

# Montgomery County Board of Canvassers

July 1, 2020

## Certification of the 2020 Presidential Primary Election

### I. Convene a Quorum of the Board of Canvassers

### II. Rejection of Untimely Ballots

A motion is needed to reject untimely ballots.

### III. Number of Ballots Accepted and Rejected

A total of 264,284 ballots were counted for the election:

Vote by Mail	259,271 - 219,778 prepaid USPS - 11,093 web delivery - 28,400 other non-web
Vote Centers	4,584
Provisional	429 - 328 accepted in full - 101 accepted in part

A total of 8,329 Vote by Mail ballots were rejected:

Not timely	7,766*
Returned more than one ballot	30
Identifying marks on ballot	13
Pending voter registration	79
No signature on oath	441

\*This does not include untimely ballots rejected today or untimely ballots that will be rejected in future meetings of the Board of Canvassers.

A total of 180 provisional ballots were rejected:

Returned more than one ballot	12
Not registered with political party	153
No signature on application	1
Not eligible	3
ID not timely received	1
ID not verified	2
Proof of residency untimely	2
Unaffiliated voter out of county	7

14,403 ballots were returned as undeliverable with no forwarding address. These voters will be inactivated according to the list maintenance process of the State of Maryland. The remainder of the approximately 42,000 undeliverable ballots returned by the U.S. Postal Service were from voters with an in-county move (new ballot issued for updated address when timely), an out-of-county move (referred to MD county of residence), an out-of-state move, or that otherwise require additional steps to be taken prior to the voter being inactivated. Staff made every effort to issue a new ballot to voters with a forwarding address in the State of Maryland.

#### **IV. Post-Election Audit**

The State of Maryland requires each local board to perform certain audit steps to ensure that procedures were followed correctly, and that the voting equipment operated properly.

Monthly audits are performed on the voter registration services processing of registrations and other list maintenance requirements of the State Board of Elections.

Logic and Accuracy testing was conducted properly, and a public test occurred on May 20, 2020 with one Board

member in attendance. All required documents and verification worksheets were uploaded to the State Board of Elections.

The allocation of voting equipment to each site was verified to exceed the requirements of the State Board of Elections. Pollbook logs verify that vote centers were ready for an on-time opening and the polls opened on time at 7:00 a.m.

Staff performed the required data entry on the results tapes for the vote centers and for the canvass date that the Board selected for the voting unit verification audit and the totals match.

Accessibility surveys were properly submitted to the State Board of Elections for the audit that each site meets state standards for accessibility.

Ballot accounting paperwork for the vote centers and chain of custody documentation for the drop boxes were provided to the State Board of Elections for the audit that all ballots were properly accounted for.

Post-election audit worksheets were completed by staff and submitted reconciling the totals of voters checked in against ballots scanned at the vote centers and verifying that vote by mail and provisional ballots were handled properly.

Copies of signed oaths were provided to the State Board of Elections for every voter who had more than one ballot cast in the election.

Montgomery County has received approval to certify the election based on the results of the Clear Ballot audit, a software independent tabulation of the results from the images of the ballots. Clear Ballot report was as follows:

1. That Clear Ballot tabulated the same number of ballots (cards cast) as was tabulated by the voting system.
2. That there were no differences in the results between the two systems.
3. Clear Ballot's tabulation verified the accuracy of the voting system's results.

## **V. Certification of Election Results**

A motion is needed to authorize the President and Secretary to sign the canvass documentation.

## **VI. Next Meeting – July 20, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.**