

Canvassing the 2026 Primary Runoff Election

What is the Canvass

The canvass is the official legal process of recording and certifying every valid vote cast in an election. During this process, you as the county chair are verifying that the totals from the early voting period, mail-in ballots, and Election Day match the final documentation provided by your county elections administrator. This ensures that every candidate's vote count is accurately documented and legally certified for your county's Democratic Primary Runoff.

The State Party will canvass and certify the election results for all counties that do not have a county chair and for those counties that do not have TEAM access and do not wish to conduct the canvass themselves.

The Texas Democratic Party will conduct the local canvass via Zoom on Thursday, June 4, 2026, starting at 10:00am CDT. We will process one county at a time for those without a county chair, those without TEAM access, or chairs who prefer state party assistance. (Please see email from alugo@txdemocrats.org from Saturday, May 23, 2026).

Important Dates

Post Notice of the local canvass- **Monday, June 1, 2026**

- TDP's Notice: <https://www.texasdemocrats.org/2026-notice-of-canvass>
 - All counties have been included in TDP's Notice of Canvass
 - If a county is conducting their own canvass, they will have a Notice of Canvass posted on their website or county bulletin board. This [template](#) can be used to post the notice. The notice must include the date, time and location of your county canvass and be posted on the county party website. If you don't have a website, on the commissioners court bulletin board by **Monday, June 1, 2026**

County Canvass Day- **Thursday, June 4, 2026**

State Canvass (Runoff Races)- **Friday, June 12, 2026**

Key items and steps before the canvass

- **Post Notice of the local canvass if you are conducting the canvass yourself**
 - **If the party is conducting the canvass on your behalf we will post the notice on our website and you will be required to post the notice on your website or county bulletin board.**
 - [Template](#) for posting the notice. Must include date, time and location
 - Post to the county party website or, if you don't have a website, on the commissioners court bulletin board by **Monday, June 1, 2026.**
- **Confirm your [TEAM](#) Login**
 - Make sure you have your username and password and that they work properly so you're not scrambling on the day of the canvass.
 - If you do not have a TEAM login, that's ok – do not try to get one now. See below for your options to complete the Certification of the Canvass.
- **What You Need from Your Election Official**
 - **Democratic Election Reconciliation Form:** Ensure this includes Democratic ballots only and includes provisional ballot data. This form is legally required.

- **Detailed Results:** Request the final results. These must include:
 - **Full County Totals:** Aggregated figures for each candidate and ensure it is not precinct by precinct.
 - **Voting Method Breakdown:** Data separated by Early Voting, Mail-in, and Election Day.
- **The Canvass**
 - When: Thursday, June 4 at 10:00 am
 - Who: County Chair (or the Chair’s designee) and one member of the CEC (if available), often done with your EA/Clerk
 - What: Meet to review and confirm election results

Certification of the canvass step by step if you have TEAM Access

1. **Review the Total number of Voters Voted. Modify as needed.**
2. **Review the total number of Provisional Votes Cast (counted). Modify as needed.**
3. **Review and modify vote totals for all races. County totals will be prepopulated.**
4. **Select Save to accept any/all changes.**
5. **Select Review & Submit to conduct one final verification of official results.**
6. **Select Submit Canvass. (Continue until you receive a green confirmation message indicating, “Canvass Results Submitted Successfully.”)**
7. **Download and print a copy of official results for your records.**
 - Note: Provisional votes cast means total number of provisional ballots rejected (field G from the reconciliation report)
 - If you do not have TEAM access the Texas Democratic Party can conduct the canvas on your behalf

Certification of the Canvass step by step if you do not have TEAM Access and would like to certify the results for your county

- **If you do not have access to the TEAM system** because you did not complete the required security training last fall, **you or your designee can log onto a ZOOM MEETING with the Texas Democratic Party staff on Thursday, June 4, 2026 between 10 AM - 5 PM CDT** and we will screen share the results with you so you can verbally certify the canvass and we will enter that into the TEAM system. We will work with county chairs to complete this process on a first-come, first-served basis. See the section below on Conducting the Canvass for the information you should have from your County Election Official prior to joining the Zoom.

FAQs

- **Who can serve as my designee?**
 If a designee will conduct the canvass on behalf of the county chair, then that designee must be a member of the county executive committee, or if no member of the county executive committee is available, then the designee must be a resident of the county served by the committee who is affiliated with the same political party. Tex. Elec. Code § 172.116.

- **What if there's a recount?**
[Recount deadlines can be found here](#), but the recount cannot be formally requested until after you finish your canvass.

Questions?

- TEAM related: If you have additional questions or need technical assistance with the TEAM system, please contact the TEAM team at (800)252-8683 (select 3) or Elections@sos.texas.gov.