

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

July 5, 2018 – Provisional Canvass Minutes

ATTENDEES:

Board of Canvassers: William G. Voelp, Board President, Republican
John Ensor, Board Secretary, Democrat
Brenda J. Yarema, Board Member, Republican
Tryphena A. Ellis-Johnson, Board Member, Democrat
Laura Graham, Board Member, Republican

LBE Staff: James Praley, Board Attorney
Joseph A. Torre III, Director
David E. Garreis, Deputy Director
Kesha Abdul-Mateen, Temporary Staff Member
Imoleayo Alabi, Temporary Staff Member
Michael Allen, Canvasser
Marcy Anderson, Canvasser
Sheila Aviles, Canvasser
Mario Beckles, Temporary Staff Member
Donna Belt, Canvasser
Leslie Blazek, Canvasser
Keith Boone, Canvasser
Robert Brady, Election Supervisor II
Julie Brasch, Temporary Staff Member
Arshakia Brown, Temporary Staff Member
Loretta Brown-Malloy, Administrative Officer II
Joanne Buckley, Canvasser
Robin Burgett, Canvasser
Marcia Burton, Canvasser
Sariah Butt, Canvasser
Larry Butts, Temporary Staff Member
Tracy Cargle, Canvasser
Catherine Carroll, Canvasser
Christopher Clark, Temporary Staff Member
Jarell Clinton, Temporary Staff Member
Maurika Colbert-Jones, Temporary Staff Member
Donald Cooke, Canvasser
Jacquelyn Cowan, Canvasser
Camrie Dismel, Temporary Staff Member
Michael Fabrie, Canvasser
Temitope Fadele, Temporary Staff Member
Donald Gaither, Data Application Specialist
Gale Gibson, Canvasser
Cynthia Gomillion, Canvasser
Elizabeth Gorman, Canvasser

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Mona Grupp, Canvasser
Sandra Hansen, Canvasser
Shekia Harding-Bey, Election Supervisor II
Donna Hill, Canvasser
Nicole Hill, Data Application Specialist
Tasia Hill, Temporary Staff Member
Sherry Hogan, Temporary Staff Member
Nneji Iweala, Temporary Staff Member
Richard Jerscheid, Election Information System Specialist
Leonard Johnson, Canvasser
Rose Johnson, Data Application Specialist
Devin Jones, Data Applications Specialist
Robert Jones, Temporary Staff Member
Noreen Kaminski, Canvasser
Franklin Lee, Canvasser
Patricia Lovell, Canvasser
Marjorie Mack, Canvasser
Renee Mack, Canvasser
Mary McCoy, Temporary Staff Member
Daniel McDowell, Canvasser
Linda Miller, Data Application Specialist
Barbara Mitchell-Frazier, Data Application Specialist
Sylvia Monroe, Canvasser
Mary Obrien, Canvasser
Mary Prola, Canvasser
Janie Quartucci, Election Supervisor II
Jonae Queen, Temporary Staff Member
Kim Raikes, Temporary Staff Member
Joshua Ramos, Administrative Officer I
Robert Ray, Canvasser
Paul Reinke, Canvasser
Tonya Rice, Temporary Staff Member
Henriese Roberts, Canvasser
James Rosemann, Canvasser
Florence Schmidt, Canvasser
Phillip Seaton, Canvasser
Sara Sekinger, Canvasser
Debra Stafford, Temporary Staff Member
Campbell Sticklely, Temporary Staff Member
Susan Teeple, Temporary Staff Member
Sharon Thomas, Recording Secretary, Temporary Staff Member
David Thompson, Canvasser
Erin Treadaway, Canvasser

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Reider White, Voting Systems Manager
Gary Winch, Canvasser
Marion Winch, Canvasser
Sandra Wold, Canvasser
James Wooden, Canvasser
Christina Young, Temporary Staff Member
Darius Young, Temporary Staff Member
Luzviminda Young, Canvasser
Anna Zajac-Ferenc, Data Applications Specialist

Public: Vicki Crosby, Election Systems & Software
John Davenport, Election Systems & Software
Sarah Thornton, Maryland State Board of Elections

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, July 5, 2018 at 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 June 7, 2018. Substitute members of the Board of Elections were also sworn-in on the same day.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS

At its meeting on June 28, 2019, the Board of Canvassers elected Mr. Voelp to serve as Chairman of the Board of Canvassers and Mr. Ensor to serve as Secretary for the Board of Canvassers.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS

Mr. Garreis noted that public notice of the provisional canvass was mailed to the Central Committees and nonpartisan candidates on May 15, 2018. The Agenda was posted in the lobby of the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections and posted on the Board of Elections website.

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VERIFICATION OF BALLOT SCANNERS

Mr. White presented documents to the Board of Canvassers showing that the ballot scanners being used in the canvass successfully passed Logic and Accuracy Testing on May 24, 2018. Mr. White reported that the memory sticks created for this canvass were placed in the ballot scanners and sealed. Mr. White provided the Board of Canvassers with the results from the Logic and Accuracy Testing. Mr. White noted the following information from Logic and Accuracy Testing documentation for each ballot scanner being used in the canvass:

Ballot Scanner 1: DS8514090135	Seal Numbers
Power Door	20110325
Media Door 1	20136299
Media Door 2	20144091
Media Door 3	20146889
Ballot Scanner 2: DS8517080317	
Power Door	20146606
Media Door 1	20117832
Media Door 2	20151922
Media Door 3	20164773

Mr. White verified that the seals on the ballot scanners were intact, and recorded the ballot scanners' serial numbers and seal numbers.

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

The Board of Canvassers confirmed that the counts on the ballot scanners were zero. The Board of Canvassers posted one copy of the Zero Report from the ballot scanners in the

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Multipurpose Room. Mr. White printed a second copy of the Zero Report. The Board of Canvassers signed the Zero Report.

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.

Mr. Garreis explained that absentee ballots are distributed to the ballot processing teams in batches. Each team reviews the envelope first to determine whether it was timely received. For timely received ballots, each team determines whether the voter signed the oath. After verifying that the oath is signed, each team opens the envelopes. With the envelope face down, each team removes the ballot, taking care that the envelope stays face down. After removing all of the ballots in the batch, the ballot envelopes are set aside. Each team reviews the ballots for compliance and tabulating acceptability.

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 plain envelope, with the team number, ballot style, or other information identifying the group or unit to which the ballot belongs, and the reasons for the referral to the Board of Canvassers written on the envelope. The envelope 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.

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

Mr. Garreis made a special note regarding the Democratic contest for Governor and Lt. Governor as it related to the untimely death of Kevin Kamenetz on May 10, 2018. All votes cast for the former candidacy of Kevin Kamenetz and Valerie Ervin, will be counted as votes for the candidacy of Valerie Ervin and Marisol Johnson.

Canvass Participants

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

Team	Names of Bi-Partisan Ballot Processing Team Members
Team #1	Susan Languirand and Christopher Clark
Team #2	Julie Brasch and Florence Schmidt
Team #3	Mario Beckles and Jonae Queen
Team #4	Gale Gibson and Philip Seaton
Team #5	James Rosemann and Catherine Carroll
Team #6	Daniel McDowell and Cynthia Gomillion
Team #7	Marion Winch and Sariah Butt
Team #8	Gary Winch and Robert Ray
Team #9	Donald Cooke and Mona Grupp
Team #10	Sandra Hansen and Donna Belt
Team #11	Leonard Johnson and Tracy Cargle
Team #12	Robin Burgett and Donna Hill
Team #13	Patricia Lovell and Michael Allen
Team #14	David Thompson and Joanne Buckley
Team #15	Sandra Wold and Michael Fabrie
Team #16	Erin Treadaway and Henrieese Roberts
Team #17	Mary Prola and Noreen Kaminski
Team #18	Marjorie Mack and Mary Obrien
Team #19	Sylvia Monroe and Marcy Anderson
Team #20	Jacquelyn Cowan and James Wooden
Team #21	Paul Reinke and Renee Mack
Team #22	Sara Sekinger and Franklin Lee
Team #23	Leslie Blazek and Marcia Burton
Team #24	Luzviminda Young and Sheila Aviles
Team #25	Keith Boone and Elizabeth Gorman
Team #26	Robert Brady and Kim Raikes
Team #27	Sherry Hogan and Susan Teeple
Team #28	Campbell Stickley and Mary McCoy

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Scanner	Names of Ballot Scanner Operating Team Members
#1	Reider White and Anna Zajac-Ferenc
#2	Devin Jones and Anna Zajac-Ferenc

Canvassing of Provisional Ballots

Mr. Garreis reported that 1,604 provisional ballots were cast. To preserve the secrecy of the ballot for this canvasses, Mr. Garreis explained that five absentee ballots of each ballot style were held back for this provisional canvass and will be counted with the provisional ballots. 1,604 provisional ballots and 293 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.

1. Ms. Harding-Bey presented 865 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. Ms. Harding-Bey presented 300 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. Ms. Harding-Bey presented 43 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. Ms. Harding-Bey presented 2 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. Ms. Harding-Bey presented 134 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.
6. Ms. Harding-Bey presented 5 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. Ms. Harding-Bey presented 244 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.
8. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballot(s). Ms. Harding-Bey presented 2 provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject

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because the applicant did not provide proof of residency in time. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballot(s).

9. Ms. Harding-Bey presented 7 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 ballot(s).
10. Ms. Harding-Bey presented 2 provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the applicant will not be or is not 18 years old or older by the general election. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballots.

Canvassing of Absentee Ballots

Mr. Garreis 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. 293 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.

One absentee ballot was referred to the Board. After discussion, Mr. Ensor made a motion to reject the ballot because the absentee ballot oath was not signed. Mrs. Yarema seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Printing Canvass Results

After scanning all accepted in full and accepted in part provisional ballots and all accepted absentee ballots, Mr. White 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 ballots counted by the ballot scanners. 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	1,897
Total Provisional Ballots Presented	1,604
Total Absentee Ballots Presented	293
Total Accepted Ballots	1,457
Accepted in Full Provisional Ballots	865
Accepted in Part Provisional Ballots	300

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Accepted Absentee Ballots	292
Total Rejected Ballots	440
Rejected Provisional Ballots	439
Rejected Absentee Ballots	1

Mr. Garreis announced that provisional voters can find out if their provisional ballots were 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, July 6, 2018, at 10:00 A.M. to canvass all remaining ballots.

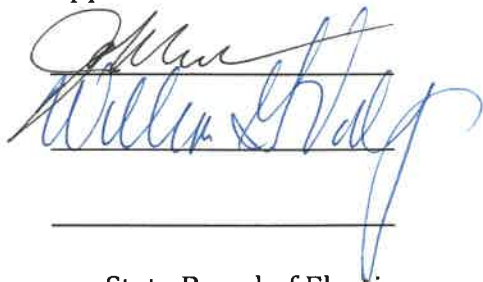
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Thomas
Recording Secretary

Approved:



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