

**Baltimore County Board of Canvassers**

5 Crossing Way  
Owings Mills, MD 21117

**MINUTES - May 24, 2024 - Mail-In Ballot Final Canvass, Day 6**

*Approved  
05/18/24*

**ATTENDEES**

Board of Canvassers:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Party</b>
Gloria Mason	Chair	Democratic
William Feuer	Secretary	Republican
LaVerne Gaither	Member	Democratic
Albert Nalley	Member	Republican
Derick Johnson	Member	Democratic

LBE Staff (in person):

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
Joshua Insley	Board Counsel
Ruie Lavoie	Director
Rena Waggoner	Acting Deputy Director
Cynthia Remmey	Program Manager
Amanda White	IT Program Specialist
Kimberly Phillips	Program Manager
Mary Frances Alcoser	Program Assistant

Public

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization (if applicable)</b>
Kate Sullivan	BCRCC
Patty Fallon	BCRCC

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

**RECONVENING THE MEETING**

The mail-in ballot canvass reconvened on Friday, May 24, 2024 at 9:08 am. A quorum of the Board of Canvassers was present.

**CONFIRMATION OF OATH**

Julie Ensor the Clerk of the Court for Baltimore County, administered and recorded the oath of each member of the Board of Canvassers, the Board Counsel, the Director and Acting Deputy Director on April 24, 2024. Chair Gloria Mason administered and recorded the oath of each staff member and canvasser on April 24, 2024 and April 25, 2024.

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS**

Director Ruie Marie Lavoie noted that public notice of the Mail in Ballot Canvass was provided and that the notice was provided by posting notice on the election agency website, on election agency social media platforms, on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the election office. Notice was also provided by mail through the USPS and electronically to the Baltimore County Democratic and Republican Central Committee Chairs and the State Board of Elections Administrator.

#### **VERIFICATION OF THE SCANNING UNIT**

Director Lavoie and Amanda White presented documents to the Board of Canvassers showing that the ballot scanner and the ballot marking devices being used in the canvass successfully passed Logic and Accuracy Testing on April 8, 2024. Amanda White reported that the memory cards created for this canvass were placed in the ballot scanner and sealed. Amanda White provided the Board of Canvassers with the results from the Logic and Accuracy Testing. Director Lavoie noted the Ballot Scanner Serial Numbers and Seal Numbers from the Logic and Accuracy Testing documentation for each ballot scanner being used in the canvass.

Amanda White and Director Lavoie verified that the seals on the ballot scanners were intact and recorded the scanners' serial number and seal numbers on the Scanning Unit Opening Integrity Report. Director Lavoie noted that the ballot scanners' serial numbers and seal numbers from Logic and Accuracy Testing matched the ballot scanners' serial numbers and seal numbers before the canvass began.

The Board of Canvassers confirmed that the count on the ballot scanner was zero. Director Lavoie posted one copy of the Zero Report from the ballot scanner on the table at the entrance of the canvass room. Amanda White printed a second copy of the Zero Report, which remained attached to the ballot scanner. The Board of Canvassers signed the Zero Report attached to the ballot scanner. Director Lavoie 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

Joshua Insley explained the rules concerning public observation of the canvass. Director Lavoie provided an overview of the canvassing process and noted that the rules were posted in the canvass room.

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Director Lavoie explained 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. 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 referred to the Board for later review. The ballot is returned to the original oath envelope and a coversheet is created with the canvassing team's number and the reason(s) for the referral.

Those timely ballots that were in compliance and could be read by the ballot scanner were counted and a Batch cover sheet is created with correct number of ballots to be scanned, minus and ballots removed for Board Review and placed in tray for tabulation.

Director Lavoie 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:

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.

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Director Lavoie explained the process to provide information to the Board of Canvassers or challenged a decision of the Board.

#### Canvass Participants

<b>Canvasser</b>	<b>Names of Ballot Processing Canvassing Teams</b>
Team #1	Rita Walczyk Evans (Republican) and Lucy Armstrong (Democratic)
Team #2	Lacretia Latham (Republican) and John Strickland (Democratic)

<b>Team</b>	<b>Names of Bi-Partisan Duplicating Team Members</b>
Team #A	Hardwick Spencer (Republican) and Lisa Curry (Democratic)
Team #B	Kim Bryant (Republican) and Lindsey Yik (Democratic)
Team #C	Diana Moran (Republican) and Candice Parker (Democratic)
Team #D	Dorothy Dietrich (Republican) and MJ Armstrong (Democratic)

<b>Team</b>	<b>Names of Ballot Scanner Operating Team</b>
Team #1	Amanda White (Unaffiliated) and Felicia Thompson (Democratic)

#### Canvassing of Ballots

Member Derick Johnson made a motion to accept 112 Mail-In Ballots and reject 83 Untimely Mail-In Ballots. Member Albert Nally seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

23 Mail-in ballots previously held by the Board for remake were remake and added to the accepted mail-in ballots for the day, for a total of 135 accepted mail-in ballots.

2 Mail-in ballots were presented to the board for rejection, as they were sent in the same envelope.

6 Provisional ballots were presented to be accepted in full to be canvassed with the mail-in ballots.

#### **Challenges During Canvass**

There were no challenges brought forth in the canvass.

#### **Canvass Closing**

##### Printing Canvass Results

After scanning all accepted ballots, Amanda White locked the ballot scanner and printed an Election Results Report. Director Lavoie and Amanda White confirmed that the number of accepted ballots equaled the number of ballots counted by the ballot scanner. Amanda White signed the Voting Results Report and attached it to the Zero Report.

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

**DAILY CANVASSING STATISTICS**

Director Lavoie announced the results from the Mail-in Ballot Final Day Canvass. Director Lavoie announced the following statistics from the Mail-in Ballot Final Day Canvass:

226 Total Ballots Presented = 220 Total Mail-in Ballot Presented + 6 Total Provisional Ballot Presented  
(A = B + C)

141 Total Ballots Accepted = 6 Total Accepted in Full Provisional Ballots + 0 Total Accepted in Part Provisional Ballots + 135 Total Accepted Mail-in Ballots.  
(D = E + F + G)

85 Total Rejected Ballots = 0 Total Rejected Provisional Ballots + 85 Total Rejected Mail-in Ballots  
(H = I + J)

Total Ballots Presented also = Total Rejected Ballots + Total Accepted Ballots  
(A = D + H)

<b>Mail-in Canvass Statistics</b>	<b>Number of Ballots</b>
A) Total Ballots Presented in Mail-in Part of Canvass	226
B) Total Provisional Ballots Presented	6
C) Total Mail-in Ballots Presented	220
D) Total Accepted Ballots	141
E) Accepted in Full Provisional Ballots	6
F) Accepted in Part Provisional Ballots	0
G) Accepted Mail-in Ballots	135
H) Total Rejected Ballots	85
I) Rejected Provisional Ballots	0
J) Rejected Mail-in Ballots	85

Director Lavoie 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**

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Director Lavoie announced the results from the entire mail-in ballot canvass.

<b>Mail-In Ballot Canvass Statistics</b>	<b>Number of Ballots</b>
A) Total Ballots Presented	53,795
B) Total Mail-in Ballots Presented	53,789
C) Total Provisional Ballots Presented (During Mail-in Ballot Canvass ONLY)	6
D) Total Ballots Accepted	53,710
E) Accepted in Full Provisional Ballots (During Mail-in Ballot Canvass ONLY)	6
F) Accepted in Part Provisional Ballots (During Mail-in Ballot Canvass ONLY)	0
G) Accepted Mail-in Ballots	53,704
H) Total Rejected Ballots	85
I) Rejected Provisional Ballots(During Mail-in Ballot Canvass ONLY)	0
J) Rejected Mail-in Ballots	85

*Note to LBEs: The number of accepted ballots and rejected ballots should equal the total ballots presented at this canvass. Accepted ballots should equal the sum of accepted ballots for each day of the canvass. Rejected ballots should equal the sum of rejected ballots for each day of the canvass. Total ballot presented should equal the sum of accepted ballots and rejected for each day of the canvass. Check to make sure that the numbers match. If they do not match, explain why they do not match.*

**VERIFICATION OF VOTE COUNT**

Director Lavoie 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. Director Lavoie confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

Director Lavoie 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. Director Lavoie confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

Director Lavoie presented the Board of Canvassers with the verification results, and the Board of Canvassers reviewed the results. **Secretary Feuer** made a motion to accept the

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verification results. **Member Johnson** seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **POST ELECTION AUDITS**

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

Director Lavoie 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. Director Lavoie confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

Director Lavoie 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. Director Lavoie confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

Director Lavoie 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. Director Lavoie confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

Director Lavoie 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. Director Lavoie showed the reports and confirmed that any differences between the two sets of results were less than 0.5%, the threshold for additional auditing.

#### **CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS**

Director Lavoie 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.

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Secretary Feuer made a motion to certify the results of the 2024 Presidential Primary Election. Member Johnson 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 Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 1:00 pm at the Baltimore County Board of Elections multipurpose room at 5 Crossing Way, Owings Mills, MD 21117.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am on May 24, 2024.



**DS850 Opening and Closing Integrity Report  
2024 Presidential Primary – MIB 2 Canvass**

State of Maryland

**Baltimore County**

Day: 6

Date: May 24, 2024

**Opening – Only verify the units being used for the day. Place removed Tamper Tape on the back of this form.**

DS850 Unit #	A. DS850 Serial #		B. Left Side Power Compart. Tamper Tape #		C. Memory Stick Top Compartment Tamper Tape #		D. Middle Right Compartment Tamper Tape # (Do Not Remove)		E. Bottom Right Compartment Tamper Tape # (Do Not Remove)		F. Public Count	
	Verify	✓	Verify	✓	Verify	✓	Verify	✓	Verify	✓	Verify	✓
<b>1</b>	DS8517030290	✓	04-138979	✓	04-138980	✓	04-126237	✓	04-129297	✓	0	✓
<b>2</b>	DS8515070173		04-138981		04-138982		04-129458		04-129457		0	
<b>3</b>	DS8515070186		04-129407		04-129406		04-129454		04-129453		0	

**Closing – Only record new seals on the unit used for the day.**

DS850 Unit #	A. DS850 Serial #		D. New Left Side Power Compart. Tamper Tape #		D. New Memory Stick Top Compartment Tamper Tape #		F. Middle Right Compartment Tamper Tape # (Do Not Remove)		F. Bottom Right Compartment Tamper Tape # (Do Not Remove)		D. Public Count	
	Verify	✓	Record	✓	Record	✓	Verify	✓	Verify	✓	Record	✓
<b>1</b>	DS8517030290	✓	—		—		04-126237	✓	04-129297	✓	141	
<b>2</b>	DS8515070173						04-129458		04-129457			
<b>3</b>	DS8515070186						04-129454		04-129453			

**To the best of our knowledge, the information on this report is true and accurate.**

Democratic Board Member Signature: *Gloria Mason*

Republican Board Member Signature: *William J. Fever*

Unit 1 - Power Comp



Unit 1 - Top Right Comp



**Ballot Marking Device Integrity Report  
2024 Presidential Election  
MIB 2 Canvass**

Baltimore County

Day: 6

Date: May 24, 2024

Attach all tamper tape removed from the Ballot Marking Device (BMD) during opening and closing to the back of this form.

BMD Unit #	OPENING					CLOSING	
	A.		B.		C.	D.	E.
	BMD Serial #		Side compartment tamper tape # at opening		New side compartment tamper tape # at opening	Record and remove side compartment tamper tape # at closing	Record new tamper tape # at closing
	Verify	✓	Verify	✓	Record		
1	EV0114350472	✓	04-786448	✓	04-138986	04-138986	
2	EV0115331491	✓	04-786447	✓	04-138985	04-138985	
3	EV0115331005	✓	04-786446	✓	04-138984	04-138984	
4	EV0115340956	✓	04-786445	✓	04-138983	04-138983	

To the best of our knowledge, the information on this report is true and accurate.

Democratic Board Member Signature: *Gloria Mason*

Republican Board Member Signature: *William J. Lewis*

OPENING

CLOSING

BMD Unit 1:

1

State of Maryland

Attach side compartment tamper tape

**04-786448**



1

State of Maryland

Attach side compartment tamper tape

**04-138986**



BMD Unit 2:

2

State of Maryland

Attach side compartment tamper tape

**04-786447**



2

State of Maryland

Attach side compartment tamper tape

**04-138985**



BMD Unit 3:

3

State of Maryland

Attach side compartment tamper tape

**04-786446**



3

State of Maryland

Attach side compartment tamper tape

**04-138984**



BMD Unit 4:

4

State of Maryland

Attach side compartment tamper tape

**04-786445**



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State of Maryland

Attach side compartment tamper tape

**04-138983**



BMD Unit :

Attach side compartment tamper tape  
At opening here

Attach side compartment tamper tape  
At closing here