

Prince George's County Board of Canvassers  
1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A  
Largo, MD 20774

July 28, 2022 - Vote by Mail Canvass Minutes  
2022 Gubernatorial Primary Election  
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## **ATTENDEES**

Board of Canvassers (In-Person):

Name	Position	Party
Roberta B. Deegan	President	Republican
Beatrice P. Tignor	Vice President	Democrat
Harold Ruston	Member	Republican
Tom Slezak	Member	Republican
Jaime Vazquez-Saldana	Member	Republican
Lucille V. Gaither	Alternate Member	Republican
Clement A. Gaynor, Jr.	Alternate Member	Republican
Terri L. Williams	Alternate Member	Democrat

Michael Adams	Board Attorney
Anita C. Jones	Board Recording Secretary

LBE Staff (in person):

Name	Position
Alisha L. Alexander	Elections Administrator
Wendy Honesty-Bey	Manager of Elections Operations
Christian Robertson	Data Coordinator
Freddie Colston	Floor Runner/Opener
Joe Young	Floor Runner/Opener
Beulah Williams	Floor Runner/Opener
Donald Benton	Floor Runner/Opener
Marcus Ike	Floor Runner/Opener

A list of all canvassers, duplicating team members, and ballot scanner operating team members in attendance is attached.

## **DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT**

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 28, 2022, at the Lake Arbor Elementary School, 10205 Lake Arbor Way, Bowie, MD in the multipurpose room. There was a quorum of the Board of Canvassers in-person, 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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## **PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS**

Ms. Alexander opened the canvass and noted that public notice of the vote by mail canvass was provided and that the notice was provided by agenda posted on door of the election office and on the Prince George's County Board of Election's website.

The Board of Canvassers confirmed that the counts on the ballot scanners were zero. Ms. Alexander posted one copy of the Zero Report from the ballot scanners on the wall of the canvassing room. Mr. Colbert printed a second copy of the Zero Report, which remained with the integrity reports.

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

### Canvassing of Ballots

Ms. Williams made a motion to convene the Provisional Ballot canvass. Mr. Gaynor seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Jones removed the following seals from the ballot cabinets:

17-310240	17-310237	17-310235
17-310239	17-310234	17-310236
17-310238		

The canvass room was closed from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. for lunch.

### Board of Canvassers' Decision Meeting

Mr. Adams presented the following ballots for review and determination:

1. Eleven (11) envelopes with no ballot.	A motion was made by Mr. Slezak, seconded by Mr. Ruston, and duly passed to reject these ballots.
2. This ballot envelope did not have a post office cancellation date, no date stamp, signature date was 11/13/22.	A motion was made by Mr. Ruston, seconded by Mr. Slezak, and duly passed to reject this ballot as untimely.
3. This ballot envelope did not have a signature or date.	A motion was made by Mr. Slezak, seconded by Mr. Ruston, and duly passed to reject this ballot.
4. Two Provisional Ballot envelopes for the same voter.	A motion was made by Mr. Slezak, seconded by Mr. Ruston, and duly passed to reject these ballots.
5. Voter filled in the bubble and "x'ed" the bubble in one contest.	A motion was made by Mr. Vazquez-Saldana, seconded by Mr. Slezak, and duly passed to accept this ballot for remake, without a selection in the contest.

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6. Two (2) web ballots in one envelope, one (1) signed oath.	A motion was made by Mr. Ruston, seconded by Mr. Slezak, and duly passed to reject these ballots.
7. Voter voted incorrect party ballot.	A motion was made by Mr. Slezak, seconded by Mr. Ruston, and duly passed to reject this ballot.
8. Spoiled Provisional Ballot envelope with incomplete information.	A motion was made by Mr. Slezak, seconded by Mr. Ruston, and duly passed to reject this ballot.
9. Two (2) web ballot envelopes with the same name; however, there were two (2) signed oaths with different names.	A motion was made by Mr. Slezak, seconded by Mr. Ruston, and duly passed to accept these ballots. The envelopes were returned to staff for updating of records. They will be returned for processing.
10. Web ballot submitted with no page one and no oath.	A motion was made by Mr. Ruston, seconded by Mr. Slezak, and duly passed to reject this ballot.
11. Two Provisional Ballot envelopes for the same voter.	A motion was made by Mr. Ruston, seconded by Ms. Williams, and duly passed to reject these ballots.

The canvassing teams were dismissed.

Ms. Deegan, Ms. Tignor, Mr. Ruston, Mr. Slezak, Mr. Vazquez-Saldana, Ms. Gaither, Mr. Gaynor, and Ms. Williams stayed to observe the scanning and printing of results.

The ballot cabinets were locked, and the following seals were affixed:

17-319450	17-319447	17-319453
17-319449	17-319452	17-319451
17-319448		

### Printing Canvass Results

After scanning all accepted Provisional ballots, Mr. Colbert locked the ballot scanners and printed an Election Results Report. Ms. Alexander confirmed that the number of accepted ballots equaled the number of ballots counted by the ballot scanners. Ms. Alexander signed the Voting Results Report and attached it to the Zero Report.

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

### **DAILY CANVASSING RESULTS**

Ms. Alexander presented the following ballots for review and determination:

3,123 – Provisional Ballots (Various Reasons) 425– Mail-In Ballots Rejected (various reasons, not including those listed above.	A motion was made by Ms. Tignor, seconded by Mr. Slezak, and duly passed to reject these ballots.
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Ms. Alexander reported that 5578 provisional ballots were cast. To preserve the secrecy of the ballot for this canvass, Ms. Alexander explained that ballots of each ballot style were held back for this provisional canvass and will be counted with the provisional ballots. 8701 provisional ballots and 2270 mail-in ballots were presented for canvassing during this part of this canvass.

Ms. Tignor made a motion to begin presenting provisional ballot applications. Mr. Ruston seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

1. Ms. Alexander presented **4438** provisional ballots with the recommendation to accept them in full. The recommendation was based on the fact that staff had confirmed that each provisional application was submitted by a registered voter and was cast in the correct precinct where that voter currently resides. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and accept and count the provisional ballots in full.
2. Ms. Alexander presented **1140** provisional ballots with the recommendation to accept them in part. The recommendation was based on the fact that staff had confirmed that each provisional application was submitted by a registered voter and the provisional ballot was cast in the wrong precinct. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation, and the ballots were referred to the duplicating team.
3. Ms. Alexander presented **31** provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because staff could not confirm that the applicant was a registered voter. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballot(s).
4. Ms. Alexander presented **73** provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the applicant returned a voted mail-in ballot or already voted. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballot(s).
5. Ms. Alexander presented **174** provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the applicant voted the wrong primary ballot. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballot(s).
6. Ms. Alexander presented **11** provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the voter failed to sign the provisional ballot application. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballot(s).
7. Ms. Alexander presented **2764** provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the applicant was not eligible to receive a provisional ballot. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballot(s).
8. Ms. Alexander presented **6** provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the applicant did not provide identification or personal identification information in time. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballot(s).
9. Ms. Alexander presented **12** provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the applicant provided incomplete information on the provisional ballot

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- application. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballot(s).
10. Ms. Alexander presented **7** provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the applicant provided his or her driver's license or social security number but the number was not verified. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballot(s).
  11. Ms. Alexander presented **0** provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the applicant provided identification but the identification provided did not satisfy the requirements. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballot(s).
  12. Ms. Alexander presented **12** provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because there was no provisional ballot in the envelope. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballot(s).
  13. Ms. Alexander presented **0** provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because there was no evidence to support alleged voting unit malfunction. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballot(s).
  14. Ms. Alexander presented **0** provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the challenge to the voter's identity should be upheld. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballot(s).
  15. Ms. Alexander presented **0** provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the order extending voting hours was invalidated. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballot(s).
  16. Ms. Alexander presented **0** provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the ballot had an identifying mark. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballot(s).
  17. Ms. Alexander presented **5** provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the applicant will not be or is not 18 years old or older by the general election. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballot(s).
  18. Ms. Alexander presented **23** provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the applicant did not provide proof of residency in time. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballot(s).
  19. Ms. Alexander presented **6** provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the applicant provided proof of residency but the proof did not satisfy the requirements. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballot(s).

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Mail-In Canvass Statistics- Day Seven	Number of Ballots
Total Ballot Provisional Ballots Presented	8,701
Accepted Provisional Ballots	5,578
Rejected Provisional Ballots	3,123
Accepted Mail-In (hold back)	2,270

**RECESS**

The canvass recessed at 3:00 p.m. and will reconvene on Friday, July 29, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. to continue the canvass. Mr. Colbert recorded the public count, turned the optical scan ballot scanners off, and affixed seals.