

Anne Arundel County Board of Canvassers
6740 Baymeadow Drive, Glen Burnie, MD 21060
June 9, 2016

Minutes

ATTENDEES:

Board of Canvassers:

John Ensor, Democrat, Board Vice President
Brenda Yarema, Republican, Board Secretary
Tryphena Ellis-Johnson, Democrat, Board Member

LBE Staff:

Joseph A. Torre III, Election Director
David Garreis, Deputy Director
Cheyenne Richards, Temporary Staff Member
Nicole Brewer, Recording Secretary

Public: No attendees

Absent: William Voelp, Republican, Board President
Tyson P. Bennett, Republican, Board Member
James Praley, Board Attorney

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began at 8:40 A.M. on Thursday, June 9, 2016 in the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections Board 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 Elections were also sworn-in on the same day.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS

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

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS

Mr. Torre noted that the public notice of this canvass was provided and that the notice was provided by posting the agenda in the lobby of the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections building and on the Board of Elections website.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Torre presented the minutes from the Absentee 1 Canvass, Provisional Ballot Canvass, and Absentee 2 Canvass. Mrs. Yarema made a motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Ellis-Johnson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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.

Canvassing of Absentee Ballots

Ms. Richards reported that 20 absentee ballots were received after the certification of the election. Mr. Ensor made a motion to reject these absentee ballots as being untimely. Mrs. Yarema seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

CANVASSING STATISTICS

Ms. Richards reported that 4,733 absentee ballots were presented for canvassing and 83 absentee ballots were rejected for being untimely.

Ms. Richards submitted the following statistics for rejected absentee and provisional ballots.

State Absentee Ballots - Rejection Reason	# of Ballots				
	Abs 1	Prov	Abs 2	Today	Total
Ballot was late for election		1	83	18	102
No signature on oath	5	1	6		12
Voter died before election day					0
More than one ballot in same envelope					0
More than one ballot received but one was counted					0
Identifying mark on ballot			1		1
Used agent and ballot envelope was not sealed					0
Unsealed envelope & indication that integrity compromised					0
Not registered voter					0
No absentee ballot application on file					0
Regular ballot received & rejected FWAB					0
Envelope did not contain a ballot					0
Other: Surrendered ballot at polling place			4		4
Other: ID required and not provided			1		1

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Other: Returned an Absentee Ballot and voted Provisional Ballot on Election Day			4		4
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Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots - Rejection Reason	# of Ballots			
	Abs 1	Abs 2	Today	Total
State absentee ballot was received		1		1
No signature on declaration				0
No absentee ballot application		4		4
Not registered voter				0
Late for election			2	2
Voted wrong ballot style				0
Used agent and ballot envelope was not sealed				0
Voter cancelled				0
Voter deceased				0
Voter is convicted felon				0
Identifying mark on ballot				0
Voted more than one FWAB				0
Board Action <i>[specify]</i>				0

Provisional Ballots - Rejection Reasons	# of Ballots
Applicant is not registered to vote	110
Applicant returned a voted absentee ballot or already voted	6
Applicant voted the wrong party primary ballot (primary elections only)	314
No signature on application	8
Applicant not eligible to receive a provisional ballot	2806
Identification or DL# or SS# was not timely received	0
Incomplete information was provided on application	0
DL# or SS# was received but was not verified	1
Identification was received but did not satisfy the identification requirements	0
No provisional ballot in envelope or more than one ballot in envelope	38
No evidence to support alleged voting unit malfunction	0
Identity challenge was upheld	0
Order extending voting hours was invalidated	0
Identifying mark on the ballot	0
Applicant is not or will not be 18 years old or older by the general election	3
Proof of residency was not timely received	40
Proof of residency was received but did not satisfy the requirement	0

NEXT BOARD OF CANVASSERS' MEETING

If additional absentee ballots are received, the Board of Canvassers will convene before the next meeting of local board of elections. The next Board meeting is scheduled for 8:30 A.M., July 14, 2016 at 6740 Baymeadow Drive, Glen Burnie, MD 21060.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 A.M.