but one was counted	6	0	6
Identifying mark on ballot	6	0	6
Used agent and ballot envelope was not sealed	0	0	0
Unsealed envelope & indication that integrity compromised	0	0	0
Not registered voter	0	0	0
No mail-in ballot application on file	0	0	0
Regular ballot received & rejected FWAB	0	0	0
Envelope did not contain a ballot	3	0	3
Other – No ID provided	1	0	1
Other – No Oath	1	0	1
Other – Ballot was completed by neighbor	1	0	1
Other – Over Vote for Board of Ed	1	0	1

Federal Write-In Mail-in Ballots – Rejection Reason	# of Ballots		
	Prior	Today	Total
State mail-in ballot was received	0	0	0
No signature on declaration	0	0	0
No mail-in ballot application	0	0	0
Not registered voter	0	0	0
Late for election	0	0	0
Voted wrong ballot style	0	0	0
Used agent and ballot envelope was not sealed	0	0	0
Voter cancelled	0	0	0
Voter deceased	0	0	0
Voter is convicted felon	0	0	0
Identifying mark on ballot	0	0	0
Voted more than one FWAB	0	0	0
Board Action <i>[specify]</i>	0	0	0

Provisional Ballots – Rejection Reasons	# of Ballots
Applicant is not registered to vote	0
Applicant returned a voted mail-in ballot or already voted	6
Applicant voted the wrong party primary ballot (primary elections only)	72
No signature on application	4
Applicant not eligible to receive a provisional ballot	0
Identification or DL# or SS# was not timely received	0
Incomplete information was provided on application	3
Identification was received but did not satisfy the identification requirements	0
No provisional ballot in envelope or more than one ballot in envelope	2
No evidence to support alleged voting unit malfunction	0
Identity challenge was upheld	0

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Provisional Ballots – Rejection Reasons	# of Ballots
Order extending voting hours was invalidated	0
Identifying mark on the ballot	0
Applicant is not or will not be 18 years old or older by the general election	0
Proof of residency was not timely received	1
Proof of residency was received but did not satisfy the requirement	0

**NEXT BOARD OF CANVASSERS' MEETING**

If additional mail-in ballots are received, the Board of Canvassers will convene after the after the next meeting of local board of elections. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at 10 am at the Robert Moton Building, 300 S Center Street, Robert Moton Room, Westminster, MD 21157.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am on a motion from Mr. Woodley, seconded by Mr. Tegeler. The motion passed unanimously.