

## **OVERVIEW - Manual Audit of 2022 Gubernatorial Election ballots**

The Election Law Article *11.309 Postelection Tabulation Audit* requires that election officials manually audit a sample of voted ballots after each general election. The manual audit determines whether the voting system accurately counted ballots during the 2022 General Election.

The Montgomery County Board of Elections was tasked to manually tally a sample of votes cast for Governor/Lt. Governor and compare the results of the manual tally against the results from the voting system.

The Manual Audit was conducted on February 13, 2023, as announced at the Board's meeting on January 19, 2023. As per Maryland State Board of Elections' procedures, a Public Notice of the Manual Audit was published on the Board of Elections website and on social media, and a copy of the Public Notice was placed at the main entrance to the BOE offices.

As per SBE's procedures, Staff notified Chairs of the County Central Committees of Democratic Party, Republican Party and Green Party as well as the State Libertarian Party and Working Class Party. The Staff also notified Mr. Kyle Sefcik, the only filed write-in candidate for 2022 General Gubernatorial Election.

The Montgomery County Board of Elections conducted the manual ballot audit of the 2022 General Election at the Montgomery County Board of Elections, located at 18753 N. Frederick Avenue, Suite 210 Gaithersburg, Maryland 20879.

The manual audit was open to the public, and it was livestreamed with the link provided at the Montgomery County Board of Elections website [777VOTE.ORG](http://777VOTE.ORG). Four observers were present in-person and three online in the course of the manual audit.

Nine bi-partisan teams, composed of the Board of Elections permanent and temporary Staff, conducted the manual audit of randomly selected ballots. Additional Board of Elections Staff provided support.

The State Board of Elections randomly selected the early voting center and election day polling places to be audited, and the Montgomery County Board of Elections Staff randomly selected the Mail-In and Provisional ballots to be audited:

- All 2,423 ballots cast on all four scanning units on all eight days of early voting at the Mid-County Community Recreation Center.
- 2,815 ballots cast on election day at the following polling places:
  - 02-02 Kingsview Middle School
  - 05-13 White Oak Community Recreation Center
  - 06-03 Ridgeview Middle School
  - 13-33 Kemp Mill Elementary School
- 400 Mail In Ballots.
- 568 provisional ballots.

Total of 6,206 ballots cast in 2022 General Gubernatorial election were manually tallied.

The manual audit results show zero discrepancies between the results from the voting system and the results of the manual tally.

Detailed results of the tabulation were shared with the Board on February 15, 2023 and will be posted on the Board of Elections website upon presentation to the Board.