

**MINUTES
BOARD OF ELECTION JUDGES
BOARD OF CANVASSERS
ABSENTEE BALLOT CANVASS
Friday, November 14, 2025, 10:00 am**

The Board of Election Judges met on Friday, November 14, 2025, at the Bel Air Town Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elaine Millard
Ruth Oswald, Alternate Judge
Wendy Ribbans
Alissa Wallace

IN ATTENDANCE: Stephen Feryus, Voter Registration, Harford County Board of Elections
Michael Krantz, Director of HR & Administration
Amber Ringgold, Election Program Specialist, Harford County Board of Elections
Jane Sudbrink, Recording Secretary

I. DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

Ms. Wallace read the following into the record. The Absentee Ballot Canvass is hereby convened on Friday, November 14, 2025, at 10:00 am at the Bel Air Town Hall. A quorum of members of the Board of Canvassers is present, including Elaine Millard, Wendy Ribbans, and Alissa Wallace.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

See VI. Canvassing of Absentee Ballots.

III. CONFIRMATION OF OATH

Michael Krantz from the Town administered the oath to each member on Thursday, November 6, 2025.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS

Alissa Wallace was selected as chair and Elaine Millard was selected as secretary.

V. PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS

Notice was given for these canvasses via The Town of Bel Air's website and the night of the election.

VI. CANVASSING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Mr. Krantz asked that the minutes of November 6, 2025, be approved before the canvassing begins. Ms. Millard motioned that the minutes of November 6, 2025, be accepted and approved. Ms. Ribbans seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ms. Wallace continued reading into the record the overview of the canvass process. Rules of conduct for canvass observers are posted around the room. The Board of Canvassers will verify that the Absentee ballots were received timely and that the oath on each envelope was signed. The Absentee ballots will either be accepted in full - recommend counting the ballot or rejected - recommend not counting the ballot.

Absentee ballots that are accepted in full will be opened and the ballots reviewed for compliance and tabulating acceptability. 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. If the Board of Canvassers cannot determine intent on a mismarked ballot, it will be accepted as-is. Any ballot that is rejected must be rejected by a unanimous vote of the Board of Canvassers. Otherwise, it must be accepted.

Ms. Wallace listed the reasons for Provisional and Absentee Ballot rejection: board action, voter cancelled, identifying mark on the ballot, late for election, voted more than one ballot, no signature on Provisional application, no signature on the Absentee oath, not a registered voter, applicant is not eligible to receive a Provisional ballot (not a Bel Air municipality resident), incomplete information was provided on the application, no ballot in envelope, and identity challenge upheld.

Ms. Wallace stated that 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.

Ms. Wallace said that the board will be presenting 6 Absentee ballots for today's canvass. Ms. Ribbans motioned to begin the review of the Absentee ballots. Ms. Millard seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Feryus presented the ballots to the board. He asked them to count the ballots, which consisted of 5 that were held back for today and 1 that arrived in a timely manner. He also asked them to check the postmark to confirm that the ballots were received by election day, November 4. Ms. Millard, Ms. Ribbans, and Ms. Wallace each counted the ballots, checked the dates, and confirmed the number and the timely date. Ms. Wallace said that the board has 6 Absentee ballots and she recommended that they accept them in full. Ms. Millard motioned to accept and tabulate these 6 Absentee ballots in full. Ms. Ribbans seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ms. Ribbans proceeded to open the ballots and read off the votes. The board again confirmed that there were 6 Absentee ballots. Ms. Wallace calculated 11 total votes, and board members unanimously confirmed these numbers: 5 votes for Etting, 1 vote for Gullion, and 5 votes for Hanley.

Board members reviewed and tabulated the numbers on the Unofficial Results form. Mr. Feryus confirmed for Ms. Wallace that the final numbers have been updated to include one Absentee ballot. Ms. Millard noted that on the Unofficial Results form, the Absentee Ballots Received should be changed

from 34 to 35. Ms. Millard then read off the adjusted totals: 628 votes Etting, 352 votes Gullion, 619 votes Hanley, and 32 write-ins.

Ms. Millard then read the adjusted totals for the bottom portion of the form: 886 Standard ballots, 35 Absentee ballots, and 4 Provisional ballots. The total ballots cast were 925.

Mr. Feryus determined that under "Total Ballots Cast as of 11/06/2025" the date should be changed to reflect today's date 11/14/2025 for consistency. Mr. Krantz confirmed that for the next election he will not include the date in this section, particularly because the dates are also included at the top of the form.

VII. RELEASE OF OFFICIAL RESULTS

Ms. Millard presented the revised Unofficial Results form to the Town Clerk, Mr. Krantz, with the new numbers and the board's signatures. Mr. Krantz typed and printed a new copy titled Official Results and the board signed the form in blue ink.

Ms. Wallace stated that the board reviewed and signed the final election report. Ms. Ribbans motioned to accept the final official results. Ms. Millard seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Ribbans motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Millard seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:28 am.

Signature on file

Michael L. Krantz, Town Clerk

Signature on file

Wendy Ribbans, Chief Election Judge



OFFICIAL RESULTS
TOWN OF BEL AIR MUNICIPAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 4, 2025

Board of Commissioners – Vote for Two	Election Day	AB & Prov Canvass	AB Canvass	Total Votes
Candidates	11-04-2025	11-06-2025	11-14-2025	
Paula S. Etting	595	28	5	628
Matthew F. Gullion	347	4	1	352
Gavin O. Hanley	589	25	5	619
Write-Ins	30	2	0	32

Eligible Registered Voters 8,159 (as of 10/14/25)

Standard Ballots Cast on Election Day	<u>886</u>
Absentee Ballots Received	<u>35</u>
Provisional Ballots Cast	<u>4</u>
Total Ballots Cast as of 11/14/2025	<u>925</u>

Elaine A. Millard
Alysa Wallace
Wendy Ribbons
 Election Supervisors

11/14/25
 Date