

2019 MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION
AFFIDAVIT SIGNATURE AUDIT RESULTS

In accordance with Utah Code Annotated §20A-3-302(7), the Lieutenant Governor’s Office established procedures to conduct an audit of affidavit signatures for mail ballots. The following vote by-mail jurisdictions performed this audit by comparing voters’ affidavit signatures on ballot envelopes with voters’ signatures in the statewide voter registration database for a second or third time:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Affidavit Signatures Audited</u>
Beaver County	6
Box Elder County	28
Carbon County	8
Davis County	384
Emery County	7
Grand County	16
Iron County	41
Salt Lake County	790
San Juan County	5
Sanpete County	7
Sevier County	8
Summit County	25
Tooele County	48
Utah County	379
Washington County	250
Weber County	249

A total of 2,251 affidavit signatures were audited. The audit determined that the following:

- 2,246 (99.8%) affidavit signatures were correctly identified as either a match or non-match during the initial verification process; and
- 5 (0.222124%) affidavit signatures were incorrectly identified during the initial verification process.

The benefit of an audit process is that it provides an opportunity to identify areas where improvement can be made. As a result of the audit, county clerks have learned that the following steps can be taken to improve procedures:

- Increased signature verification training for all staff, including both permanent and temporary, to review the procedures and requirements;
- Testing each permanent and temporary staff member to assess skill level prior to assigning signature verification tasks;
- Increase of desk-top daily audits to verify procedures are followed;
- All staff, including both permanent and temporary, could be instructed to send any signature that they may be uncertain about for further review.

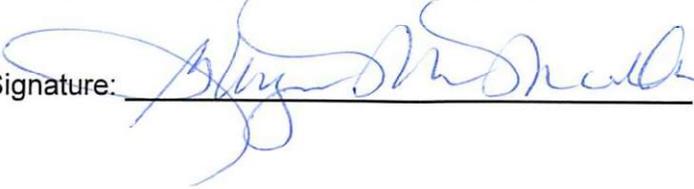
With the addition of these improvements, we continue to be confident in the policies and procedures followed by county clerk staff in providing a secure voting method that voters and candidates can trust.

The following pages of this document are the individual reports for each county that performed an affidavit signature audit. General questions regarding the audit can be directed to the Utah Lieutenant Governor's Office at 801-538-1041 or elections@utah.gov. For specific questions regarding a county's audit, please contact the appropriate county clerk



Audit Summary Report

County: Beaver County Election: Beaver City Municipal Primary

County Clerk's Signature:  Date: 8/22/2019

Signature Affidavit Audit Summary (complete only if applicable)

1. Number of signature affidavits audited: 6

2. Did the signature audit reveal any inconsistencies between a signature's initial verification and the audit?

YES*

NO

(*If YES, please attach an explanation any inconsistencies)



Audit Summary Report

County: Box Elder Election: Municipal Primary 2019

County Clerk's Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: Aug. 27, 2019

Signature Affidavit Audit Summary (complete only if applicable)

1. Number of signature affidavits audited: 28

2. Did the signature audit reveal any inconsistencies between a signature's initial verification and the audit?

YES*

NO

(*If YES, please attach an explanation any inconsistencies)



Audit Summary Report

County: CARBON Election: 2019 PRIMARY MUNICIPAL

County Clerk's Signature: *Debbie May* Date: 8/19/2019

Signature Affidavit Audit Summary (complete only if applicable)

1. Number of signature affidavits audited: 8

2. Did the signature audit reveal any inconsistencies between a signature's initial verification and the audit?

YES*

NO

(*If YES, please attach an explanation any inconsistencies)



Audit Summary Report

County: Davis Election: 2019 Primary

County Clerk's Signature: [Signature] Date: 8-16-19

Signature Affidavit Audit Summary (complete only if applicable)

1. Number of signature affidavits audited: 384

2. Did the signature audit reveal any inconsistencies between a signature's initial verification and the audit?

YES*

NO

(*If YES, please attach an explanation any inconsistencies)



Audit Summary Report

County: Emery Election: Municipal Primary 2019

County Clerk's Signature: Brenda J. [Signature] Date: 8/14/19

Signature Affidavit Audit Summary (complete only if applicable)

1. Number of signature affidavits audited: 7

2. Did the signature audit reveal any inconsistencies between a signature's initial verification and the audit?

YES*

NO

(*If YES, please attach an explanation any inconsistencies)



Audit Summary Report

County: Grand Election: 2019 Municipal

County Clerk's Signature:  Date: 8-22-2018

Signature Affidavit Audit Summary (complete only if applicable)

1. Number of signature affidavits audited: 16

2. Did the signature audit reveal any inconsistencies between a signature's initial verification and the audit?

YES*

NO

(*If YES, please attach an explanation any inconsistencies)



Audit Summary Report

County: Iron Election: 2019 Primary Municipal

County Clerk's Signature: [Signature] Date: August 15, 2019
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Signature Affidavit Audit Summary (complete only if applicable)

1. Number of signature affidavits audited: 41

2. Did the signature audit reveal any inconsistencies between a signature's initial verification and the audit?

YES*

NO

(*If YES, please attach an explanation any inconsistencies)



Audit Summary Report

County: Salt Lake Election: 2019 Primary

County Clerk's Signature: *Shirley Swenson* Date: 08-22-2019

Signature Affidavit Audit Summary (complete only if applicable)

1. Number of signature affidavits audited: 790

2. Did the signature audit reveal any inconsistencies between a signature's initial verification and the audit?

YES* NO (*If YES, please attach an explanation any inconsistencies)

Upon the audit review of the randomly selected 790 ballot signatures, accuracy was 99.4% in Salt Lake County.
Five affidavit signatures that were passed as good were found to be questionable by the audit teams.

Solutions

1. Increased signature verification training for all staff, permanent and temporary, to review the procedures and requirements.
2. Testing each permanent and temporary staff member to assess skill level prior to assigning signature verification tasks.
3. Increase of desk-top daily audits to identify verify procedures are followed.
4. All staff, permanent and temporary, will be instructed to send any signature that they may be uncertain about for further review.



Audit Summary Report

County: San Juan Election: #to Municipal Primary

County Clerk's Signature: John David Nielson Date: 8/19/19

Signature Affidavit Audit Summary (complete only if applicable)

1. Number of signature affidavits audited: 5

2. Did the signature audit reveal any inconsistencies between a signature's initial verification and the audit?

YES*

NO

(*If YES, please attach an explanation any inconsistencies)



Audit Summary Report

County: Sanpete Election: Gunnison & J'n Green

County Clerk's Signature: Gandy Neill Date: 8/14/19

Signature Affidavit Audit Summary (complete only if applicable)

1. Number of signature affidavits audited: 7

2. Did the signature audit reveal any inconsistencies between a signature's initial verification and the audit?

YES*

NO

(*If YES, please attach an explanation any inconsistencies)



Audit Summary Report

County: Sevier County Election: 2019 Primary Election

County Clerk's Signature: *A. C. Wall* Date: August 26, 2019

Signature Affidavit Audit Summary (complete only if applicable)

1. Number of signature affidavits audited: 8

2. Did the signature audit reveal any inconsistencies between a signature's initial verification and the audit?

YES*

NO

(*If YES, please attach an explanation any inconsistencies)



Audit Summary Report

County: Summit Election: Primary (Park City)

County Clerk's Signature: *Kent Jones* Date: 8/19/19

Signature Affidavit Audit Summary (complete only if applicable)

1. Number of signature affidavits audited: 25
2. Did the signature audit reveal any inconsistencies between a signatory's initial verification and the audit?

YES*

NO

(*If YES, please attach an explanation any inconsistencies)



Audit Summary Report

County: Tooele Election: Municiple Primary 2019

County Clerk's Signature: M. Gullett Date: 8-14-19

Signature Affidavit Audit Summary (complete only if applicable)

1. Number of signature affidavits audited: 48

2. Did the signature audit reveal any inconsistencies between a signature's initial verification and the audit?

YES*

NO

(*If YES, please attach an explanation any inconsistencies)



Audit Summary Report

County: Tooele Election: Municipal Primary Election 2019

County Clerk's Signature: *M. Gullett* Date: 8-14-19

Signature Affidavit Audit Summary (complete only if applicable)

1. Number of signature affidavits audited: 48

2. Did the signature audit reveal any inconsistencies between a signature's initial verification and the audit?

YES*

NO

(*If YES, please attach an explanation any inconsistencies)



Audit Summary Report

County: Utah Election: 2019 Primary

County Clerk's Signature: [Signature] Date: 8/21/19

Signature Affidavit Audit Summary (complete only if applicable)

1. Number of signature affidavits audited: 379

2. Did the signature audit reveal any inconsistencies between a signature's initial verification and the audit?

YES*

NO

(*If YES, please attach an explanation any inconsistencies)



Audit Summary Report

County: Washington Election: 2019 Municipal Primary

County Clerk's Signature: Kim M. Allen Date: 8.27.19

Signature Affidavit Audit Summary (complete only if applicable)

1. Number of signature affidavits audited: 250

2. Did the signature audit reveal any inconsistencies between a signature's initial verification and the audit?

YES*

NO

(*If YES, please attach an explanation any inconsistencies)



Audit Summary Report

County: WEBER Election: PRIMARY 2019

County Clerk's Signature: Ricky Hester Date: 8/26/19

Signature Affidavit Audit Summary (complete only if applicable)

1. Number of signature affidavits audited: 249

2. Did the signature audit reveal any inconsistencies between a signature's initial verification and the audit?

YES*

NO

(*If YES, please attach an explanation any inconsistencies)

An audit of 233 paper ballots was conducted and no differences between the cast vote record and the votes cast on the ballot were found.