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www.co.somerset.nj.us electionbd@co.somerset.nj.us N.J.S.A.19:61-9: AUDITS OF ELECTION RESULTS 2025 General Election Audit Date: November 18, 2025 Secretary/Commissioner ANTHONY J. ATTANASIO Commissioners KEN SCHERER CHRISTIAN R. MASTONDREA, ESQ. LINDA M. MONTGOMERY-WILLIAMS

The Somerset County Board of Elections (SCBOE) convened for the purpose of performing a postelection audit consistent with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:61-9 and the guidelines and memorandum issued by the New Jersey Division of Elections (NJDOE) on October 29, 2025. The audit was open to the public for in-person observation.

The SCBOE conducted a hand-to-eye count of the voter-verifiable paper records for the General Election for the New Jersey Gubernatorial, New Jersey State Senate, New Jersey General Assembly, County Commissioners, and Municipal Mayor and Council contests. The Board of Education elections, fire district elections and public questions were excluded from the audit pursuant to the memorandum issued by the NJDOE.

Pursuant to the statute, "the audit shall be conducted in at least 2% of the election districts (batches) in which each audited election appears on the ballot". Somerset County is comprised of Legislative Districts 16, 17, 21, 22, and 23. Two (2) audit units (batches) were audited from each of the five (5) Legislative Districts. A total of ten (10) audit units (batches) were audited from the five (5) Legislative Districts.

Audit units included: Early Voting Ballots (Voting Machine), Election Day Ballots (Voting Machine) and Vote by Mail Ballots (VBMs) by municipality/ward. Tally sheets were prepared in advance of the audit for each municipality/ward and approved by the New Jersey Division of Elections.

The following audit units were randomly selected by the SCBOE Commissioners for audit on November 17, 2025, at 10:00am via a publicly advertised meeting and in person observation:

1. 16th Legislative District:	Hillsborough	Batch: B0010*	VBM Tab B
2. 16th Legislative District:	Hillsborough	Batch: Hillsborough D2	ED Machine
3. 17th Legislative District:	Franklin W3	Batch: B0132	VBM Tab B
4. 17th Legislative District:	Franklin W2	Batch: C0015*	VBM Tab C
5. 21st Legislative District:	Bernards	Batch: Bernards D2	ED Machine
6. 21st Legislative District:	Green Brook	Batch: Green Brook D5	ED Machine
7. 22nd Legislative District:	N. Plainfield	Batch: N. Plainfield EV	EV Machine#3
8. 22nd Legislative District:	N. Plainfield	Batch: N. Plainfield D5	ED Machine
9. 23rd Legislative District:	Bridgewater	Batch: B0186*	VBM Tab B
10. 23rd Legislative District:	Bridgewater	Batch: C0060	VBM Tab C

In the audited batch identified with an asterisk the hand-to-eye count revealed only a minor discrepancy with the scanned tally. The hand-to-eye count identified a vote discrepancy of one vote on random contests on the ballot. This was attributable to the hand-to-eye Tally Teams

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identifying partially and/or incorrectly marked ovals on the ballot that showed clear voter intent but were likely not recorded by the scanner. The audit did not result in any significant change in the number of votes counted for any candidate. Any paper ballot which contained an overvote for a particular contest recorded it as an overvote but did not count a vote. Undervotes were recorded by the vote tabulation system and were reconciled during the audit.

Respectfully Submitted on November 19, 2025, by:

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