

Talbot County Board of Canvassers
215 Bay St., Suite 7
Easton, MD 21601

Friday, November 15, 2024- Mail-In Ballot Canvass
Minutes- Final Canvass Day- Day 5

ATTENDEES

Board of Canvassers:

Name	Position	Party
Susan J. MacKinnon	Board President	Democratic
Denise Lovelady	Board Vice President	Republican
Barbara H. Perry	Board Secretary	Democratic
Guy Irving, III	Board Member	Republican
Walter W. Black	Board Member	Democratic

Additional Attendee:
Lyndsey Ryan, Board Attorney.

LBE Staff (in person):

Name	Position
Tammy Stafford	Election Director
Donna Kegley-Hacker	Election Program Manager II
Fred Gleockler	Election Program IT Specialist II
Jim Butts	County Tech
Larry Thomas, Jr.	Election Program Assistant II

Public:

Name	Organization (if applicable)
Mary Hunt Miller	Democratic Central Committee

All canvassing teams, duplicating team members, and ballot scanner operating team members in attendance are listed under the Canvass Participants section below.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began at 9:36 a.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 in the Talbot County Board of Elections Training Room, 215 Bay St., Suite 7, Easton, MD 21601. 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.

RECONVENING THE MEETING

The mail-in ballot canvass reconvened on Friday, November 15, 2024 at 9:51 a.m. (The meeting was scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. but was delayed while staff was awaiting final

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guidance on some ballots being presented today.) A quorum of the Board of Canvassers was present.

CONFIRMATION OF OATH

Kathi Dulin Duvall, the Clerk of the Court for Talbot County, administered and recorded the oath of each member of the Board of Canvassers on Wednesday, April 17, 2024.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS

At a meeting on Monday, April 22, 2024, the Board of Canvassers elected Walter W. Black as Chairperson of the Board of Canvassers and Talbot County LBE staff member Donna Kegley-Hacker as Secretary.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS

Tammy Stafford noted that public notice of the mail-in ballot canvass was provided and that the notice was provided by posting the notice on the main door to the building and the main door to the office, as well as posted on the website. In addition, written notification was provided to the Maryland State Board of Elections, the Democratic Central Committee, the Republican Central Committee, and candidates.

VERIFICATION OF THE SCANNING UNIT(S)

Tammy Stafford & Fred Gleockler presented documents to the Board of Canvassers showing that the ballot scanner(s) being used in the canvass successfully passed Logic and Accuracy Testing on 09/13/2024. Tammy Stafford & Fred Gleockler reported that the memory sticks(s) created for this canvass was/were placed in the ballot scanner(s) and sealed. Tammy Stafford & Fred Gleockler provided the Board of Canvassers with the results from the Logic and Accuracy Testing. Tammy Stafford & Fred Gleockler noted the Ballot Scanner Serial Number(s) and Seal Numbers from the Logic and Accuracy Testing documentation for each ballot scanner being used in the canvass.

Tammy Stafford & Fred Gleockler verified that the seal(s) on the ballot scanner(s) was/were intact and recorded the scanner's serial number and seal number on the Scanning Unit Opening Integrity Report. Tammy Stafford & Fred Gleockler noted that the ballot scanner('s/s') serial number(s) and seal number(s) from Logic and Accuracy Testing matched the ballot scanner('s/s') serial number(s) and seal number(s) before the canvass began.

The Board of Canvassers confirmed that the count(s) on the ballot scanner(s) was/were zero. Tammy Stafford posted one copy of the Zero Report from the ballot scanner(s) on the inside

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wooden door, visible through the outside glass door of the training room. Tammy Stafford & Fred Gleockler printed a second copy of the Zero Report, which remained attached to the ballot scanner(s). The Board of Canvassers signed the Zero Report attached to the ballot scanner(s). Tammy Stafford & Fred Gleockler also confirmed that the ballot boxes were empty.

A copy of the *Scanning Unit Opening Integrity Report* is attached to the minutes.

CANVASSING OF BALLOTS

Overview of Canvass Process

Tammy Stafford explained the rules concerning public observation of the canvass. Tammy Stafford provided an overview of the canvassing process and noted that the rules were posted in the canvass room. Ballots were distributed to the ballot processing canvassing teams in batches. Each canvassing team reviewed the envelope first to determine whether it was timely received.

For timely received ballots, each canvassing team determined whether the voter signed the oath. After verifying that the oath is signed, each canvassing team opened the envelopes. With the envelope face down, each canvassing team removed the ballot, taking care that the envelope stays face down. After removing all of the ballots in the batch, the ballot envelopes were set aside. Each canvassing team reviewed the ballots for compliance and tabulating acceptability.

Web delivered ballots were duplicated by a bi-partisan ballot duplication team and verified for accuracy.

Ballots that were untimely or otherwise not in compliance were placed in a folder/envelope, with the canvassing team's number, or other information identifying the canvassing team to which the ballot belonged, and the reason(s) for the referral written on the envelope. The envelope with the ballots inside was referred to the Board of Canvassers for later review.

Those timely 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 ruled on whether to accept or unanimously reject the referred ballots.

Tammy Stafford 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 were presented to the Board of Canvassers with a recommendation. The recommendations were to:

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1. Accept provisional ballot application in full – recommend counting all votes cast on the provisional ballot.
2. Accept provisional ballot application in part – recommend counting some but not all votes cast on the provisional ballot. This is because the voter voted in the wrong precinct.
3. Reject provisional ballot application – recommend not counting the provisional ballot.

The Board of Canvassers voted 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 were distributed to the bi-partisan ballot processing teams to open and review the ballots. The “accepted in full” ballots were scanned into the ballot scanner, and the “accepted in part” ballots were referred to a duplicating team. The duplicating team copied onto the voter’s correct ballot style the votes for the contests for which the provisional voter is eligible to vote.

Tammy Stafford explained the process to provide information to the Board of Canvassers or challenged a decision of the Board.

Canvass Participants [placed here or attached to the minutes]

Canvasser	Names of Ballot Processing Canvassing Teams
Team #1	Susan J. MacKinnon & Denise Lovelady
Team #2	Barbara Perry & Gogy Irving, III
Team #3	Walter W. Black & Melinda Peugh
Team #4	Cynthia Cooper-Smothers & Beth Shortall
Team #5	Virginia Hayman & Joann Genova
Team #6	Rudolph Russell & Edward Forte

All teams served as bi-partisan duplicating teams.

Team	Names of Ballot Scanner Operating Team
Team #1	Fred Gleockler
Team #2	Jim Butts

Edward Forte & Larry Thomas, Jr. operated the envelope opening machine.

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Canvassing of Ballots

Denise Lovelady made a motion to accept and approve the opening and tabulation of the ballots. Susan J. MacKinnon seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. At 10:17 a.m. the distribution of ballots began.

Challenges During Canvass

There were no challenges brought forth in the canvass.

Canvass Closing

Printing Canvass Results

After scanning all accepted ballots, Tammy Stafford & Fred Gleockler locked the ballot scanner(s) and printed an Election Results Report. Tammy Stafford & Fred Gleockler confirmed that the number of accepted ballots equaled the number of ballots counted by the ballot scanner(s). The Board of Canvassers signed the Voting Results Report and attached it to the Zero Report.

A copy of the *Scanning Unit Closing Integrity Report* is attached to the minutes.

DAILY CANVASSING STATISTICS

LBE Staff Member Donna Kegley-Hacker announced that 647 ballots were totaled on the scanners and this agreed with the number of ballots accepted in part or in full.

Provisional Canvass Statistics (If canvassed)	Number of Ballots
A) Total Ballots Presented in Provisional Part of Canvass	37
B) Total Provisional Ballots Presented	37*
C) Total Held-back Mail-in Ballots Presented	2
D) Total Accepted Ballots	32
E) Accepted in Full Provisional Ballots	28
F) Accepted in Part Provisional Ballots	4
G) Accepted Held-back Mail-in Ballots	0
H) Total Rejected Ballots	7
I) Rejected Provisional Ballots	5
J) Rejected Held-back Mail-in Ballots	2

Mail-in Canvass Statistics	Number of Ballots
Mail-in Ballots Presented in Mail-in Part of Canvass	636
Mail-in Ballots Accepted	615
Rejected Mail-in Ballots	21

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**Of the 37 Provisional Ballots , 16 were presented for the first time; 21 were presented & rejected at the 11/13/24 Canvass but were presented again today for reconsideration based on guidance from SBE.*

Tammy Stafford 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.

RELEASE OF UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

The results from the entire mail-in ballot canvass.

Mail-In Ballot Canvass Statistics	Number of Ballots
A) Total Ballots Presented	5432
B) Total Mail-in Ballots Presented	5395
C) Total Provisional Ballots Presented (During Mail-in Ballot Canvass ONLY)	37
D) Total Ballots Accepted	5399
E) Accepted in Full Provisional Ballots (During Mail-in Ballot Canvass ONLY)	28
F) Accepted in Part Provisional Ballots (During Mail-in Ballot Canvass ONLY)	4
G) Accepted Mail-in Ballots	5367
H) Total Rejected Ballots	31
I) Rejected Provisional Ballots(During Mail-in Ballot Canvass ONLY)	5
J) Rejected Mail-in Ballots	26

Additional Chart for Talbot County

Canvass	Presented	Rejected	Held	Accepted in Full	Accepted in Part
MIB 1	4650	3	2	4645	0
PROV 11/13/24	562	34	0	427	101
5 packs	107	0	0	107	0
PROV 11/15/24	37*	5	0	28	4

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MIB 2	638**	23	0	615	105
	5994	65	2	5822	105

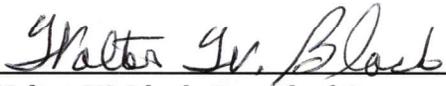
** Of these, 21 were presented a second time (11/13/24 & 11/15/24) for further discussion & reconsideration.*

*** Of these, 2 were presented a second time (from MIB 1).*

RECESS

Denise Lovelady motioned that the Board of Canvassers recess and remain on call in the event that they could certify this afternoon. Guky Irving, III seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting was recessed at 3:20 p.m. Tammy Stafford later contacted the Board of Canvassers and arranged for them to meet at 1 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 2024, to certify the results.

Submitted by,



Walter W. Black, Board of Canvassers Chair



Denise Lovelady, Member

**Scanning Unit Opening Integrity Report
2024 Presidential General Election**

State of Maryland

County: **TALBOT COUNTY**

Date: **November 5, 2024**

District/Ward/Precinct: **Mail-in Ballots 2 MIB-2 CANVASS November 13, 2024**

- Put all security seals you remove in the used seal bag.
- Attach the *Zero Report* and *Configuration Report* from each scanning unit to this report.
- Post a *Zero Report* from each scanning unit for public viewing on Day 1.

Remember: If any tamper tape or seal is removed from the scanning unit during voting hours, attach the removed tamper tape or seal to the *Tamper Tape/Security Seal Removal Report* and explain why the tamper tape or seal was removed.

Scanning Unit #	A. Main Ballot Box Security Seal #		B. New Main Ballot Box Security Seal #		C. Emergency Ballot Compartment Security Seal #		D. New Emergency Ballot Compartment Security Seal #		E. Left Case Seal # (Do Not Remove)		F. Right Case Seal # (Do Not Remove)	
	Verify		Verify		Verify		Verify		Verify		Verify	
1	6906984	✓	N/A	✓	6906183	✓	N/A	✓	0803106	✓	0803165	✓
2	6906062	✓	N/A	✓	6906972	✓	N/A	✓	0803171	✓	0803172	✓

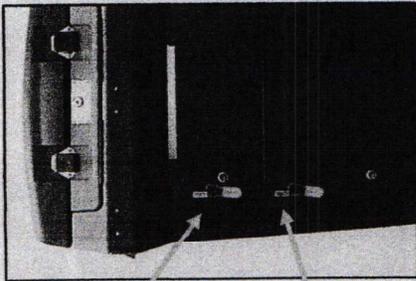
Scanning Unit #	G. Scanning Unit Lid Security Seal #		H. Scanning Unit Serial #		I. Rear Access Door Tamper Tape # (Do Not Remove)		J. Front Access Door Tamper Tape # (Do Not Remove)		K. Public Count		L. Protected Count	
	Verify		Verify		Verify		Verify		Verify		Verify	
1	6906788	✓	DS0315320970	✓	21-211009	✓	21-20987	✓	0	✓	25,257	✓
2	6906770	✓	DS0315331469	✓	21-211010	✓	21-20988	✓	0	✓	10,311	✓

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Democratic Chief Judge: *Jerry S. [Signature]*

Republican Chief Judge: *Fred [Signature]*

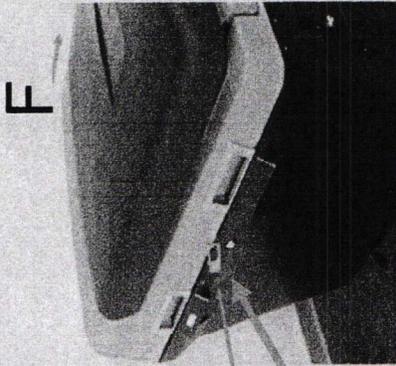
Opening Tamper Tape and Security Seal Location Diagram



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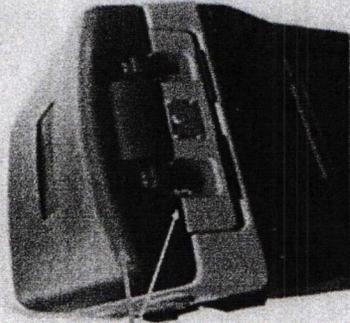
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Left case seal
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Right case seal on
opposite side is not
shown (column F).

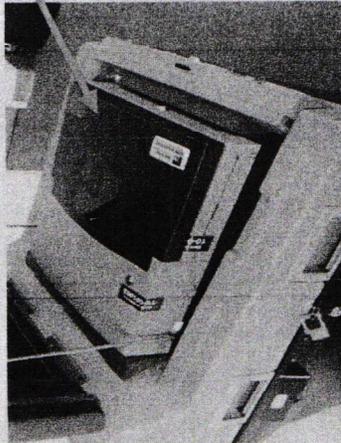


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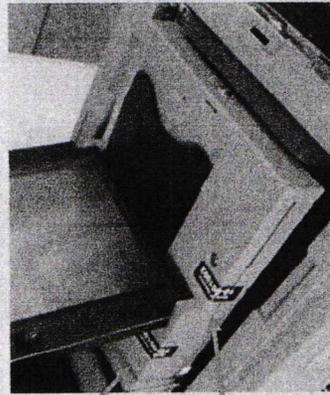
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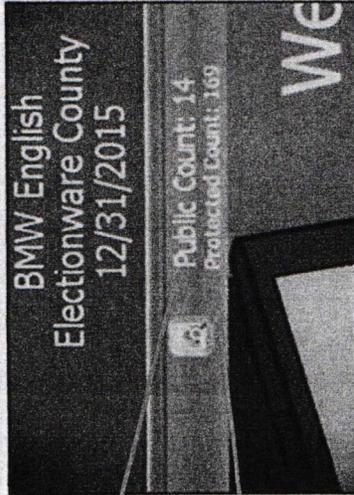


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BMW English
Electionware County
12/31/2015
Public Count: 14
Protected Count: 109
WE

Scanning Unit Closing Integrity Report
2024 Presidential General Election

County: TALBOT COUNTY

Date: November 5, 2024

District/Ward/Precinct: Mail-in Ballots - MIB-2 CANVASS November 15, 2024

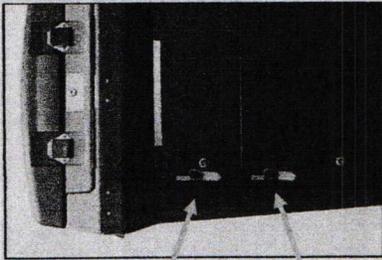
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Scanning Unit #	A. Emergency Ballot Compartment Security Seal # (Do Not Remove)	B. Main Ballot Box Security Seal # (Do Not Remove)	C. Public Count	D. Protected Count	E. Rear Access Door Tamper Tape # (Do Not Remove)	F. Do not open Front Access Door Tamper Tape # (Do Not Remove)
	Record	Record	Record	Record	Verify	Verify
1			394	25651	✓	✓
2			253	10564		

Scanning Unit #	Remove Sticks at end of canvass For ENRN		H. New Scanning Unit Lid Seal #	I. Tamper Tape on Front of Ballot Transfer Bin	J. Tamper Tape on Rear of Ballot Transfer Bin	Number of MIB's scanned today
	Memory Stick -- AA04012700032711 pr. w/970	Verified only on last day ✓	Record	Record	Record	
1	AA04012700032711 pr. w/970	N/A	49068331	21-011008	21-011005	394
2	AA04012700032867 pr. w/1469	N/A	6906835	N/A	N/A	253

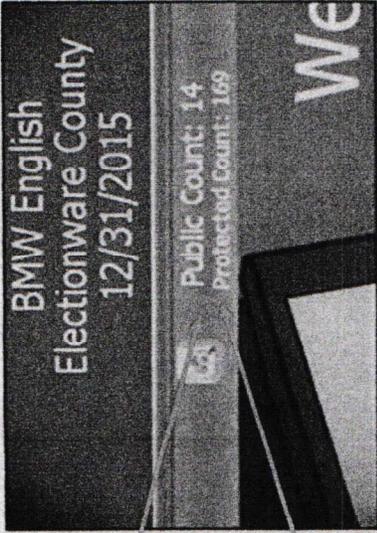
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**Closing
Tamper Tape and Security Seal Location Diagram**



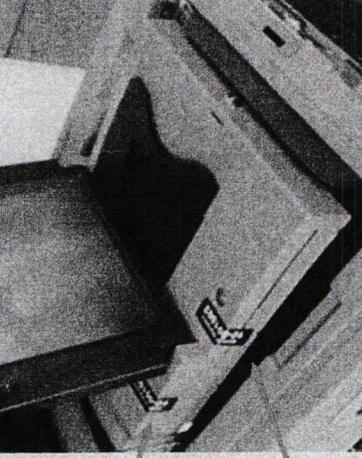
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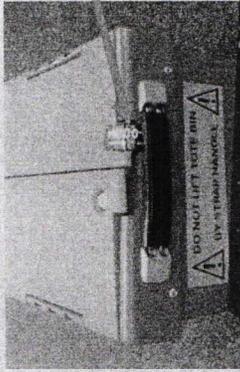
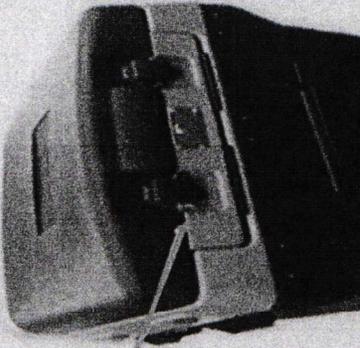
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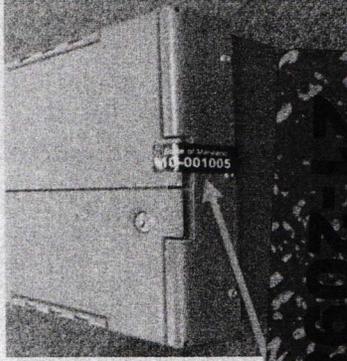


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Count the number of VACs from the scanning unit VAC envelope.



Front Cover Tamper Tape