

What You Are Observing In The...

Conference Room

This is the ballot resolution room and duplication room.

Sometimes the optical scanners used for ballot counting cannot count a ballot. The scanners are set to stop when the ballot has an overvote, reads as a blank ballot or has a marginal mark that the scanner cannot read. These ballots, as well as any that are torn or otherwise cannot feed through the scanner, come to the Ballot Resolution Board. The Board consists of at least two people. They cannot be the same political affiliation.

The Board will review the questioned ballots and determine the intent of the voter. The ballots are then enhanced, according to the rules of the Secretary of State, and then returned to the Red Room for counting.

When a ballot cannot run through the scanners, the Duplication Board transfers the votes onto a new ballot for counting. A control number is assigned to each original ballot and to the duplicated ballot. The ballot is then duplicated and checked to ensure accuracy.

Supplemental and E-Ballots (emailed ballots to military and overseas voters) and other special handling ballots may be processed here.