WAC 434-264-110 Manual recount—Process. The counting board may only count the responses for one race or measure at a time. The following process to count the ballots shall be used during a recount.

(1) Each counting board shall be given the ballots one precinct or batch at a time. The results from the original count shall not be given to the counting board with the ballots. The precinct or batch number must be made available to any observers.

(2) The ((ballots)) counting board shall ((be sorted)) sort the ballots into separate stacks for each of the candidates or side of a ballot measure. Additional stacks may be created for overvotes, undervotes, and write-ins.

(3) ((Each stack of ballots must be)) Members of the counting board must manually ((counted)) count each sorted stack at least twice to confirm the number of votes ((in each stack)). The results of the manual count shall not be shared until ((both persons have counted the ballots)) each stack's count has been confirmed.

(4) ((Individual tallies for each stack shall be compared.)) If the manual stack counts match, the counting board shall report the results ((shall be reported)) to the designated staff person and the results shall be compared to the precinct or batch results previously certified.

(5) If the ((two)) manual counts do not match the precinct or batch results previously certified, the ballots shall be counted by the same counting board one more time. If the manual counts still do not match the precinct or batch results previously certified, the discrepancy must be reported to the designated staff person and the ballots referred to another counting board to be confirmed.

(6) Once the results are confirmed, the canvassing board shall amend both the cumulative and precinct abstracts to reflect the results of the recount as required by RCW 29A.64.061.