

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

July 6, 2018 – Minutes for 2nd Absentee Canvass & Certification Results

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
Keshia Abdul-Mateen, Temporary Staff Member
Imoleayo Alabi, Temporary Staff Member
Michael Allen, Canvasser
Marcy Anderson, Canvasser
Sheila Aviles, Canvasser
Tracy Bagley, Temporary Staff Member
Mario Beckles, Temporary Staff Member
Donna Belt, Canvasser
Leslie Blazek, Temporary Staff Member
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
Donald Cooke, Canvasser
Jacquelyn Cowan, Canvasser
Camrie Dismel, Temporary Staff Member
Michael Fabrie, Canvasser
Temitope Fadele, Temporary Staff Member
Donald Gaither, Data Application Specialist
Gayle Gibson, Canvasser
Cynthia Gomillion, Canvasser
Elizabeth Gorman, Canvasser

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Mona Grupp, Canvasser
Sandra Hansen, Canvasser
Donna Hill, Canvasser
Nicole Hill, Temporary Staff Member
Tasia Hill, Temporary Staff Member
Sherry Hogan, Temporary Staff Member
Nneji Iweala, Temporary Staff Member
Richard Jerscheid, Election Information System Specialist
Leonard Johnson, Canvasser
Devin Jones, Data Applications Specialist
Robert Jones, Temporary Staff Member
Noreen Kaminski, Canvasser
Susan Languirand, Temporary Staff Member
Franklin Lee, Temporary Staff Member
Patricia Lovell, Canvasser
Marjorie Mack, Canvasser
Renee Mack, Canvasser
Mary McCoy, Temporary Staff Member
Daniel McDowell, Canvasser
Denise McHale, Data Application Specialist
Barbara Mitchell-Frazier, Data Application Specialist
Sylvia Monroe, Canvasser
Mary Obrien, Canvasser
Mary Prola, Canvasser
Janie Quartucci, Election Supervisor II
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, Temporary Staff Member
Florence Schmidt, Canvasser
Philip Seaton, Temporary Staff Member
Sara Sekinger, Canvasser
Debra Stafford, Temporary Staff Member
Campbell Stickley, Temporary Staff Member
Susan Teeple, Temporary Staff Member
Sharon Thomas, Recording Secretary, Temporary Staff Member
David Thompson, Canvasser
Erin Treadaway, Canvasser
Reider White, Voting Systems Manager
Sari Wisch, Temporary Staff Member

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Sandra Wold, Canvasser
James Wooden, Canvasser
Christina Young, Temporary Staff Member
Darius Young, Temporary Staff Member
Luzviminda Young, Temporary Staff Member
Anna Zajac-Ferenc, Data Applications Specialist

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

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began 10:00 A.M. on Friday, July 6, 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 Absentee 2 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.

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

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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	20187807
Media Door 1	20187805
Media Door 2	20144091
Media Door 3	20146889
Ballot Scanner 2: DS8517080317	
Power Door	20187813
Media Door 1	20187809
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 Multipurpose Room. Mr. White printed a second copy of the Zero Report. The Board of Canvassers signed the Zero Report.

CANVASSING

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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 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.

Ballots that were marked using the online ballot marking wizard are duplicated and verified by a ballot duplication team. The election official responsible for ballot duplication uses a barcode reader to read the barcode printed on the voter's ballot, prints a ballot that will have the voter's selections marked, and refers the two ballots to a ballot verification team. The ballot verification team compares the two ballots to ensure that the ballot printed during the canvass matches the ballot returned by the voter.

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.

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

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Team #2	Julie Brasch and Florence Schmidt
Team #3	Mario Beckles and Sari Wisch
Team #4	Gayle Gibson and Philip Seaton
Team #5	James Rosemann and Catherine Carroll
Team #6	Daniel McDowell and Cynthia Gomillion
Team #7	Tracy Bagley and Sariah Butt
Team #8	Mary Prola 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	Denise McHale 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

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

Canvassing of Absentee Ballots

Mr. Garreis reported that, to preserve the secrecy of the ballot, five absentee ballots of each ballot style were held back from the first absentee canvass and will be canvassed during this canvass. 904 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. Ms. Yarema seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Four ballots were referred to the Board. After discussion, Mr. Ensor made a motion to reject a ballot which was returned without meeting sufficient ID requirements. Mrs.

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Yarema seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Ensor made a motion to reject two ballots which did not have a signed oath. Mrs. Yarema seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Yarema made a motion to reject one ballot because it contained identifying marks. Mr. Ensor seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Printing Canvass Results

After scanning all accepted absentee ballots, Mr. White locked the ballot scanners 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 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 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 nd Absentee Canvass	904
Total Accepted Absentee Ballots	900
Total Rejected Absentee Ballots	4

VERIFICATION OF VOTE COUNT

Mr. Garreis explained that staff conducted several post-election verifications and audits were performed. Staff manually added the Voting Results Reports from each ballot scanner in the precincts previously randomly selected by the local board of elections and compared the manually added totals with the totals produced by the election database for those precincts. Mr. White confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

Mr. Garreis explained that a similar verification was performed on each ballot scanner used for the first absentee canvass. Staff manually added the Voting Results Reports printed from each 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. White confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

Mr. Garreis also reported that Clear Ballot was hired to perform an automated tabulation of all ballot images. After the Primary Election, Clear Ballot provided the State Board of Elections (SBE) precinct-level results, and in turn, the SBE provided the cast vote records and voting system's EL30a report from early voting and election day. When Clear Ballot received the cast vote records and the EL30a report, they compared: (1) the number of "cards cast" reported by the voting system against the number of ballot images given to Clear Ballot; and (2) the results

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of its tabulation against the results from the voting system. This tabulation served to verify the accuracy of the voting system and provide confidence (within 0.5%) in the election results.

Mr. Garreis presented the Board of Canvassers with the verification results, and the Board of Canvassers reviewed the results. Mr. Voelp made a motion to accept the verification results. Mr. Ensor seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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 ballot scanner against the number of ballots cast. Mr. Garreis confirmed that the numbers matched or provided an explanation for the variance based on a review of the voter authority cards, chief judges' logs, Election Field Support notes, and Helpdesk Call Logs.

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 election results. The Board of Canvassers reviewed and signed the election results.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 P.M.

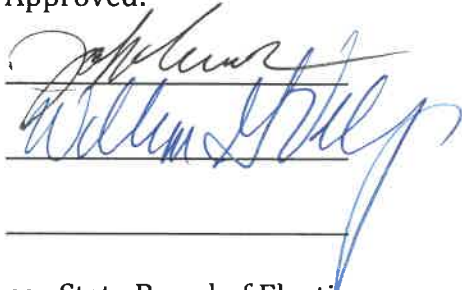
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Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Thomas
Recording Secretary

Approved:



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