



Delaware County Bureau of Elections
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**Delaware County Board of Elections Plan
For Conducting the Statewide Automatic Recount
For the Office of U.S. Senator
At the November 5, 2024 General Election**

Nov. 19, 2024

Per the Order of Recount that was issued by Pennsylvania Secretary of State Al Schmidt, the Delaware County Board of Elections ("DCBOE") will perform a recount of the ballots in the contest for U.S. Senator. This is the DCBOE plan for performing the recount.

Location and Dates

The recount will be conducted at the DCBOE's Union Power Plant facility, also known as the Wharf ("UPP/Wharf"), 2501 Seaport Drive, Suite BH120, Chester, Pennsylvania, 19013. Logic & Accuracy testing of the tabulation equipment is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on Nov. 18, 2024. The recount of the ballots shall begin no sooner than 9:30 a.m. Eastern Time on Wed., Nov. 20, 2024 and shall conclude no later than noon on Tues., Nov. 26, 2024. The DCBOE will begin work on the recount each day following this start date, as needed, from 8:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. daily. Hours may be extended if necessary.

Ballot-Processing Equipment

At this Election, the Board used six Canon **DR-G2140** scanners for the original processing of:

- Mail/absentee ballots
- UOCAVA/UMOVA/Military-Overseas ballots
- Provisional ballots

The DCBOE will recount all mail/absentee, all UOCAVA/UMOVA/Military-Overseas and all Provisional ballots on different models of high-speed scanners: Canon **DR-G1100** and **DR-G1130** scanners.

At this Election, Hart Intercivic precinct scanners were used for the original processing of all Election Day ballots. The precinct ballots will be recounted on the **Canon DR-G2140** scanners.



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Scanners 1 through 6: Canon DR-G2140

The DCBOE will use the six Canon DR-G2140 scanners for recounting the Election Day ballots cast in the precincts. Operators will:

- 1) Break the seal on the precinct ballot box and store the seal in the ballot-bag pouch.
- 2) Remove all ballots from the precinct ballot box.
- 3) Review the ballots for any apparent damaged items that may interfere with scanning.
- 4) Recount all ballots through a scanner and run a batch report.
- 5) Replace the ballots from that precinct in the ballot box.
- 6) Secure the ballot box with a new tamper-evident seal.
- 7) Log the seal number.
- 8) Mark the ballot box with painter's tape to indicate that the precinct has been recounted.
- 9) Consistent with Election Day, "resolution" will **not** occur, as voters in the precinct were alerted to over-voted and under-voted ballots and had the opportunity to spoil and replace or correct their ballot -OR- allow the original flawed ballot to be cast "as is."

Scanners 1 through 6: Canon DR-G1100 and DR-G1130 scanners

For the recounting of the mail/absentee, UOCAVA and provisional ballots, the DCBOE will replace the DR-G2140 scanners with DR-G1100 and DR-G1130 scanners in the same work areas. Consistent with the original processing of these ballots, resolution of any overvoted or undervoted ballots will occur, given that voters of mail/absentee, UOCAVA and provisional ballots cannot be alerted to over-voted or under-voted ballots. Workers will follow these procedures for recounting batches in the precinct scanners:

1. Remove only one batch at a time and separate non-ballot paperwork.
2. Scan ballots.
3. Run necessary reports for the recount tabulation.
4. Restore all ballots from each batch and mark the batch paperwork with painter's tape to indicate that the batch has been recounted.



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Transcribing of ballots

If a ballot is damaged or otherwise cannot be read by the scanner, the ballot will be marked at the top with the scanner station where it was to be scanned: S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S6.
(See diagram of scanning stations on final page of this plan.)

The ballot then will be walked over to the transcription table. The transcription table will be directly in front of the room. The transcribers will follow these procedures:

- Obtain a replacement ballot for the correct precinct.
- Write the serial number from the damaged/unreadable ballot at the top of the replacement/transcription ballot.
- The team shall transcribe onto the replacement ballot only the vote (or the undervote or overvotes, if applicable) from the original ballot for the contest for US Senator.
- The damaged/ ballot and the transcribed replacement ballot then will be returned to the original scanning site for processing with that batch/precinct.

Preservation of ballot batches

In order to preserve the ballots generally for the possibility of additional review(s) or recount(s), the DCBOE will work to preserve original ballot batches. This means that once a batch is processed through any scanner, that batch will be re-assembled with paperwork from the original counting process.

Recount Observers Rules and Spaces

By law, recount observers will be limited to the affected candidates or the candidate's one authorized representative and party authorized representatives. If the authorized representative is an attorney, that attorney must be a member of the PA bar. All observers are required to:

- Present government-issued photo identification, and if an attorney, be licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- Clear security screening.
- Not enter with any bag or backpack.
- Sign in the observer log, and if an attorney, list the Pennsylvania Bar ID number.
- Not use any device to tape record or film proceedings.
- Not use any cell phone or other device to photograph, unless specifically authorized by a Delaware County Bureau of Elections recount supervisor, for the limited purpose of photographing a ballot that has an undervote, overvote or other mark in question.



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Observers may pose question to the supervisor on the floor. Observers are NOT to do any of the following:

- Pose questions to or interrupt workers who are performing the tasks of opening or re-sealing ballot boxes or batches, scanning ballots and re-sealing ballot boxes or reassembling ballot batches.
- Argue with supervisors who manage the recount.
- Touch any of the ballots or related batch/precinct election materials.

Any observer who violates the rules and directions of the Board and its staff, or is otherwise disruptive, will be removed and shall not be permitted reentry.

The six scanners at the UPP/Wharf will be positioned with observer areas between certain rows of scanners. Recount observers also will have spaces directly in front of the ballot transcribing table. A diagram of the spaces for DCBOE scanners and workers – and observers – is on the following page.



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**Proposed Diagram of Recount Area at Wharf
(Subject to change, as needed.)**

Worker areas – Recount resolution

Worker areas – Recount servers

(Observer area)

(Observer area)

Ballot transcribing

(S1-Canon DRG-2140/1100-1130) -----

Worker areas S2-

Canon DR-G2140 (later, DR-G1100-1130)

(Observer area).....

(S3-Canon DR-G2140 (later, DR-G1100-1130) -----

Worker areas (S4-

Canon DR-G2140 (later, DR-G1100-1130)

(Observer area).....

(S5-Canon DR-G2140 (later, DR-G1100-1130)-----

Worker areas

(S6-Canon DR-G2140 (later, DR-G1100-1130)-----