

Carroll County Board of Canvassers
 300 S Center Street, Robert Moton Room, Westminster MD 21157
 December 18, 2024 - General Election Ballots

Post-Certification Minutes

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
Mia Faber	Election Program Supervisor
Kimberly Jones	Election Program Supervisor II
Isaac Nogueron	Election Program Specialist II
Erin Perrone	Election Director
Olivia Smith	Election Program Specialist I

Members of the Public:

Name	Position
Katherine Adelaide	Carroll County Republican Central Committee
Corynne Courpas	Carroll County Democratic Central Committee
Jane Doe*	Member of the Public
Rodney Morris	NAACP
Tim Rodriguez	Citizen
Cheryl Steinbacher	Co-chair, League of Women Voters

**Jane Doe refused to sign in with her real name.*

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began at 10:46 am on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at the Robert Moton Building, 300 S Center Street, Westminster, MD 21157. There is a quorum present as required by Election Law section 11-3001(d). There is at least one member of the Board of Canvassers who is a registered voter of the principal minority party present as required by Election Law section 11-301(g).

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

As required by Election Law section 11-301(b), the Board of Canvassers elected Samuel Foster as Chairman and Benjamin Watson as Secretary. Mr. Foster and Mr. Watson were election on Wednesday, September 18, 2024.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS

As required by COMAR 33.08.01.05-1, the public notice of the canvass was provided via the website and email to candidates, central committees, and other interested parties. The notice was also posted on our social media sites.

CANVASSING

Canvassing of Mail-in Ballots

Ms. Perrone reported that 16 mail-in ballots were received after the certification of the election. Mr. Watson made a motion to reject the mail-in ballots as being untimely. Ms. Donaldson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

CANVASSING STATISTICS

Ms. Perrone reported that 16 mail-in ballots were presented for canvassing and 16 mail-in ballots were rejected for being untimely.

Ms. Perrone submitted the following statistics for rejected mail-in and provisional ballots.

State Mail-in Ballots - Rejection Reason	# of Ballots		
	Prior	Today	Total
Ballot was late for election	26	16	42
No signature on oath	11	0	11
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	2	0	2
Identifying mark on ballot	3	0	3
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	0	0	0

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

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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	10
Applicant voted the wrong party primary ballot (primary elections only)	0
No signature on application	13
Applicant not eligible to receive a provisional ballot	8
Identification or DL# or SS# was not timely received	2
Incomplete information was provided on application	1
Identification was received but did not satisfy the identification requirements	4
No provisional ballot in envelope or more than one ballot in envelope	1
No evidence to support alleged voting unit malfunction	0
Identity challenge was upheld	0
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	0
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 next meeting of the Carroll County Board of Elections. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 10 am at 300 S Center Street, Robert Moton Room, Westminster, MD 21157.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 am on a motion from Mr. Watson, seconded by Ms. Donaldson. The motion passed unanimously.