

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

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

Post-Certification Minutes

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

Additional Attendee:

Lyndsey Ryan, Board Attorney.

LBE Staff (in person):

Name	Position
Tammy Stafford	Election Director
Donna Kegley-Hacker	Election Program Manager II

Public

Name	Organization (if applicable)
Gary Judy	Citizen
Mark Harrison	Citizen
R. Eyvind Wahlgren	Citizen

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began at 10:25 a.m. on Wednesday, December 18, 2024 in Conference Room #1 at 215 Bay Street, Easton, MD. 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

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

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At its 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

The public notice of this canvass was provided. 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tammy Stafford presented the minutes from the Mail-in Ballot and Provisional Canvasses (10/15/24; 10/17/24; 10/22/24; 11/05/24 a.m.; 11/05/25 p.m.; 11/07/24; 11/13/24; 11/15/24; 11/18/24; and 11/20/24). These minutes were also mailed to the Board members to allow for ample time to review. Denise Lovelady made a motion to approve the minutes. Barbara H. Perry seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Tammy Stafford distributed copies of the minutes for signing by Walter W. Black and Denise Lovelady.

CANVASSING

Overview of Canvass Process

Tammy Stafford previously explained the rules concerning public observation of the canvass, provided an overview of the canvassing process, and noted that the rules were posted in the canvass room. Tammy Stafford also previously explained the process to provide information to the Board of Canvassers or challenge a decision of the Board.

Canvassing of Mail-in Ballots

(Seven mail-in ballots (7) were presented at the 11/20/24 meeting and rejected as being untimely.)

Tammy Stafford reported that an additional nine (9) mail-in ballots were received after the certification of the election and since the 11/20/24 meeting. Denise Lovelady made a motion to reject these mail-in ballots as being untimely. Barbara H. Perry seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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CANVASSING STATISTICS

State Mail-in Ballots – Rejection Reason	# of Ballots		
	Prior (through 11/20/24)	Today 12/18/24	Total
Ballot was late for election	12	9	21
No signature on oath (includes ballot not in envelope)	6	0	6
Voter died before election day	0	0	0
More than one ballot in same envelope	0	0	0
More than one ballot received but one was counted	5	0	5
Identifying mark on ballot	2	0	2
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	See below	See below	See below
Envelope did not contain a ballot	4	0	4
Other <i>[specify]</i> voted a Primary ballot	2	0	2

Federal Write-In Mail-in Ballots – Rejection Reason	# of Ballots		
	Prior	Today	Total
State mail-in ballot was received	1	0	1
No signature on declaration	0	0	0
No mail-in ballot application	0	0	0
Not registered voter	0	0	0
Late for election	1	0	1
Voted wrong ballot style	0	0	0
Used agent and ballot envelope was not sealed	0	0	0
Voter canceled	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	1
Applicant returned a voted mail-in ballot or already voted	9
Applicant voted the wrong party primary ballot (primary elections only)	0
No signature on application	6

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Provisional Ballots - Rejection Reasons	# of Ballots
Applicant not eligible to receive a provisional ballot	0
Identification or DL# or SS# was not timely received	1
Incomplete information was provided on application	0
Identification was received but did not satisfy the identification requirements	0
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

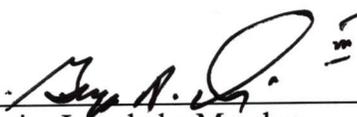
If additional mail-in ballots are received, the Board of Canvassers will convene after the next meeting of the local board of elections. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room 1 at 215 Bay Street, Easton, MD.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Submitted by,


~~Walter W. Black, Board of Canvassers Chair~~
Barbara Perry, Member


Denise Lovelady, Member
Gugy Irving