

Elections and Boundaries Commission

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT Election Report

for the Electoral District of Lengua/Indian Walk

17th June, 2024





# REPORT

of the

Elections and Boundaries Commission

on the

Local Government Election in the Electoral District of Lengua/Indian Walk

held on

Monday 17th June, 2024

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- (b) the number of rejected ballots;
- (c) the number of names on the revised list of electors and on the list of special electors; and
- (d) any other information that the Commission has deemed fit to include.

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6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

The Honourable Faris Al-Rawi Minister of Rural Development & Local Government Ministry of Rural Development & Local Government Kent House Long Circular Road MARAVAL

Honourable Minister

Report of the Elections and Boundaries Commission on the Local Government Election in the Electoral District of Lengua/Indian Walk held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2024

# 1. INTRODUCTION

Election Rule 108(6) of the Representation of the People Act, Chapter 2:01 (the Act) requires the Elections and Boundaries Commission (the Commission) to cause to be printed, after each election, a report giving:

(a)the number of votes polled for each candidate by polling divisions;

(b)the number of rejected ballots;

(c)the number of names on the revised list of electors and on the list of special electors; and

(d)any other information that it may deem fit to include.

Further, the said rule specifies that a copy of the report shall be forwarded to the Minister responsible for local government, as well as to the Chief Executive Officer of the Princes Town Regional Corporation.

Acting in accordance with the said election rule 108(6), therefore, the Commission submits herewith its report on the Local Government Election in the electoral district of Lengua/Indian Walk which was held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2024. The data in respect of (a) and (b) above are provided in **Appendices I** and **II**, while the requirement at (c) is met in **Appendix III**. Other pertinent information deemed fit for inclusion in the report, in addition to what is contained in this text, can be found in **Appendices IV-IX** inclusive.

# 2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATE OF THE ELECTION

Her Excellency, the President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago informed the Chairman of the Commission, Mr. Mark Ramkerrysingh via correspondence dated Tuesday 7th May, 2024, that the Honourable Prime Minister had agreed to **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2024** as the date for the conduct of the New Local Government Election in the Electoral District of *Lengua/Indian Walk* in the *Princes Town Regional Corporation*. The election in the Electoral District arose as a result of the equity of votes in the said district, in the Local Government Elections 2023, resulting in the election being void.

The correspondence also stated that *Nomination Day* had been fixed for **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**, **2024**.

# 3. ISSUANCE OF WRIT OF ELECTION TO RETURNING OFFICER

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2024, the Chairman of the Commission delivered the Writ of Election, issued by Her Excellency the President, to Mr. Richard Greenidge, the Returning Officer appointed by the Commission to conduct the poll. This activity was held at the Conference Room of the Elections and Boundaries Commission, Scott House, 134-138 Frederick Street, Port of Spain.

In his address to the newly appointed Returning Officer, the Chairman thanked him for accepting the appointment and stressed the significance of his role in the democratic process.

The Returning Officer was assisted in the execution of his duties by an Election Clerk appointed for this purpose by the Commission, as is provided for in Section 7 of the Act.



Mr. Richard Greenidge, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Lengua/Indian Walk receives his Writ of Election from EBC's Chairman, Mr. Mark Ramkerrysingh.

# 4. ELECTORAL REGISTRATION AND REVISED LIST OF ELECTORS

In accordance with the provisions of Section 30 of the Act, a nine-day period of Electoral Registration was conducted from 13<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2024.

During the period of Electoral Registration, (11) eleven notifications of change of address were received.

The Preliminary List of Electors posted, as required, on the date of the commencement of the period of Electoral Registration, reflected an electorate of eight thousand, four hundred and seventy-three (8,473).

Changes made to this list, by way of additions and deletions, resulted in an electorate of eight thousand, four hundred and sixty-five (8,465) on the Revised List of Electors which was posted on  $24^{\text{th}}$  May, 2024.

There were no adjustments to the Revised List; therefore a Supplemental List was not required.

# 5. Nomination Day Proceedings

On Nomination Day, 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2024, two (2) candidates were nominated to contest the election by two (2) political parties. There was (1) one independent candidate contesting this election. Pertinent information relating to the candidates nominated is provided in **Appendix VIII**.

The breakdown of the candidates nominated is provided in **Table 1** below, together with approved symbols.

NAME OF POLITICAL PARTY	ACRONYM	DESCRIPTION OF PARTY SYMBOL	PARTY SYMBOL	NO. OF CANDIDATES
People's National Movement	P.N.M.	An oval with a balisier flower inside, at the base the letters PNM and the words PEOPLE'S NATIONAL MOVEMENT	PNM	1
United National Congress	U.N.C.	Rising Sun over the Trinity Hills above the letters U.N.C.	UNC	1
Independent Candidate	IND.	The Gate	膕	1
TOTAL CANDIDAT	3			

Table 1: Number of Candidates Nominated and their Party Affiliation
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# 6. POLLING STATIONS AND STAFFING

Fifteen (15) polling stations were established for the purpose of the taking of the poll in the seven (7) Polling Divisions which constituted the Electoral District.

A total of ninety (90) individuals received training in polling station and related poll day activities and were assigned to work on poll day; sixty-nine (69) were females and twenty-one (21) were males. They were recruited to fill the positions of Presiding Officer, Deputy Presiding Officer, Poll Clerk, Officer-in-Charge of the Ballot Box, Information Officer and Roving Officer.

# 7. COMMUNICATION

In accordance with legislation, pre-election advertisements were published in the local newspaper and the Gazette as required and they were also posted on the Commission's website.

In addition, the Commission aired television and radio advertisements to share accurate and timely information to increase voters' understanding of election processes and procedures, as well as messages which focussed on encouraging voter participation

# 8. CONDUCT OF THE POLL

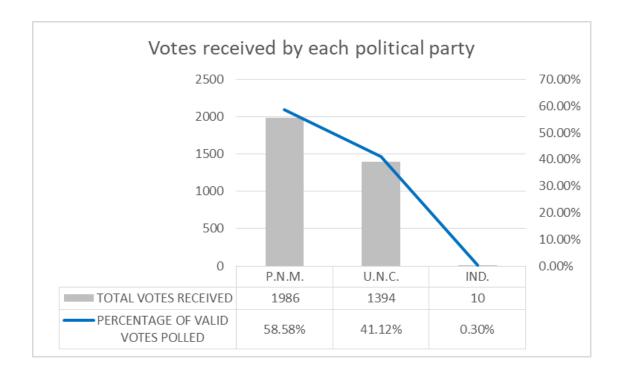
On poll day, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2024, voting commenced as scheduled and there were no major incidents which negatively impacted the voting process. Election Day went as anticipated and all persons wishing to exercise their franchise were able to do so in the stipulated time.

Senior members of staff were deployed to the Electoral District in order to monitor operations at polling stations. They reported that the casting of ballots and the counting of votes were incident free. Generally, the Commission was satisfied that poll day arrangements enabled the electorate to exercise their franchise freely and fairly.

# 9. **RESULTS OF THE POLL**

The 2024 Local Government Election in the Electoral District of Lengua/Indian Walk was won by the People's National Movement; their candidate having received a total of one thousand, nine hundred and eighty-six (1,986) votes or 58.58% of the valid votes polled. The United National Congress received a total of one thousand, three hundred and ninety-four (1,394) votes or 41.12% of the valid votes polled and the Independent Candidate received ten (10) votes or 0.30% as shown in Appendix IV and Figure 1 on the next page.

There were no challenges to the results of the polls.



The number of electors exercising their right to vote amounted to three thousand, four hundred and eleven (3,411), representing 40.30% of the total number of eligible voters, as shown in Figure 2 below.



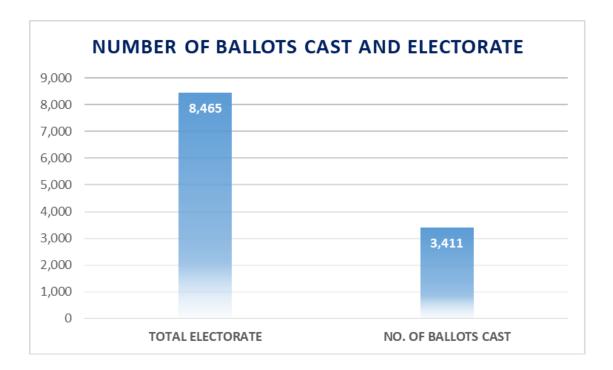
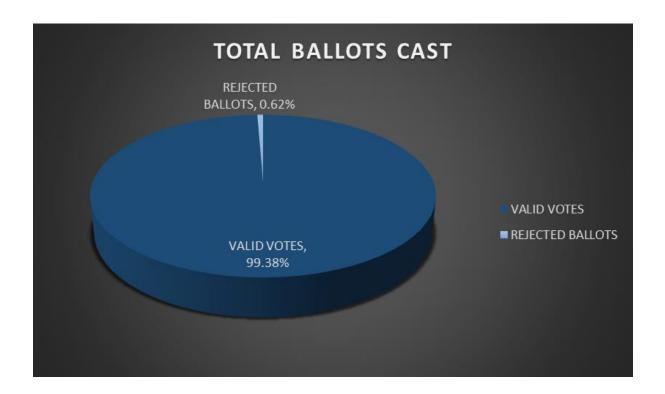


Figure 1: Votes received by each political party

The number of valid votes polled was three thousand, three hundred and ninety (3,390) or 99.38% and twenty-one (21) ballots were rejected or 0.62%, as shown in Figure 3 below.



### Figure 3: Total ballots cast

# **10.** ALLOCATION OF ALDERMEN

<b>REGIONAL CORPORATION</b>		LDERMEN CATED	TOTAL NO. OF SEATS
	P.N.M.	U.N.C.	1
Princes Town	1	3	4

# **11. ELECTION DOCUMENTS**

At the end of the voting and reporting election period, all relevant election documents were submitted to the Commission for storage and are being maintained in safe custody in accordance with the Act.

Yours faithfully

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## ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE PRINCES TOWN CORPORATION, 2024 APPENDIX I (SUMMARY OF APPENDIX II)

		VALID		TOTAL	
ELECTORAL DISTRICT	ELECTORAL LIST	VOTES POLLED	REJECTED BALLOTS	BALLOTS CAST	CANDIDATE DECLARED ELECTED AND HIS PARTY AFFILIATION
LENGUA/INDIAN WALK	8,465	3,390	21	3,411	AUTLY LLEWELYN GRANTHUME P.N.M.

#### Appendix II

#### ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE PRINCES TOWN CORPORATION, 2024 ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF LENGUA/INDIAN WALK

		NO. OF VOT	ES CAST FOR EACH	NUMBER OF VALID VOTES	NUMBER OF REJECTED	NUMBER OF NAMES ON	
POLLING STATION NUMBER	POLLING STATION ADDRESS	GOPAUL, NICOLE U.N.C.	GRANTHUME, AUTLY LLEWELYN P.N.M.	MORALES, PETERSON MARINUS IND.	CAST AT EACH POLLING STATION	BALLOTS AT EACH POLLING STATION	THE REVISED LIST OF ELECTORS
3540-01	PRINCES TOWN WEST SECONDARY SCHOOL JOE SIRJU STREET, NAPARIMA MAYARO ROAD, ST. JULIEN VILLAGE	39	255	1	295	3	708
3540-02	PRINCES TOWN WEST SECONDARY SCHOOL JOE SIRJU STREET, NAPARIMA MAYARO ROAD, ST. JULIEN VILLAGE	46	201	1	248	1	643
3545-01	FIFTH COMPANY BAPTIST PRIMARY SCHOOL MORUGA ROAD, FIFTH COMPANY	48	279	1	328	0	602
3545-02	FIFTH COMPANY BAPTIST PRIMARY SCHOOL MORUGA ROAD, FIFTH COMPANY	31	178	1	210	2	466
3545-03	FIFTH COMPANY BAPTIST PRIMARY SCHOOL MORUGA ROAD, FIFTH COMPANY	39	190	0	229	5	514
3580-01	ST. CROIX COMMUNITY CENTRE NO. 231 ST. CROIX ROAD, PRINCES TOWN	82	25	0	107	0	340
	TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD	285	1,128	4	1,417	11	3,273

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#### Appendix II

#### ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE PRINCES TOWN CORPORATION, 2024 ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF LENGUA/INDIAN WALK

		NO. OF VOT	ES CAST FOR EACH	CANDIDATE	NUMBER OF VALID VOTES	NUMBER OF REJECTED	NUMBER OF NAMES ON
POLLING STATION NUMBER	POLLING STATION ADDRESS	GOPAUL, NICOLE U.N.C.	GRANTHUME, AUTLY LLEWELYN P.N.M.	MORALES, PETERSON MARINUS IND.	CAST AT EACH POLLING STATION	BALLOTS AT EACH POLLING STATION	THE REVISED LIST OF ELECTORS
	TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD	285	1,128	4	1,417	11	3,273
*3580-02	ST. CROIX COMMUNITY CENTRE NO. 231 ST. CROIX ROAD, PRINCES TOWN	186	77	2	265	0	503
3581-01	LENGUA ISLAMIA T.I.A. PRIMARY SCHOOL NO. 2A REALIZE JUNCTION ROAD, PRINCES TOWN	99	37	0	136	1	380
3581-02	LENGUA ISLAMIA T.I.A. PRIMARY SCHOOL NO. 2A REALIZE JUNCTION ROAD, PRINCES TOWN	102	32	1	135	1	400
3585	FIFTH COMPANY BAPTIST PRIMARY SCHOOL MORUGA ROAD, FIFTH COMPANY	148	178	0	326	3	673
3590-01	PRINCES TOWN WEST SECONDARY SCHOOL JOE SIRJU STREET, NAPARIMA MAYARO ROAD, ST. JULIEN VILLAGE	70	168	0	238	3	655
3590-02	PRINCES TOWN WEST SECONDARY SCHOOL JOE SIRJU STREET, NAPARIMA MAYARO ROAD, ST. JULIEN VILLAGE	81	206	0	287	1	652
	TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD	971	1,826	7	2,804	20	6,536

\* Polling Station where the ballots of Special Electors were intermixed (Election Rule 93).

#### Appendix II

#### ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE PRINCES TOWN CORPORATION, 2024 ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF LENGUA/INDIAN WALK

		NO. OF VOT	NUMBER OF VALID VOTES	NUMBER OF REJECTED	NUMBER OF NAMES ON		
POLLING STATION NUMBER	POLLING STATION ADDRESS	GOPAUL, NICOLE U.N.C.	GRANTHUME, AUTLY LLEWELYN P.N.M.	MORALES, PETERSON MARINUS IND.	CAST AT EACH POLLING STATION	BALLOTS AT EACH POLLING STATION	THE REVISED LIST OF ELECTORS
	TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD	971	1,826	7	2,804	20	6,536
3655-01	ST. MICHAEL'S A.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL NAPARIMA MAYARO ROAD, CRAIGNISH VILLAGE, PRINCES TOWN	118	65	1	184	0	698
3655-02	ST. MICHAEL'S A.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL NAPARIMA MAYARO ROAD, CRAIGNISH VILLAGE, PRINCES TOWN	129	40	1	170	1	600
3655-03	ST. MICHAEL'S A.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL NAPARIMA MAYARO ROAD, CRAIGNISH VILLAGE, PRINCES TOWN	176	55	1	232	0	631
	TOTAL	1,394	1,986	10	3,390	21	8,465

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a Statement of the Poll showing the number of votes cast for each Candidate, and do on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024 declare AUTLY LLEWELYN GRANTHUME elected.

RICHARD GREENIDGE Returning Officer Electoral District of LENGUA/INDIAN WALK

# ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE PRINCES TOWN CORPORATION, 2024 APPENDIX III NUMBER OF NAMES ON THE REVISED LIST OF ELECTORS AND ON THE LIST OF SPECIAL ELECTORS

ELECTORAL DISTRICT	NO. OF NAMES ON THE REVISED LIST OF ELECTORS			
LENGUA/INDIAN WALK	8,465	72		

#### ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE PRINCES TOWN CORPORATION, 2024 APPENDIX IV ANALYSIS OF VOTES RECEIVED BY EACH POLITICAL PARTY, INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE AND THE NUMBER OF REJECTED BALLOTS

					PERCENTAGE	DISTRIBUTION OF VAL		VALID VO	ID VOTES CAST		
		TOTAL NUMBER OF		VALID	OF VOTES CAST AS	U.N	i.C	P.N	<b>M</b> .	IN	D.
			REJECTED		AGAINST THE	NO. OF		NO. OF		NO. OF	
ELECTORAL DISTRICT	ELECTORATE	CAST	BALLOTS	POLLED	ELECTORATE	VOTES	%	VOTES	%	VOTES	%
LENGUA/INDIAN WALK	8,465	3,411	21	3,390	40.30	1,394	41.12	1,986	58.58	10	0.30

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# ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE PRINCES TOWN CORPORATION, 2024 APPENDIX V PERCENTAGE OF VOTES CAST IN THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT

ELECTORAL DISTRICT	ELECTORATE	TOTAL NO. OF VOTES CAST	PERCENTAGE OF VOTES CAST AS AGAINST THE ELECTORATE
LENGUA/INDIAN WALK	8,465	3,411	40.30%

## ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE PRINCES TOWN CORPORATION, 2024 APPENDIX VI AVERAGE NUMBER OF ELECTORS PER POLLING STATION AND AVERAGE NUMBER OF VOTERS PER POLLING STATION

			AVERAGE		AVERAGE
			NO. OF		NO. OF
			ELECTORS	NO. OF	VOTERS
		NO. OF	PER	ELECTORS	PER
	NO. OF	POLLING	POLLING	WHO	POLLING
ELECTORAL DISTRICT	ELECTORS	STATIONS	STATION	VOTED	STATION
LENGUA/INDIAN WALK	8,465	15	564	3,411	227

## ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE PRINCES TOWN CORPORATION, 2024 APPENDIX VII RESULTS OF THE POLL IN THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT WITH THE MAJORITY OF THE WINNER

ELECTORAL DISTRICT/ NAME OF CANDIDATE	PARTY AFFILIATION	NO. OF VOTES CAST FOR EACH CANDIDATE	PERCENTAGE OF VOTES CAST FOR EACH CANDIDATE	MAJORITY OF FIRST OVER SECOND
LENGUA/INDIAN WALK				
GRANTHUME, AUTLY LLEWELYN	P.N.M.	1,986	58.22	
GOPAUL, NICOLE	U.N.C.	1,394	40.87	592
MORALES, PETERSON MARINUS	IND.	10	0.29	
REJECTED BALLOTS		21	0.62	
TOTAL VOTES CAST		3,411	100.00	

#### ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE PRINCES TOWN CORPORATION, 2024 APPENDIX VIII NAMES, ADDRESSES, OCCUPATIONS AND PARTY AFFILIATIONS OF CANDIDATES NOMINATED FOR THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT

#### IN THE COLUMN HEADED "PARTY AFFILIATION" THE ABBREVIATIONS HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS

P.N.M. - PEOPLE'S NATIONAL MOVEMENT

#### U.N.C. - UNITED NATIONAL CONGRESS

IND. - INDEPENDENT

ELECTORAL DISTRICT	CANDIDATE'S NAME	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	PARTY AFFILIATION	SYMBOL
	GOPAUL, NICOLE	422 MORUGA ROAD	CLERK	U.N.C.	
	GRANTHUME, AUTLY LLEWELYN	184 MORUGA ROAD	ASSISTANT ENGINEER	P.N.M.	PNM
	IMORALES PETERSON MARINUS	285 SANCHO ROAD, NEW GRANT	BUSINESSMAN	IND.	

#### ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE PRINCES TOWN CORPORATION, 2024 APPENDIX IX NAMES OF RETURNING OFFICER AND ELECTION CLERK

ELECTORAL DISTRICT	NAME OF RETURNING OFFICER	OCCUPATION	NAME OF ELECTION CLERK	OFFICIAL ADDRESS
LENGUA/INDIAN WALK	RICHARD GREENIDGE	SELF EMPLOYED		PRINCES TOWN EAST SECONDARY SCHOOL 4-24 JOE SIRJU AVENUE, ST. JULIEN, NEW GRANT



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