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# New York State Board of Elections provides update on Westchester County ballot canvassing

***State Board support helps Westchester complete scanning of all Election Day emergency ballots***

**ALBANY, N.Y. (11/09/2026) –**The New York State Board of Elections announced that scanning of Westchester County's Election Day emergency ballots was completed at approximately 8:45 p.m. Friday, November 6, following the deployment of State Board personnel to provide technical and operational support.

In fulfillment of its core obligation to assist county boards, the State Board dispatched an initial technical team on Election Day to help establish scanning operations at the county's Ardsley facility. Working with Westchester County Board of Elections staff, the team configured and tested equipment, helped resolve technical issues, and supported the expansion of scanning operations through coordination with the Suffolk County Board of Elections and Clear Ballot, who were able to provide additional scanning systems for use.

Following consultation with Westchester's election commissioners, the State Board decided to expand its on-site team to a total of 20, including members of executive leadership. State and county officials implemented workflow improvements, with State Board staff providing additional operational support to accelerate ballot processing.

The State Board's support and the progress achieved through their coordinated efforts included:

- Quadrupled scanning system capacity by working with the Suffolk County Board of Elections and Clear Ballot to secure, configure, and test nine additional scanning stations to complement Westchester's three available systems.
- Following the arrival of additional State Board staff and implementation of workflow improvements on Thursday evening, the remaining roughly 149,000 emergency ballots were scanned and processed by 8:45 pm Friday, for a total of roughly 181,000 emergency ballots.

The response combined technical assistance, additional scanning equipment, increased staffing, and changes to the processing workflow to help Westchester complete this substantial task while maintaining ballot security and bipartisan oversight.

The State Board thanks Westchester County Board of Elections staff and poll workers, the Suffolk County Board of Elections, Clear Ballot, and the State Board employees who supported the effort. The Board also recognizes Westchester voters for their patience throughout the disruption and subsequent count.

Voters deserve accurate and timely results. Completion of emergency ballot scanning marks an important step in the canvass, with results remaining subject to reconciliation, remaining canvass procedures, and certification.

Upon certification of the General Election by the Westchester County Board of Elections, the State Board will undertake a full and careful bipartisan review of the circumstances leading up to and occurring on Election Day. Findings will be shared with the public to provide accountability and identify corrective actions.

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