

Anne Arundel County Board of Canvassers
6740 Baymeadow Drive, Glen Burnie, MD 21060

April 28, 2016 – 1st Absentee Canvass Minutes

ATTENDEES:

Board of Canvassers: William Voelp, Board President, Republican
John Ensor, Board Vice President, Democrat
Brenda Yarema, Board Secretary, Republican
Tryphena Ellis-Johnson, Board Member, Democrat
P. Tyson Bennett, Board Member, Republican

LBE Staff: James Praley, Board Attorney
Joseph A. Torre III, Director
David Garreis, Deputy Director
Lynn Adams, Canvasser
Michael Allen, Canvasser
Catherine Anderson, Canvasser
Marcella Anderson, Canvasser
Thomas Atkinson, Canvasser
Morgan Arvaneh, Canvasser
Samuel Arvaneh, Canvasser
Bryan Barnabae, Canvasser
Reider Bennett-White, Voting Systems Manager
Leslie Blazek, Canvasser
Deborah Bosworth, Canvasser
Frances Borchardt, Canvasser
Kimberly Bouyer, Temporary Staff Member
Jason Brady, Temporary Staff Member
Robert Brady, Temporary Staff Member
Nicole Brewer, Recording Secretary
Loretta Brown-Malloy, Administrative Supervisor
Lauren Burns, Temporary Staff Member
Sairah Butt, Canvasser
Larry Butts, Temporary Staff Member
Catherine Carroll, Canvasser
Christopher Clark, Canvasser
Phil Cline, Temporary Staff Member
Lina Collis, Canvasser
Donald Cooke, Canvasser
Jacquelyn Cowan, Canvasser
Regina Dorsey, Canvasser
John Dubell, Canvasser
Thomas Durbin, Canvasser
William Farmer, Canvasser
Rebecca Fisher, Canvasser
Donald Gaither, Temporary Staff Member

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Jay Garvin, Canvasser
Connor Geary, Canvasser
Mercy Gray, Canvasser
Sandra Hansen, Canvasser
Donna Harrell, Canvasser
Shawn Haught, Temporary Staff Member
Donna Hill, Canvasser
Nicole Hill, Temporary Staff Member
Shawn Hill, Temporary Staff Member
Sherry Hogan, Temporary Staff Member
Lance Hogue, Canvasser
Frederick Howard, Canvasser
Joyce Howard, Canvasser
Sherry Hudson, Temporary Staff Member
Richard Jerscheid, Polling Place Supply Manager
Rose Johnson, Temporary Staff Member
Anthony Kilian, Canvasser
Liane Kohn, Canvasser
Patricia Lenderking, Temporary Staff Member
Rebekah Lindsley, Temporary Staff Member
Patricia Lovell, Temporary Staff Member
Stephen Malloy, Canvasser
Valerie Mathis, Canvasser
Daniel McDowell, Canvasser
John Meyes, Canvasser
Barbara Mitchell-Frazier, Temporary Staff Member
Margaret Morris, Canvasser
Dana Nance, Temporary Staff Member
Damilola Nkwocha, Temporary Staff Member
Janys Nolan, Canvasser
James Parker, Canvasser
Donna Pickens, Canvasser
Mary Prola, Canvasser
Antoinette Punzavitz, Canvasser
Janie Quartucci, Absentee Administrative Assistant
Ellen Quinn, Canvasser
Kimberly Raikes, Temporary Staff Member
Joshua Ramos, Election Workers Administrative Officer
Cheyenne Richards, Temporary Staff Member
Robsyl Richardson, Temporary Staff Member
Henrieese Roberts, Canvasser
Abu-Rumman Rudwan, Canvasser
Judith Sarubin, Canvasser
David Schneider, Temporary Staff Member

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Judy Schwartz, Canvasser
Frederica Snead, Temporary Staff Member
Rosemary Songco, Canvasser
Bonnie Stark, Temporary Staff Member
Andrew Sturgis, Canvasser
Sylvia Stverak-Pruden, Canvasser
David Thompson, Canvasser
Erin Treadaway, Canvasser
Derek Watkins, Canvasser
George Welch, Canvasser
Gregory Whalen, Canvasser
Sandra Wold, Canvasser
Cindy Woodward, Absentee Voting Administrative Officer
Mark Zembrzuski, Canvasser

Public: John Davenport, Election Systems & Software
Christine Davenport, Chair, Anne Arundel County Democratic
Central Committee
Brooke Lurvey, Election Systems & Software
Lawrence Scott

Absent: None.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, April 28, 2016 in the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections' Multipurpose Room located at 6740 Baymeadow Drive Glen Burnie, MD 21060. There was a quorum of the Board of Canvassers, and at least one member of the Board of Canvassers who is a registered voter of the principal minority party was present.

CONFIRMATION OF OATH

Robert P. Duckworth, the Clerk of the Court for Anne Arundel County, administered and recorded the oath of each member of the Board of Canvassers on April 7, 2016. Substitute members of the Board of Canvassers were also sworn-in on the same day.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS

At a meeting on April 7, 2016 the Board of Canvassers elected William Voelp as President of the Board of Canvassers and Brenda Yarema as Secretary.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS

Mr. Torre noted that public notice of the first absentee canvass was provided. The Agenda was posted in the lobby of the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections building and on the Board of Elections website.

VERIFICATION OF BALLOT SCANNER

Mr. Bennett-White presented documents to the Board of Canvassers showing that the ballot scanner being used in the canvass successfully passed Logic and Accuracy Testing on March 30, 2016. Mr. Bennett-White reported that the memory stick created for this canvass was placed in the ballot scanner and sealed. Mr. Bennett-White provided the Board of Canvassers with the results from the Logic and Accuracy Testing. Mr. Bennett-White noted the following information from Logic and Accuracy Testing documentation for the ballot scanner being used in the canvass:

Ballot Scanner	Seal Numbers
Power Door	20171120
Media Door 1	20171126
Media Door 2	20159506
Media Door 3	20171153

Mr. Bennett-White verified that the seals on the ballot scanner were intact, and recorded the ballot scanner's serial number and seal number.

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Mr. Bennett-White noted that the ballot scanner's serial numbers and seal numbers from Logic and Accuracy Testing matched the ballot scanner's serial numbers and seal numbers before the canvass began.

The Board of Canvassers confirmed that the count on the ballot scanner was zero. The Board of Canvassers placed one copy the Zero Report from the ballot scanner in the Multipurpose Room. Mr. Bennett-White printed a second copy of the Zero Report. The Board of Canvassers signed the Zero Report. The Board of Canvassers also confirmed that the ballot sorting trays were empty.

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CANVASSING

Overview of Canvass Process

Mr. Garreis explained the rules concerning public observation of the canvass, provided an overview of the canvassing process and noted that the rules were posted in the canvass room. Ballots were distributed to the ballot processing teams in batches. Each team reviewed each envelope first to determine whether it was timely received.

For timely received ballots, each team determined whether the voter signed the oath. After verifying that the oath was signed, each team opened the envelopes. With the envelope face down, each team removed the ballot, taking care that the envelope stayed face down. After removing all of the ballots in the batch, the ballot envelopes were set aside. Each team reviewed the ballots for compliance and tabulating acceptability.

Ballots that were marked using the online ballot marking wizard were duplicated and verified by a ballot duplication team. The election official responsible for ballot duplication used a barcode reader to read the barcode printed on the voter's ballot, printed a ballot that had the voter's selections marked, and referred the two ballots to a ballot verification team. The ballot verification team compared the two ballots to ensure that the ballot printed during the canvass matched the ballot returned by the voter.

Those timely ballots that were in compliance and could be read by the ballot scanner were referred to the Board of Canvassers for acceptance. All other ballots were placed in a folder, with the team number, ballot style, or other information identifying the canvassing team to which the ballot belongs, and the reason(s) for the referral written on the referral sheet. The folder with the ballots inside was referred to the Board of Canvassers.

The Board of Canvassers ruled on whether to accept or unanimously reject the referred ballots.

Mr. Garreis explained the process to provide information to the Board of Canvassers or challenge a decision of the Board.

Canvass Participants

The members of the ballot processing, duplicating, and optical scan operating teams are listed below.

Team	Names of Bi-Partisan Ballot Processing Team Members
Team #1	Margaret Morris and Connor Geary
Team #2	Marcella Anderson and Sandra Hansen
Team #3	Rebecca Fisher and David Thompson
Team #4	Mary Prola and Leslie Blazek
Team #5	Henrieese Roberts and Judy Schwartz
Team #6	Judith Sarubin and Sylvia Stverak-Pruden

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Team #7	Sairah Butt and Lina Collis
Team #8	Stephen Malloy and Lynn Adams
Team #9	Valerie Mathis and Liane Kohn
Team #10	Donna Pickens and James Parker
Team #11	Ellen Quinn and Catherine Anderson
Team #12	Christopher Clark and Daniel McDowell
Team #13	Derek Watkins and John Dubell
Team #14	George Welch and Vera Herath
Team #15	Gregory Whalen and Jacquelyn Cowan
Team #16	Mark Zembrzuski and Abu-Rumman Rudwan
Team #17	Frederick Howard and Deborah Bosworth
Team #18	Andrew Sturgis and Erin Treadaway
Team #19	Joyce Howard and Anthony Kilian
Team #20	Michael Allen and Patricia Lovell
Team #21	Frances Borchardt and Sandra Wold
Team #22	Morgan Arvaneh and Bryan Barnabae
Team #23	Samuel Arvaneh and Gary Winch
Team #24	Catherine Carroll and Jay Garvin
Team #25	Antoinette Punzavitz and John Meyers
Team #26	Donna Harrell and Janys Nolan
Team #27	William Farmer and Jeffrey Gurley
Team #28	Rosemary Songco and Thomas Durbin
Team #29	Donald Cooke and Regina Dorsey
Team #30	Thomas Atkinson and Lance Hogue
Team #31	Donna Hill and Mercy Gray

Team	Names of Ballot Scanner Operating Team Members
Team #1	Reider Bennett-White and Shawn Haught

Canvassing of Absentee Ballots

Mr. Torre reported that, to preserve the secrecy of the ballot for the remaining canvasses, five absentee ballots of each ballot style were held back for the provisional canvass, and five ballots of each ballot style were held back for the second absentee canvass. 3,071 absentee ballots were presented for canvassing at this canvass.

Mr. Voelp made a motion to accept and approve the opening and tabulation of the ballots. Mrs. Yarema seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Printing Canvass Results

After scanning all accepted absentee ballots, the Ballot Scanner Operating Team locked the ballot scanner and printed an Election Results Report. The Board of Canvassers confirmed that the number of accepted ballots equaled the number of ballots counted by the ballot scanner.

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The Board of Canvassers signed the Voting Results Report and placed a second copy of the report in the Multipurpose Room.

RELEASE OF UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

Mr. Voelp announced the results from the first absentee canvass. Mr. Voelp announced the following statistics from the first absentee canvass:

Absentee 1 Canvass Statistics	Number of Ballots
Total Absentee Ballots Presented at 1 st Absentee Canvass	3,071
Accepted Ballots	3,066
Rejected Ballots	5

NEXT BOARD OF CANVASSERS' MEETING

The Board of Canvassers will meet on Wednesday, May 4, 2016, at 10:00 A.M. to canvass provisional ballots.

ADJOURNMENT

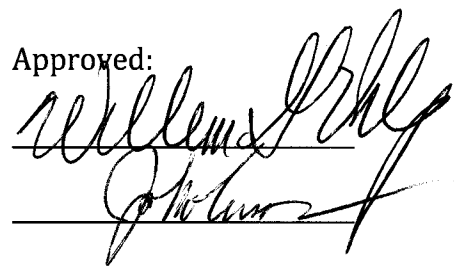
The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nicole Brewer
Recording Secretary

Approved:



cc: State Board of Elections
Board Members
County Executive
County Council Members
County State Delegation
Budget Office