

# Fulton County Elections & Voter Registration

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May 4, 2021

Veronica Degraffenreid  
Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Room 302 North Office Building  
401 North Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Ms. Degraffenreid,

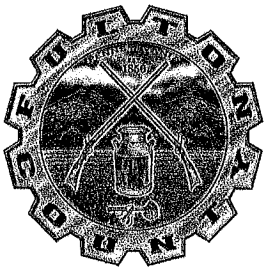
In answer to the questions in your recent e-mail, we can provide the following information:

In December, 2020, various members of the Pennsylvania legislature contacted the Fulton County Election Office and asked if we would allow Wake TSI to do an audit to prove to the voters that the 2020 General Election was run appropriately. Since we believe in transparency, we agreed to let them come in and do the audit. Upon coming to Fulton County, everyone that was involved by Wake in the audit in any way, signed a paper that stated that they would not disturb or manipulate any equipment, as well as giving copies of their photo ID's. Wake was never by themselves with any of the equipment or ballots.

I was with the ballots at all times and our IT director Eldon Martin, was with the equipment at all times. Randy Bunch, one of our three Election Board members, was between both rooms where our election scanner #1 is located, to make sure nothing was done to interfere with any of our equipment or ballots.

Wake had 3 people in the room I opened the first sealed ballot box and handed the first person the mail-in ballots. She wrote down who was voted for on the ballot and then handed it to the second person whom also wrote down who was voted for on the ballot and handed the ballot to the third person, who took a picture of the ballot and laid it back on the table in the order that they received to ballots so they were not out of order of how I handed the ballots to them. After the manual tally of these ballots were complete, I counted 300 of the mail-in ballots and handed them to Mr. Bunch and he gave them to our IT person. The ballots were scanned by our IT director using one of our central scan units. A results report was printed and given to Wake staff. The results data from this scan was not transferred to our election server, and therefore, these results were not comingled with the official results from the 2020 general election. I placed the ballots back in the appropriate township ballot boxes and sealed the boxes again.

Under supervision of our IT Director, Wake employees took backups of key data on the computers used in the ballot counting process. These backups included the election database, results files, and Windows system logs. In addition, Wake TSI used a system imaging tool to take complete hard drive images of these computers to be able to perform further examination. They also obtained complete images of two USB thumb drives that had been used on election night to transfer results files from the election computers to the computer we used to upload results to the SURE portal.



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The central scanner #1 was never touched. All reports and back-ups were taken from the election server and central scanner #2.

Our staff was with Wake in the rooms at all times.

We will greatly appreciate any assistance that you can give us.

Sincerely,

Patti Hess  
Elections Director  
County of Fulton