

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

Monday, November 18, 2024

Continuation from 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
Gugy Irving, III	Board Member	Republican
Walter W. Black	Board Member	Democratic

LBE Staff (in person):

Name	Position
Tammy Stafford	Election Director
Donna Kegley-Hacker	Election Program Manager II
Fred Gleockler	Election Program IT Specialist II

Public:

No one from the public was in attendance.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT & RECONVENING THE MEETING

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers was scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 2024 in the Talbot County Board of Elections Training Room, 215 Bay St., Suite 7, Easton, MD 21601. After waiting 30 minutes, Gugy Irving, III motioned to reconvene the meeting of the Board of Canvassers. There was an open discussion about the Board Attorney, Lyndsey Ryan not being present. Gugy Irving, III motioned to proceed without the Board Attorney present. Denise Lovelady seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. 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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VERIFICATION OF VOTE COUNT

Tammy Stafford 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. Tammy Stafford confirmed that all of the numbers matched with the exception of 01001, with a one ballot difference. Since this was a consolidated precinct, Tammy Stafford reviewed 01003 as well. It was determined that it appeared that one voter was given an incorrect ballot.

Tammy Stafford explained that a similar verification was performed on each ballot scanner used on the canvassing day randomly selected by the Board of Canvassers for the canvass. Staff manually added the Voting Results Reports printed from each ballot scanner used on the canvassing day randomly selected by the Board of Canvassers for the canvass and compared the manually added totals to a report printed from the election database for the canvass. Tammy Stafford confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

Tammy Stafford presented the Board of Canvassers with the verification results, and the Board of Canvassers reviewed the results. Barbara H. Perry made a motion to accept the verification results. Gagy Irving, III seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

POST ELECTION AUDITS

Tammy Stafford explained that post-election audits were performed on the polling places of certain randomly selected precincts, and on select mail-in and provisional ballots.

Tammy Stafford explained that for the polling places, in the randomly selected precincts and any polling place where the difference between the number of voters that checked in to vote and ballots cast is five or more, that staff compared the number of signed voter authority cards for each ballot scanner against the number of ballots cast. Tammy Stafford confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

Tammy Stafford explained that staff reviewed a sample of accepted mail-in ballots to determine if the ballot was timely received. Staff also reviewed a sample of rejected mail-in ballots to determine if the ballot was untimely received or was rejected for another valid reason. Tammy Stafford confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

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Tammy Stafford 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. Tammy Stafford confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

Tammy Stafford explained that all ballot images from early voting, election day, and all mail-in ballots canvassed and tabulated prior to election day 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. Tammy Stafford showed the reports and confirmed that any differences between the two sets of results were 0.002%, less than 0.5%, the threshold for additional auditing.

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

Tammy Stafford 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.

Susan J. MacKinnon made a motion to certify the results of the 2024 Presidential General Election. Denise Lovelady seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Tammy Stafford presented the canvass sheets to the Board of Canvassers. Barbara H. Perry made a motion authorizing the Election Director to distribute the canvass sheets to the Board of Canvassers Chair Walter W. Black and member Denise Lovelady and authorized them to sign the canvass sheets. Gagy Irving, III seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

NEXT BOARD OF CANVASSERS' MEETING

If additional ballots are received, the Board of Canvassers will convene after the next meeting of the local board of elections. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room 1 at 215 Bay St., Easton, MD 21601.

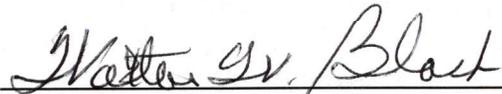
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ADJOURNMENT

Once the canvass sheets were signed, Susan J. MacKinnon made a motion to adjourn. Barbara H. Perry seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 2024.

Submitted by,



Walter W. Black, Board of Canvassers Chair



Denise Lovelady, Member