

Combined Provisional and Vote By Mail Canvass Minutes

2024 Presidential Primary Election

The canvass of the mail-in and provisional ballots began on Monday, April 22, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. and the 2024 Presidential Primary Election results were certified at the meeting of the Montgomery County Board of Canvassers on Saturday, May 25, 2024, at 2:30 p.m. The Certification meeting took place at the Montgomery County Board of Elections, 18753 N. Frederick Avenue, Suite 210-Board Room, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20879.

BOARD OF CANVASSERS ATTENDEES AT THE CERTIFICATION MEETING ON MAY 25, 2024:

DAVID NAIMON	CHAIR	DEMOCRAT
DANIEL A. KOROMA	VICE CHAIR	DEMOCRAT
AMORETTA (AMIE) HOEBER	SECRETARY	REPUBLICAN
KEYNA ANYIAM	BOARD MEMBER	DEMOCRAT
DIANE NASH DILLON	BOARD MEMBER	REPUBLICAN
MARGIE C. DELAO	BOARD MEMBER	DEMOCRAT
ALEXANDER C. VINCENT	BOARD MEMBER	REPUBLICAN

Kevin Karpinski, Legal Counsel to the Board of Canvassers, attended the Certification meeting on May 25, 2024.

Montgomery County Board of Elections staff that attended the Certification meeting:

Name	Position
Boris Brajkovic	Election Director
Janet Ross	Acting Deputy Election Director
Mindy Williams	Operations Manager
Sandra Prudenti	Voter Services Manager
Laletta Dorsey	Voter Services Specialist
Michelle Gonda	Vote By Mail Specialist
Gilberto Zelaya	Public Outreach Officer

The names, party affiliation, and workdays of all canvassers and duplicating team members are presented in the attached document titled *Canvass Participants - Names, Party Affiliation, and Participation*. Permanent and temporary staff members of the Montgomery County Board of Elections took part in all aspects of the 2024 Presidential Primary Election canvass.

The ballot scanner operating teams are presented in the table below:

	Names of Ballot Scanner Operating Team Members
Team#1	Tim Gartrell, Daniel McCall
Team#2	Darlington Brima, Maio Du, Francis Amati
Team#3	Adam Luton, James Biaden, Maio Du, Michel Njang
Team#4	Greg Humes, John Kodak
Team#5	Andre Johnson, Leo Thompson (this team packed the ballots after scanning)

CONFIRMATION OF OATH

Karen A. Bushell, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, administered and recorded the oath of each member of the Board of Canvassers and the Board's Legal Counsel on or before Monday, April 15, 2024. The Board of Canvassers included all regular and substitute members of the Board of Elections.

CANVASS MEETINGS

The canvass of the mail-in and provisional ballots for the 2024 Presidential Primary Election took place during the period of April 22, 2024, through May 24, 2024, and included a total of nine (9) canvass days (for a more detailed overview of the Canvass days please see below).

The canvass was conducted at the Montgomery College Germantown Campus at 20200 Observation Drive, BE 151/152, Germantown, Maryland 20876.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 22, 2024, at the Montgomery College Germantown Campus at 20200 Observation Drive, BE 151/152, Germantown, Maryland 20876. A quorum of the Board of Canvassers was present, with all the Board members present.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS

The election of officers occurred on April 22, 2024, and the following were elected:

- David A. Naimon was elected Chair of the Board of Canvassers.
- Daniel A. Koroma was elected Vice Chair of the Board of Canvassers.
- Amoretta (Amie) Hoeber was elected Secretary for the Board of Canvassers.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS

Public notice of the canvass was posted on Thursday, April 11, 2024, on the Montgomery County Board of Elections (BOE) website 777vote.org, and a corresponding Media Advisory was issued.

CANVASS DAYS

On the first day of canvass on April 22, 2024, and all subsequent canvass days, a quorum of the Board of Canvassers was present, with a majority of the Board and at least one member of the Board of Canvassers who is a registered voter of the principal minority party present. Mr. Kevin Karpinski, Legal Counsel to the Board, was present at all canvass meetings.

On the first day of canvass, Mr. David A. Naimon, Chair of the Board of Canvassers, welcomed the canvassers and introduced the members of the Board of Canvassers, who separately addressed canvassers, observers, and the general public.

Mr. Boris Brajkovic, Election Director, presented the canvass process and announced the Board plans to have Board referral sessions at 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. each day of the canvass. If there were changes to the time for Board referrals due to scheduling issues, the change in time was to be posted on the BOE website and announced when the canvass commences on that date.

Mr. Brajkovic also explained in-person public observation rules of the canvass process and further presented public observation through live streaming (with the links to the canvass schedule provided on the BOE website). Mr. Brajkovic explained the rules of conduct (for canvassers, observers, and visitors) and introduced the Board of Elections' canvass team.

Mr. Kevin Karpinski, Legal Counsel to the Board of Canvassers, administered the oath for all canvass workers.

Ms. Michelle Gonda explained detailed instructions for canvassing mail-in ballots and answered questions from the canvassers.

CANVASSING OF BALLOTS

The canvass process for the 2024 Presidential Primary Election took place during the period from April 22, 2024, to May 24, 2024, and included a total of nine (9) canvass days (for a more detailed overview of Canvass days, please see below).

Canvass was conducted at Montgomery College Germantown Campus at 20200 Observation Drive, BE 151/152, Germantown, Maryland 20876.

The 2024 Presidential Gubernatorial Primary Canvass was divided into three segments - Canvass I (including the pre-Election Day canvass), Canvass II, and Provisional Ballots Canvass. The Montgomery County Board of Canvassers met nine (9) times to canvass all regular mail-in ballots, web-delivery ballots, and provisional ballots.

The Montgomery County Board of Canvassers met on four (4) dates before the Election Day of May 14, 2024. Pre-election Canvass Days were as follows:

- Monday, April 22, 2024,
- Saturday, April 27, 2024,
- Saturday, May 4, 2024, and
- Saturday, May 11, 2024.

The Montgomery County Board of Canvassers met four additional times in the course of Mail-In Ballot Canvass I to canvass regular mail-in ballots and web-delivery mail-in ballots:

- Thursday, May 16, 2024,
- Saturday, May 18, 2024,
- Tuesday, May 21, 2024 and
- Wednesday, May 22, 2024.

The Montgomery County Board of Canvassers also met on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, to canvass Provisional ballots.

The Montgomery County Board of Canvassers met on Friday, May 24, 2024, for Mail-in Ballot Canvass II to canvass regular mail-in ballots and web-delivery mail-in ballots.

FINAL CANVASSING STATISTICS

Vote By Mail and Provisional Canvass Statistics	Number of Ballots
Total Ballots	87,107
Total Provisional Ballots	6,562
Total Mail-in Ballots	80,545
Total Accepted Ballots	85,942
Accepted in Full Provisional Ballots	5,806
Accepted in Part Provisional Ballots	245
Accepted Mail-in Ballots	79,891
Total Rejected Ballots	1,165
Rejected Provisional Ballots	511
Rejected Mail-in Ballots	654

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Reject Breakdown by Code		
1	Applicant is not registered to vote	1
2	Applicant returned an absentee ballot or already voted	45
3	Applicant voted the wrong party primary ballot	352
4	No signature on application	80
5	Applicant not eligible to receive a provisional ballot	1
6	Identification or DL# or SS# was not timely received	6
7	Incomplete information was provided on the application	2
8	DL# or SS# was received but was not verified	0
9	Identification was received but did not satisfy the identification requirements	0
10	No provisional ballot or more than one provisional ballot in envelope	0
11	No evidence to support voting unit malfunction	0
12	Identity challenge was upheld	0
13	Order extending voting hours was invalidated	0
14	Identifying mark on ballot	0
15	Applicant is not 18 years old by the general election	0
16	Proof of residency was not timely received	24
17	Proof of residency was timely received but did not satisfy the requirements	0
		511

RELEASE OF OFFICIAL RESULTS

The Certification documents announced the results from the combined vote by mail and provisional ballots canvass. The Certification documents for the 2024 Presidential Primary election were approved unanimously by the Board of Canvassers and signed on May 25, 2024, by David A. Naimon, Chair of the Board of Canvassers, and Amoretta (Amie) Hoeber, Secretary of the Board of Canvassers.

VERIFICATION OF VOTE COUNT

The Montgomery County Board of Election Staff conducted the required post-election verifications and audits.

Logic & Accuracy testing was completed and documents were submitted timely to the Maryland State Board of Elections (SBE). Public demonstration of the Logic and Accuracy was conducted on April 25, 2024, and it was open to the public and live-streamed on the Board of Elections' website 777vote.org. 100% Verification of election results was completed timely, and all data was transmitted to SBE and Clear Ballot as required.

Voting Unit and Pollbook Allocation were in conformance with SBE allocation recommendations.

Mail-In Drop Box Integrity Transportation Reports (that contain drop box location, date and time of transport bin pick-up and return to BOE, security seal numbers from the transport bin and tamper tape security numbers from the Drop Boxes, names and signatures of Drop Box Attendants, and the name and signature of a BOE team member who receives collected transport bin) were submitted to SBE for three randomly selected Drop Box locations:

- Northwood High School,
- Bauer Drive Community Recreation Center, and
- Wheaton High School.

BOE staff timely submitted to SBE the Election Judge Training materials, Polling Place Evaluations, and Ballot Accounting forms.

As a part of the post-election audit process, BOE staff conducted a Precinct Audit - which includes a comparison of Pollbook check-ins to ballots cast - and a post-election Audit of Mail-in Ballots and Provisional Ballots.

POST ELECTION AUDITS

The Election Director presented the Board of Canvassers with an overview of the ballots cast and audits conducted by the staff for the 2024 Presidential Primary Election during the Election Results Certification meeting on May 25, 2024.

The staff conducted a manual audit of a randomly selected 5% of all precincts and an Early Voting Center, which included a hand count of the number of voter authority cards from each precinct, as well as manually entering the votes for each candidate from the printout of election night results from each scanner into a spreadsheet and comparing that information with the reported results.

The following voting locations were included in the manual audit:

- 02-01 Rocky Hill MS
- 04-01 Rockville HS
- 04-26 Rocking Horse Road Center
- 05-01 Charles Drew ES
- 05-10 Cresthaven ES
- 07-18 Washington Waldorf School
- 08-05 Belmont ES
- 08-18 Sherwood ES
- 09-07 South Lake ES
- 09-15 Watkins Mill ES
- 13-45 Parkland MS
- 13-53 Sligo MS
- EV-03 Germantown Community Recreation Center

The manual audit of the selected voting locations did not reveal any discrepancies in the election results.

Additionally, Staff compared the number of voters who checked in with the number of ballots cast at every early voting location and polling place in Montgomery County and investigated all discrepancies. For any location with a variance of five or more, the State Board of Elections requires a manual audit and an explanation of the variance. The audit confirmed that there was one polling place (Tilden Middle School, consolidated polling place for precincts 04-10/04-18) with a discrepancy outside of the allowable threshold for audit (+/- 5). The discrepancy is the result of a human error that resulted in eight (8) voters receiving 04-10 ballot style to vote instead of 04-18 ballot style. The additional discrepancy was one (1) voter who was checked in but left the polling place without casting a ballot. This has been identified as an election workers training issue for consolidated polling places and it will be emphasized in the training for the 2024 Presidential General Election and subsequent Chief Judges Briefing.

A sample of randomly selected accepted mail-in ballots was reviewed to determine whether the mail-in ballots were received timely and if the voters signed the oath. A sample of rejected mail-in ballots was reviewed to determine whether the voters' mail-in ballots were received timely, the required signature was provided, the required ID was provided, or if the voter had voted multiple ballots. The reviewed sample of both accepted and rejected mail-in ballots did not indicate any discrepancies.

A sample of accepted in full provisional ballots and a sample of partially 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, the provisional oath was signed, the voter had not already voted, 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, the voter returned a voted mail-in ballot or already voted, or the voter's ballot was rejected for another valid reason. Reviewed samples of accepted in-full and accepted in-part provisional ballots, as well as rejected provisional ballots, did not indicate any discrepancies.

All ballot images from Early Voting, Election Day, and the Canvasses were sent to Clear Ballot, a third-party, for re-tabulation. The vendor produced 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. SBE confirmed on May 23, 2024, that for Early Voting, Election Day, and Mail-In Ballot Canvass I, Clear Ballot tabulated the same number of ballots as the voting system, and the Clear Ballot's tabulation verified the accuracy of the voting system's results. SBE confirmed on June 10, 2024, that for Early Voting, Election Day, Mail-In Ballot Canvass I, Mail-In Ballot Canvass II, and Provisional ballots Canvass, Clear Ballot also tabulated the same number of ballots as the voting system, and the Clear Ballot's tabulation verified the accuracy of the voting system's results.

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

The Board of Canvassers met on Saturday, May 25, 2024, at 2:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Montgomery County Board of Elections, 18753 N. Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20879 to certify the 2024 Presidential Primary Election results. Present in-person were all seven members of the

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Boris Brajkovic, Election Director, Janet Ross, Acting Deputy Election Director, Sandra Prudenti, Voter Services Manager, Gilberto Zelaya, Public Outreach Officer, Laletta Dorsey, Voter Registration Specialist, and Michelle Gonda, Vote By Mail Specialist were present at the Certification meeting.

The Chair of the Montgomery County Board of Canvassers, Mr. Naimon, moved to certify the results from the 2024 Presidential Primary Election presented by the Election Director. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dillon and passed unanimously.

The Certification documents for the 2024 Presidential Primary election were signed on May 25, 2024, by David A. Naimon, Chair of the Board of Canvassers, and Amoretta (Amie) Hoeber, Secretary of the Board of Canvassers.

NEXT BOARD OF CANVASSERS' MEETING

If untimely ballots are received, the Board of Canvassers will reconvene to reject them.