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March 2024 Post-Election Audit Summary

Purpose

Election audits are conducted to ensure that election voting tabulators are operating accurately and complying with regulations or internal policies, and to promote voter confidence in the election administration process. (<u>United States Election Assistance</u> <u>Commission</u>)

Process

Timeline

According to Ohio Secretary of State <u>Directive 2023-31</u>, if a recount is conducted, the post-election audit shall begin immediately after the board certifies the results of the recount. When the Board of Elections certified the results of the March 19, 2024, Primary Election on April 9, 2024, it was determined that no recount was required. The post-election audit began on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, with the random selection of ballots to be audited. The counting then began on Monday, April 15, 2024, and the audit results were certified on Monday, April 22, 2024.

Preparations for the Post-Election Audit

The official canvass of the election included 50,182 ballots. To meet the five percent requirement at least 2,509 ballots had to be included in the audit.

The Board selected the following races to audit, the results of United States President - R, Supreme Court Justice UTE 12/31/2026 - D, and the Court of Appeals 12th District 2/9/2025 - R. During the board meeting on April 9, 2024, it was determined that the audit would be conducted by tabulator. This means the audit will be conducted by counting the votes on individual voting machines. There are five methods a voter in Butler County can cast their ballot,

- in-person at the polls on an electronic voting machine
- in-person at the polls on a paper ballot
- in-person early at the Board of Elections
- by mail

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• casting a provisional ballot

Ballots from all five voting methods were included in the audit selection to ensure the election results are correct on different types of tabulators.

The Members of the Board alternated turns randomly pulling tickets from a bin to select tabulators to include in the audit. As each ticket was pulled, the ticket's barcode was scanned into a spreadsheet to calculate the total ballots selected. When the 67th ticket was pulled, 2,512 ballots had been selected which accounted for 5.01% of the total votes cast in the election.

atch Selection		2,509	5% of Ball		
		Batches	Ballots	Percent of	Remaining Ballots
Progress Indication Enough batches have been selected		Selected	Selected	Total Ballots	to Select
		67	2,512	5.01%	3 Over
				Percent of all	1
raw Number	Tabulator Name	Batch	Ballots Cast	votes	
1008	ABS ICC 2	9	59	0.12%]
1376	FAIRFIELD MUNICIPAL BLDG-ICX 3	1	86	0.17%]
2193	PROV ICC 2	5		0.04%]
1067	P@PICC3	5	1	0.00%	
1057	ABSENTEE 22	1		0.74%]
	FAIRFIELD SOUTH ELEMENTARY-ICX 4	1	50	0.10%	
	LAKOTA WEST HIGH SCHOOL-ICX 15	1	1	0.00%	1
	EDGEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL-ICX 22	1		0.01%	
	MIAMI UNIVERSITY - HAMILTON-ICX 7	1		0.05%	
	FAIRFIELD COMPASS ELEMENTARY-ICX 8	1		0.05%	1
	MONROE NAZARENE CHURCH-ICX 14	1		0.01%	4
	MORGAN TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION-ICX 3	1		0.08%	4
	ELDA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-ICX 6	1	94	0.19%	4
	WILSON MIDDLE SCHOOL-ICX 11	1	4	0.01%	
	NORTH FAIRFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH-ICK 2	1		0.09%	
	ABS ICC 2	19		0.04%	
	MORGAN TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION-ICX 2	1		0.10%	
	ENDEAVOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-ICX 13	1		0.02%	
	LINDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-ICX 4	1		0.08%	
	LAKOTA WEST HIGH SCHOOL-ICK 9	1	51	0.10%	1
	HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL ICX 15	1		0.01%	1
	SOUTHWEST REGIONAL WATER DIST-ICX 10	1	46	0.03%	4
	FAIRFIELD GREENS SOUTH TRACE-ICX 8 LAKOTA WEST FRESHMAN SCHOOL ICX 7	1		0.00%	1
	EDGEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL-ICX 32	1		0.06%	1
	WEST CHESTER NAZARENE-ICX 9	1	65	0.08%	1
	WYANDOT EARLY CHILDHOOD-ICX 1	1		0.10%	1
	LAKOTA WEST FRESHMAN SCHOOL-ICK 18	1		0.13%	1
	EDGEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL-ICX 7	1		0.04%	1
	FAIRFIELD MUNICIPAL BLDG-ICX 8	1	16	0.03%	1
	INDEPENDENCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-ICX 13	1		0.09%	1
	HIGHVIEW 6TH GRADE CENTER-ICX 11	1		0.02%	1
	RIVERVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-ICX 3	1		0.07%	1
1639	LAKOTA EAST FRESHMAN CAMPUS-ICX 16	1	22	0.04%	1
2163	WILDWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-ICX 11	1		0.06%	1
	MIAMI UNIVERSITY - HAMILTON-ICX 9	1		0.03%	1
	ROSA PARKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-ICX 5	1	1	0.00%	1
	WYANDOT EARLY CHILDHOOD-ICX 11	1		0.03%	1
	POASTTOWN FIRST CHURCH OF GOD-ICK 4	1		0.12%	1
	ABS ICC 3	7	90	0.18%	1
	ENDEAVOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-ICX 3	1	26	0.05%	4
	KRAMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-ICX 11	1		0.05%	1
	TALAWANDA MIDDLE SCHOOL-ICK 6	1	17	0.03%	
	EDGEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL-ICX 2	1		0.17%	4
	MIAMI UNIVERSITY - OXFORD-CX 1	1		0.04%	4
	FAIRFIELD COMPASS ELEMENTARY-ICX 2	1		0.00%	4
	WAYNE TWP FIRE DEPT-ICX 1 FAIRFIELD NORTH ELEMENTARY-ICX 7	1		0.00%	4
	POASTTOWN FIRST CHURCH OF GOD-ICX 14	1			1
		1		0.02%	1
2110	VOICE OF AMERICA - METRO PARKS-ICK 14	1	12	0.02%	1

	HAMILTON FRESHMAN SCHOOL-ICX 15	1	73	0.15%
1507	HAMILTON FRESHMAN SCHOOL-ICX 5	1	. 39	0.08%
1497	HAMILTON CHRISTIAN CENTER-ICX 6	1		0.08%
	FAIRFIELD FIRE DEPT - STATION 2-ICX 1	1		0.02%
1718	LAKOTA WEST HIGH SCHOOL-ICX 4	1	27	0.05%
2041	TALAWANDA HIGH SCHOOL-ICX 5	1	18	0.04%
1942	POASTTOWN FIRST CHURCH OF GOD-ICX 9	1	53	0.11%
1556	HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-ICX 8	1	17	0.03%
2157	WILDWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-ICK 5	1	19	0.04%
1952	REILY COMMUNITY CENTER-ICX 5	1	59	0.12%
1546	HERITAGE EARLY CHILDHOOD-ICX 11	1	61	0.12%
1136	BROOKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-ICX 5	1	. 39	0.08%
1539	HERITAGE EARLY CHILDHOOD-ICX 4	1	22	0.04%
1432	FAIRFIELD WEST ELEM SCHOOL-ICX 5	1	86	0.17%
	FAIRFIELD WEST ELEM SCHOOL-ICX 15	1		0.08%
	HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL-ICX 12	1		0.01%
	LAKOTA EAST FRESHMAN CAMPUS-ICX 4	1		0.05%
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After the audit criteria was selected, election officials began to collect all the paper ballots from the selected tabulators to be hand counted.



Conducting the Hand Count

Teams of election officials composed of a member of each of the major political parties counted the votes of the selected tabulators. Teams slowly review either the paper ballots or the Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) and marked each vote on a tally sheet. When the count was complete for each tabulator, the ballots were returned to the appropriate storage area and the tally sheet was given to a separate team for entry into an audit spreadsheet to compare the results of the official canvass to the hand count.

Results

The results of both the official canvass and the audit (hand count) are listed in the tables below.

Delegates-at-Large and Alternates-at-Large to the Republican National Convention					
	Official	Audit (Hand			
Candidates	Certification	Count) Vote	Difference	Explanation of difference	
	Vote Total	Total			
Chris Christie	32	32	0		
Ron DeSantis	44	44	0		
Nikki R. Haley	233	233	0		
Vivek Ramaswamy	33	33	0		
Donald J. Trump	1,523	1,523	0		
Over Votes	0	0	0		
Under Votes	28	28	0		
Total Votes	1,893	1,893	0		

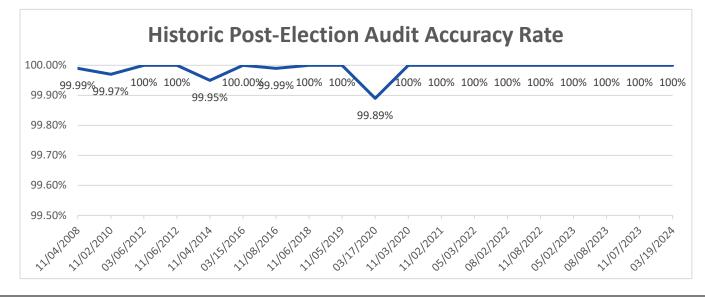
Justice of the Supreme Court (Unexpired term ending 12/31/2026)					
	Official	Audit (Hand			
Candidates	Certification	Count) Vote	Difference	Explanation of difference	
	Vote Total	Total			
Lisa Forbes	234	234	0		
Terri Jamison	205	205	0		
Over Votes	0	0	0		
Under Votes	90	90	0		
Total Votes	529	529	0		



Court of Appeals 12 th District 2/9/2025				
	Official	Audit (Hand		
Candidates	Certification	Count) Vote	Difference	Explanation of difference
	Vote Total	Total		
Barbara S. Carter	1,053	1,053	0	
Melena Siebert	512	512	0	
Over Votes	0	0	0	
Under Votes	329	329	0	
Total Votes	1,894	1,894	0	

Historical Results

Below is a graph providing the accuracy rate of each post-election audit conducted in Butler County beginning with the November 4, 2008, Presidential General Election.



Conclusion

Election Officials completed the post-election audit of the March 19, 2024, Primary Election and found no discrepancies in the data from the official canvass to the hand count. The results of the audit show the accuracy rate to be 100%.