

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

May 6, 2016 – Minutes for 2<sup>nd</sup> Absentee Canvass & Certification of Results

**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

LBE Staff:

James Praley, Board Attorney  
Joe Torre, Election Director  
David Garreis, Deputy Director  
Rudwan Abu-Rumman, Canvasser  
Lynn Adams, Canvasser  
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  
Phil Cline, Temporary Staff Member  
Lina Collis, Canvasser  
Donald Cooke, Canvasser  
Jacquelyn Cowan, Canvasser  
Regina Dorsey, Canvasser  
Thomas Durbin, Canvasser  
Rebecca Fisher, Canvasser  
Donald Gaither, Temporary Staff Member  
Jay Garvin, Canvasser  
Connor Geary, Canvasser  
Mercy Gray, Canvasser  
Jeffrey Gurley, Canvasser

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Sandra Hansen, Canvasser  
Donna Harrell, Canvasser  
Shawn Haught, 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, Canvasser  
Stephen Malloy, 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  
Cheyenne Richards, Temporary Staff Member  
Robsyl Richardson, Temporary Staff Member  
Henriese Roberts, Canvasser  
Judith Sarubin, Canvasser  
David Schneider, Temporary Staff Member  
Judy Schwartz, Canvasser  
Frederica Snead, Temporary Staff Member  
Rosemary Songco, Canvasser

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Bonnie Stark, Temporary Staff Member  
Andrew Sturgis, Canvasser  
Sylvia Stverak-Pruden, Canvasser  
David Thompson, Canvasser  
Erin Treadaway, Canvasser  
Derek Watkins, Canvasser  
Gregory Whalen, Canvasser  
Sandra Wold, Canvasser  
Cindy Woodward, Absentee Voting Administrative Officer  
Mark Zembrzuski, Canvasser

Public: Alex Yarema

Absent: P. Tyson Bennett, Board Member, Republican

#### **DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT**

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, May 6, 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 Duckworth, Clerk of the Circuit 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**

Following the swearing-in of the Board of Canvassers 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 public notice of the second 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**

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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 card 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 the Provisional Ballot canvass documentation for the ballot scanner being used in the canvass:

Ballot Scanner	Seal Numbers
Power Door	20171148
Media Door 1	20171152
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 the Provisional Ballot 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.

## **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. Absentee ballots were distributed to the ballot processing teams in batches. Each team reviewed the envelope first to determine whether it was timely received.

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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 stays 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 will have 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 matches the ballot returned by the voter.

Those timely ballots that were in compliance and can be read by the voting unit were referred to the Board of Canvassers for acceptance. All other ballots were referred to the Board of Canvassers. A referral sheet was completed for each ballot, documenting the ballot style and the reason(s) for the referral to the Board of Canvassers. The Board of Canvassers rules on whether to accept or unanimously reject the referred ballots.

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 voting unit, 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.

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

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### 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	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	Donald Cooke and Daniel McDowell
Team #13	Derek Watkins and Linda Miller
Team #14	Lance Hogue and Vera Herath
Team #15	Gregory Whalen and Jacquelyn Cowan
Team #16	Mark Zembrzuski and Abu-Rumman Rudwan
Team #17	Frederick Howard and Sherry Hogan
Team #18	Andrew Sturgis and Erin Treadaway
Team #19	Michael Allen and Patricia Lovell
Team #20	Frances Borchardt and Sandra Wold
Team #21	Morgan Arvaneh and Bryan Barnabae
Team #22	Samuel Arvaneh and Gary Winch
Team #23	Catherine Carroll and Jay Garvin
Team #24	Antoinette Punzavitz and John Meyers
Team #25	Donna Harrell and Janys Nolan
Team #26	David Shcneider and Jeffrey Gurley
Team #27	Rosemary Songco and Thomas Durbin
Team #28	Joyce Howard and Regina Dorsey

Team	Names of Optical Scan 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, at least five absentee ballots of each ballot style were held back from the first absentee canvass and will be canvassed

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during this canvass. Mr. Torre presented 994 absentee ballots for canvassing at this canvass.

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

Mrs. Woodward presented 99 ballots for rejection to the Board of Canvassers. The Board of Canvassers unanimously rejected all 99 of the ballots for canvassing.

#### Canvassing of Provisional Ballots

Mr. Torre reported that 856 provisional ballots will be canvassed during this canvass because processing of all provisional ballots was not completed in time for the provisional canvass.

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

1. Mr. Garreis presented 612 provisional ballots with the recommendation to accept them in full. The recommendation was based on the fact that staff had confirmed that each 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.
2. Mr. Garreis presented 244 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 40 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 6 provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the applicant returned a voted absentee ballot or already voted. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballots.
5. Mr. Garreis presented 131 provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the applicant voted the wrong party primary ballot. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballots.
6. 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.
7. Mr. Garreis presented 1,158 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.

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8. Mr. Garreis presented 33 provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the voter ballot was not in the provisional ballot envelope. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballots.
9. Mr. Garreis presented 3 provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the applicant did not provide proof of residency timely. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballots.
10. Mr. Garreis presented 40 provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the proof of residency was timely received but did not satisfy the ID requirements. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballots.

#### Printing Canvass Results

After scanning all accepted ballots, the Ballot Scanner Operating Team locked the voting unit 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 voting unit. The Board of Canvassers signed the Election 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 second absentee canvass. Mr. Voelp announced the following statistics from the second absentee canvass:

Absentee 2 Canvass Statistics	Number of Ballots
Total Ballots Presented at 2 <sup>nd</sup> Absentee Canvass	3,364
Total Absentee Ballots Presented	1,093
Total Provisional Ballots Presented	2,271
Total Accepted Ballots	1,850
Accepted Absentee Ballots	994
Accepted in Full Provisional Ballots	612
Accepted in Part Provisional Ballots	244
Total Rejected Ballots	1,514
Rejected Absentee Ballots	99
Rejected Provisional Ballots	1415

#### **VERIFICATION OF VOTE COUNT**

Mr. Garreis explained that staff conducted several post-election verifications and audits performed. Staff manually added the Total Reports from each voting unit in the precincts previously randomly selected by the Board of Elections and compared the manually added totals with the totals produced by the election database for those precincts. Mr. Garreis confirmed that all of the numbers matched.



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Mr. Garreis explained that a similar verification was performed for the ballot scanner used for the first absentee canvass. Staff manually added the Total Reports printed from the ballot scanner used for the first absentee canvass and compared the manually added totals to a report printed from the election database for the first absentee canvass. Mr. Garreis confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

#### **POST ELECTION AUDIT**

Mr. Garreis explained that post-election audits were performed on certain precincts and absentee and provisional ballots. For the randomly selected precincts and any precinct where the difference between the number of voters checked-in to vote and ballots cast is 5 or more, staff compared the number of signed voter authority cards for each voting unit against the number of ballots cast. Mr. Garreis confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

Mr. Garreis explained that staff reviewed a sample of accepted absentee ballots to determine if there was a timely absentee ballot request was on file and the absentee ballot was timely received. Staff also reviewed a sample of rejected absentee ballots to determine if the ballot was untimely received or was rejected for another valid reason. Mr. Garreis confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

Mr. Garreis explained that a sample of accepted provisional ballots were reviewed to determine whether the provisional voter was registered to vote at the time of the election, voted the ballot for the precinct in which the voter resides, and all other applicable criteria were met. A sample of partially accepted provisional ballots was also reviewed to confirm that a voter was registered to vote at the time of the election, did not vote the ballot for the precinct in which the voter resides, and all other applicable criteria were met. Staff also reviewed a sample of rejected provisional ballots to confirm that the voter was not registered to vote at the time of the election or the voter's ballot was rejected for another valid reason. Mr. Garreis confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

#### **CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS**

Mr. Garreis explained that the post-election verifications and audits had no discrepancies.

Mr. Garreis presented the Board of Canvassers with the April 26, 2016 Presidential Primary Election results. The Board of Canvassers reviewed and signed the election results.

#### **NEXT BOARD OF CANVASSERS' MEETING**

If additional absentee ballots are received, the Board of Canvassers will convene before the next meeting of the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections. The next meeting of the Board of Elections is scheduled for Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 8:30 A.M.

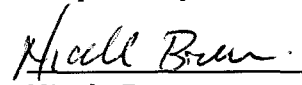
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**ADJOURNMENT**

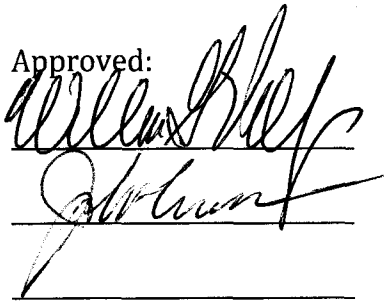
The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nicole Brewer  
Recording Secretary

Approved:



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