

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

June 28, 2018 – 1st Absentee Canvass Minutes

ATTENDEES:

Board of Canvassers: William G. Voelp, Board President, Republican
John Ensor, Board Secretary, Democrat
Brenda J. Yarema, Board Member, Republican
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
Karen Abrom, 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
Keith Boone, Canvasser
Robert Brady, Election Supervisor II
Julie Brasch, 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 Applications Specialist
Gayle Gibson, Canvasser
Cynthia Gomillion, Canvasser
Elizabeth Gorman, Canvasser
Mona Grupp, Canvasser
Sandra Hansen, Canvasser

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Donna Hill, Canvasser
Tasia Hill, Temporary Staff Member
Sherry Hogan, Temporary Staff Member
Nneji Iweala, Temporary Staff Member
Richard Jerscheid, Election Information Systems Specialist
Leonard Johnson, Canvasser
Rose Johnson, Data Applications Specialist
Devin Jones, Data Applications Specialist
Robert Jones, Temporary Staff Member
Noreen Kaminski, Canvasser
Patricia Lovell, Canvasser
Marjorie Mack, Canvasser
Renee Mack, Canvasser
Mary McCoy, Temporary Staff Member
Daniel McDowell, Canvasser
Barbara Mitchell-Frazier, Data Applications 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, 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
Gary Winch, Canvasser
Marion Winch, Canvasser
Sari Wisch, Temporary Staff Member
Sandra Wold, Canvasser
James Wooden, Canvasser

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Cindy Woodward, Absentee Voting Administrative Officer
Christina Young, Temporary Staff Member
Darius Young, Temporary Staff Member
Anna Zajac-Ferenc, Data Applications Specialist

Public: Vicki Crosby, Election Systems & Software
Tracey Hartman, Maryland State Board of Elections

Absent: Tryphena A. Ellis-Johnson, Board Member, Democrat

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, June 28, 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

Mrs. Yarema made a motion that Mr. Voelp serve as Chairman of the Board of Canvassers. Mr. Ensor seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Voelp made a motion that Mr. Ensor serve as Secretary for the Board of Canvassers. Mrs. Yarema seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS

Mr. Garreis noted that public notice of the first absentee 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 25, 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	20154163
Media Door 1	20117868
Media Door 2	20144091
Media Door 3	20146889
Ballot Scanner 2: DS8517080317	
Power Door	20110350
Media Door 1	20167282
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. Ballots were distributed to the ballot processing teams in batches. Each team reviewed the envelope first to determine whether it was timely received.

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 stayed 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 had 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 matched the ballot returned by the voter.

Those timely ballots that were in compliance and could be read by the ballot scanner were referred to the Board of Canvassers for acceptance. All other ballots were 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 written on the envelope. The envelope with the ballots inside is referred to the Board of Canvassers.

The Board of Canvassers ruled 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, would 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	Karen Abrom and Christopher Clark
Team #2	Julie Brasch and Florence Schmidt
Team #3	Mario Beckles and Jonae Queen

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Team #4	Gayle 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 Henriese 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 Sari Wisch
Team #23	Sherry Hogan and Marcia Burton
Team #24	Tracy Bagley and Sheila Aviles
Team #25	Keith Boone and Elizabeth Gorman

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 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. 740 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. Mr. Ensor seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Two absentee ballots were referred to the Board. After discussion, the Board unanimously decided to reject the ballots. Mr. Ensor made a motion to reject one ballot because the absentee envelope did not contain a voted ballot. Mrs. Yarema seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Ensor made a motion to reject one ballot because the signature on the oath was a different name than the printed name and a Voter Assistance Form

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was not included with the returned ballot. Mrs. Yarema 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 first absentee canvass. Mr. Voelp announced the following statistics from the first absentee canvass:

Absentee 1 Canvass Statistics	Number of Ballots
Total Absentee Ballots Presented at 1 st Absentee Canvass	740
Accepted Ballots	738
Rejected Ballots	2

NEXT BOARD OF CANVASSERS' MEETING

The Board of Canvassers will meet on Thursday, July 5, 2018, at 10:00 A.M. to canvass provisional ballots.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Thomas
Recording Secretary

Approved:



William D. Kelly