

Bel Air Board of Election Judges  
Meeting Minutes  
November 12, 2021 at 10:00 AM  
Bel Air Town Hall  
39 N. Hickory Ave., Bel Air, MD 21014

The meeting was called to order on Thursday, November 12, 2021 at 10:00 AM.

Members Present: Priscilla Jindra, Chief Election Judge  
Elaine Millard  
Wendy Ribbans  
Ruth Oswald

Absent: Lisa Robbins

Staff Present: Michael Krantz, Director of HR & Administration/Town Clerk

Others: Stephen Feryus, Canvass Coordinator, Harford County Board of Elections

I. DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

- a. The Absentee Ballot Canvass was hereby convened on Thursday, November 12, 2021, at 10:00 am at the Bel Air Town Hall.
- b. A quorum of members of the Board of Canvassers is present, including Priscilla Jindra, Wendy Ribbans, Elaine Millard, and Ruth Oswald

II. CONFIRMATION OF OATH (§ 11-301(c))

- a. Michael L. Krantz from the Town previously administered the oath of each member on Tuesday, October 26, 2021.

III. ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS (§ 11-301 (b))

- a. Priscilla Jindra was selected as chair and Michael Krantz was selected as secretary.

IV. PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS

- a. Notice was given for the canvasses via The Town of Bel Air's website, and at the closing of polls on the night of the election, November 2, 2021.

V. CANVASSING

- a. Overview of Canvass Process
- b. Canvas Coordinator
  - i. Rules of conduct for canvass observers are posted around the room.

- ii. The Board of Canvassers will verify that the Absentee ballots were received timely and that the oath on each envelope was signed.
- iii. The Absentee ballots will either be:
  - 1. Accept in full – recommend counting the ballot; or
  - 2. Rejected – recommend not counting the ballot (33.11.04.08)
- iv. Absentee ballots that are accepted in full will be opened and the ballots reviewed for compliance and tabulating acceptability. (33.16.05.05B)
- v. Mismarked ballots will be referred to the Board of Canvassers for review. If the Board of Canvassers can determine the intent of the voter, the ballot will be duplicated by the board based on the voter’s intent. (33.16.05.06C1 and 33.08.04.05C) If the Board of Canvassers cannot determine intent on a mismarked ballot, it will be accepted as is.
- vi. Any ballot that is rejected must be rejected by a unanimous vote of the Board of Canvassers. Otherwise, it must be accepted. (Election Law 11-303(d))
- vii. Absentee Ballot Rejection Reasons:
  - 1. Board action.
  - 2. Voter cancelled.
  - 3. Identifying mark on the ballot.
  - 4. Late for election.
  - 5. Voted more than one ballot.
  - 6. No signature on Provisional application
  - 7. No signature on the Absentee oath
  - 8. Not a registered voter.
  - 9. Applicant is not eligible to receive a provisional ballot (not a Bel Air Municipality resident)
  - 10. Incomplete information was provided on the application.
  - 11. No ballot in envelope.
  - 12. Identity challenge upheld.
- viii. If a member of the public has information that they believe should be considered by the Board or if you wish to challenge a decision, the individual should notify the Canvass Coordinator.

c. Canvassing of Absentee Ballots

- d. The Canvass Coordinator declared that they will be presenting 8 absentee ballots for today’s canvass. A motion to begin the review of the absentee ballots was requested, Elaine Millard motioned, and Ruth Oswald seconded, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried. The ballots were reviewed.
- e. The Canvass Coordinator declared that there are 8 absentee ballots recommended for acceptance in full. A motion to accept these 8 absentee ballots in full was requested. Ruth Oswald motioned, and Elaine Millard seconded, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried. The ballots were accepted.
- f. The Canvass Coordinator declared that this concludes the absentee ballots to be presented and a motion to approve the tabulation of ballots was requested. Priscilla Jindra motioned, and Wendy Ribbans seconded, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried. The absentee ballots were tabulated as follows:

- i. Mary F. Chance: 7
  - ii. Amy G. Chmielewski: 4
  - iii. Paula S. Etting: 4
  - iv. Lawrence J. Russell: 0
  - v. Write-ins: 0
  
- g. The absentee votes were added to the unofficial totals tabulated at the first canvas held on November 4, 2021 and the revised unofficial results were read as follows:
  - i. Mary F. Chance:  $449 + 7 \text{ Absentee} = 456$
  - ii. Amy G. Chmielewski:  $275 + 4 \text{ Absentee} = 279$
  - iii. Paula S. Etting:  $396 + 4 \text{ Absentee} = 400$
  - iv. Lawrence J. Russell:  $137 + 0 \text{ Absentee} = 137$
  - v. Write-ins:  $12 + 0 \text{ Absentee} = 12$
  
- h. The Canvass Coordinator requested that the members of the Board sign the revised election unofficial results report (attached as Exhibit A).

VI. RELEASE OF UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

- a. The unofficial results were posted in the lobby of Bel Air Town Hall.
  
- b. The Canvass Coordinator indicated that unofficial results of today's canvas will be reviewed by the Harford County Board of Elections and the official results will be confirmed, later today, Friday, November 12, 2021, and delivered to Michael Krantz, Director of HR & Administration/Town Clerk, for declaration and distribution.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- a. A motion to adjourn was requested. Priscilla Jindra motioned, and Wendy Ribbans seconded, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried. With no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Signature on file

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Priscilla Jindra, Chief Election Judge

Signature on file

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Michael L. Krantz, Town Clerk



UNOFFICIAL RESULTS  
TOWN OF BEL AIR MUNICIPAL ELECTION  
NOVEMBER 2, 2021

Board of Commissioners – Vote for Two	Election Day	AB & Prov Canvass	AB Canvass	Total Votes
Candidates	11-02-21	11-04-21	11-12-21	
Mary F. Chance	433	16	7	456
Amy G. Chmielewski	264	11	4	279
Paula S. Etting	384	12	4	400
Lawrence J. Russell	131	6	0	137
Write-ins	12	0	0	12

Eligible Registered Voters (as of 10/12/21) **7,971**

Standard Ballots Cast on Election Day 683

Absentee Ballots Received 31

Provisional Ballots Cast 8

*Ruth Oswald*  
*Elaine A. Millard*  
*Wendy Robbins*  
*Priscilla Galt*  
Election Supervisors

*12 NOVEMBER 2021*  
Date