

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

May 4, 2016 – Provisional Canvass Minutes

ATTENDEES:

Board of Canvassers: William Voelp, Board President, Republican
Brena Yarema, Board Secretary, Republican
Tryphena Ellis-Johnson, Board Member, Democrat

LBE Staff: James Praley, Board Attorney
Joe Torre, Election Director
David Garreis, Deputy Director
Lynn Adams, Canvasser
Linda Allen, Voter Registration Supervisor
Michael Allen, Canvasser
Catherine Anderson, Canvasser
Morgan Arvaneh, Canvasser
Samuel Arvaneh, Canvasser
Thomas Atkinson, Canvasser
Bryan Barnabae, Canvasser
Reider Bennett-White, Voting Systems Manager
Leslie Blazek, 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
Philip Cline, Temporary Staff Member
Lina Collis, Canvasser
Donald Cooke, Canvasser
Jacquelyn Cowan, Canvasser
Rosanne Dorffner, Temporary Staff Member
Regina Dorsey, Canvasser
Thomas Durbin, Canvasser
William Farmer, Canvasser
Rebecca Fisher, Canvasser
Donald Gaither, Temporary Staff Member
Jay Garvin, Canvasser
Connor Geary, Canvasser
Mercy Gray, Canvasser

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Jeffrey Gurley, Canvasser
Sandra Hansen, Canvasser
Shekia Harding-Bey, Election Data Application Specialist
Donna Harrell, Canvasser
Shawn Haight, Temporary Staff Member
Vera Herath, Canvasser
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
Marisol Marengo, Canvasser
Valerie Mathis, Canvasser
Daniel McDowell, Canvasser
John Meyers, 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
Robert Ray, Canvasser
Cheyenne Richards, Temporary Staff Member
Robsyl Richardson, Temporary Staff Member
Henrieese Roberts, Canvasser
Judith Sarubin, Canvasser

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David Schneider, Temporary Staff Member
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
Rahseel Thrope, Temporary Staff Member
Erin Treadaway, Canvasser
Derek Watkins, Canvasser
Gregory Whalen, Canvasser
Gary Winch, Canvasser
Sandra Wold, Canvasser
Cindy Woodward, Absentee Voting Administrative Officer
Mark Zembruski, Canvasser

Public: None.

Absent: Tyson Bennett, Board Member, Republican
John Ensor, Board Member, Democrat

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, May 4, 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 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.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS

Mr. Torre noted that public notice of the provisional 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 noted the following information from Absentee 1 documentation for the ballot scanner being used in the canvass:

Ballot Scanner	Seal Numbers
Power Door	20171155
Media Door 1	20171125
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 numbers.

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Mr. Bennett-White noted that the ballot scanner's serial numbers and seal numbers the Absentee 1 canvass 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 of the Zero Report from the ballot scanner in the Multipurpose Room. Mr. Bennett-White printed a second copy of the Zero Report, which remained with the ballot scanner. The Board of Canvassers signed the Zero Report with the ballot scanner. 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.

Mr. Garreis explained that each provisional ballot application was reviewed prior to canvassing to determine the voter's eligibility to vote in this election and the voter's correct ballot style. At this canvass, the provisional ballot applications will be presented to the Board of Canvassers with a recommendation. The recommendations will be to:

1. Accept provisional ballot application in full – recommend counting all votes cast on the provisional ballot.
2. Accept provisional ballot application in part – recommend counting some but not all votes cast on the provisional ballot. This is because the voter voted in the wrong precinct.
3. Reject provisional ballot application – recommend not counting the provisional ballot.

The Board of Canvassers will vote to accept in full, accept in part, or reject the provisional ballots. The provisional ballots for which the Board voted to accept in full or accept in part are distributed to the bi-partisan ballot processing teams to open and review the ballots. The “accepted in full” ballots are scanned into the ballot scanner, and the “accepted in part” ballots are referred to a duplicating team. The duplicating team will copy onto the voter's correct ballot style the votes for the contests for which the provisional voter is eligible to vote.

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

The Board of Canvassers rules 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 ballot scanner operating teams are listed below.

Team	Names of Bi-Partisan Ballot Processing Team Members
Team #1	Margaret Morris and Connor Geary
Team #2	Robert Ray and Sandra Hansen
Team #3	Rebecca Fisher and David Thompson

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Team #4	Mary Prola and Leslie Blazek
Team #5	Henriese Roberts and Judy Schwartz
Team #6	Judith Sarubin and Sylvia Stverak-Pruden
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 Marisol Marengo Hall
Team #14	Vera Herath and Regina Dorsey
Team #15	Gregory Whalen and Jacquelyn Cowan
Team #16	Mark Zembrzuski and Donald Cooke
Team #17	Frederick Howard and Sherry Hogan
Team #18	Andrew Sturgis and Erin Treadaway
Team #19	Joyce Howard and Anthony Kilian
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Team #28	Rosemary Songco and Thomas Durbin
Team #29	Thomas Atkinson and Lance Hogue
Team #30	Donna Hill and Mercy Gray

Canvassing of Provisional Ballots

Mr. Torre reported that 5,372 provisional ballots were cast. To preserve the secrecy of the ballot for this canvasses, Mr. Torre explained that five absentee ballots of each ballot style were held back for this provisional canvass and will be counted with the provisional ballots. 3,099 provisional ballots and 569 absentee ballots were presented for canvassing at this canvass.

Mr. Voelp made a motion to begin presenting provisional ballot applications. Mrs. Yarema seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

1. Mr. Garreis presented 919 provisional ballots with the recommendation to accept them in full. The recommendation was based on the fact that staff had confirmed that each

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provisional application was submitted by a registered voter and was cast in the correct precinct where that voter currently resides. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and accept and count the provisional ballots in full. Mr. Garreis also presented 29 provisional ballots accidentally cast at the polling places on Election Day with a recommendation to accept in full. The recommendation was based on instructions received from the State Board of Elections. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and accept and count the provisional ballots in full.

2. Mr. Garreis presented 242 provisional ballots with the recommendation to accept them in part. The recommendation was based on the fact that staff had confirmed that each provisional application was submitted by a registered voter and the provisional ballot was cast in the wrong precinct. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation, and the ballots were referred to the duplicating team.
3. Mr. Garreis presented 70 provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because staff could not confirm that the applicant was a registered voter. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballots.
4. Mr. Garreis presented 183 provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the applicant voted the wrong primary ballot. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballots.
5. Mr. Garreis presented 4 provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the voter failed to sign the provisional ballot application. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballots.
6. Mr. Garreis presented 1,648 provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the applicant was not eligible to receive a provisional ballot. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballots.
7. Mr. Garreis presented 1 provisional ballot with the recommendation to reject because the applicant provided his or her driver's license or social security number but the number was not verified. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballot.
8. Mr. Garreis presented 5 provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because there was no provisional ballot in the envelope. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballots.

Canvassing of Absentee Ballots

Mrs. Woodward distributed the absentee ballots to canvassing teams to review for timeliness and signatures. Mrs. Woodward presented 567 absentee ballots with the recommendation to accept the absentee ballots. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and voted to accept the ballots. Mrs. Woodward presented 2 absentee ballots with the recommendation to reject.

Printing Canvass Results

After scanning all accepted in full and accepted in part provisional ballots and all accepted absentee ballots, the Ballot Scanner Operating Team locked the voting unit and printed a Voting Results Report. The Board of Canvassers confirmed that the number of accepted in full and accepted in part provisional ballots and accepted absentee ballots equaled the number of

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ballots counted by the ballot scanner. 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 provisional canvass. Mr. Voelp announced the following statistics from the provisional canvass:

Provisional Canvass Statistics	Number of Ballots
Total Ballots Presented at Provisional Canvass	3,697
Total Provisional Ballots Presented	3,099
Total Absentee Ballots Presented	569
Total Accepted Ballots	1,728
Accepted in Full Provisional Ballots	919
Accepted in Part Provisional Ballots	242
Accepted Absentee Ballots	567
Total Rejected Ballots	1,913
Rejected Provisional Ballots	1911
Rejected Absentee Ballots	2

The total ballots presented does not match the number of ballots scanned because 29 provisional ballots that were accidentally cast at a polling place on Election Day were presented as accepted in full.

Mr. Garreis announced that provisional voters can learn if their provisional ballot was counted and if not, the reason why it was not counted by visiting the State Board of Elections' website or by calling the State Board at 1-800-222-8683.

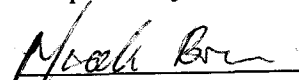
NEXT BOARD OF CANVASSERS' MEETING

The Board of Canvassers will meet on Friday, May 6, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. to canvass all remaining ballots.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,




Nicole Brewer
Recording Secretary

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Approved:



Two handwritten signatures are written over two horizontal lines. The first signature is in cursive and appears to read 'William B. P.' The second signature is also in cursive and appears to read 'John W. F.'. There is a third horizontal line below the second signature.

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