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ROSEAU NORTH BY-ELECTION: FINAL RESULTS AND VOTER PARTICIPATION

Roseau, Dominica – September 9, 2026 — The Electoral Office of Dominica provides the following overview of the Roseau North By-Election, held on Monday, September 7, 2026, and the final count conducted on Tuesday, September 8, 2026.

The Roseau North Parliamentary seat became vacant following the resignation of the Honourable Miriam Blanchard as Parliamentary Representative for the constituency on June 12, 2026.

In accordance with the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Dominica, where the seat of a Representative becomes vacant for a reason other than the dissolution of Parliament, a by-election is required to fill the vacancy within three months, unless Parliament is dissolved before that period.

The President subsequently issued the Writ for the election of a member for the Roseau North Constituency pursuant to Section 12 of the House of Assembly (Elections) Act.

The Roseau North By-Election was contested by three candidates and provided eligible electors of the constituency with the opportunity to elect a Parliamentary Representative to serve for the remainder of the current parliamentary term.

The Electoral Office established 28 polling stations across 10 polling districts within the constituency.

Polling took place on Monday, September 7, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The final count of the ballots was conducted on Tuesday, September 8, 2026.



Final Results

The final results of the Roseau North By-Election were as follows:

Candidate	Political Affiliation	Votes
Ashma McDougal	Dominica Labour Party	1,473
Daniel Andrew Lugay	United Workers Party	998
Sherman Boston	Independent	49
Total Valid Votes		2,520

Following the final count, Ashma McDougal of the Dominica Labour Party was declared the candidate returned for the Roseau North Constituency.

Voter Participation

There were 7,892 registered electors in the Roseau North Constituency.

A total of 2,566 ballots were polled, representing a voter turnout of approximately 32.5%.

Of the ballots polled:

- 2,520 ballots (98.21%) were counted as valid votes.
- 46 ballots (1.79%) were rejected.
- 5,327 registered electors did not vote, representing approximately 67.49% of registered electors.

The Roseau North By-Election represents an important part of Dominica's democratic and electoral process, providing electors with the opportunity to exercise their right to choose a Parliamentary Representative for their constituency.

The Electoral Office also notes with appreciation that, overall, electors and members of the public adhered to the laws, regulations and established rules governing polling day at the polling stations. This cooperation contributed to the orderly conduct of the poll and was greatly appreciated by the Electoral Office and election officials.

The Electoral Office of Dominica extends its appreciation to the electors of Roseau North who participated in the electoral process, as well as to the candidates and their representatives, election officials, security personnel, service providers, media and all other stakeholders whose cooperation contributed to the conduct of the election.



The Electoral Office remains committed to administering elections in accordance with the laws of Dominica and to providing the public with accurate, timely and transparent information throughout the electoral process.

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