

Montgomery County Board of Canvassers
18753 N. Frederick Avenue, Suite 210
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20879
Combined Provisional and Mail In Canvass Minutes

The canvass began at 10 am on October 6, 2020 and the election results were certified at the meeting of Montgomery County Board of Canvassers held on November 30, 2020 at 5:00 pm. The Certification meeting took place at:

**Montgomery County Board of Elections
18753 N Frederick Avenue – Board Room
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20879**

ATTENDEES (IN PERSON) AT CERTIFICATION ON NOVEMBER 30, 2020

JAMES F. SHALLECK	CHAIR	REPUBLICAN
DAVID NAIMON	SECRETARY	DEMOCRAT
NAHID KHOZEIMEH	VICE-CHAIR	REPUBLICAN

BOARD OF CANVASSERS (VIA CONFERENCE CALL)

Name	Position	Party
Diane Nash Dillion	Member	Republican
Elisse Wright Barnes PhD	Member	Democrat
Alan Banov	Substitute Member	Democrat

LBE STAFF (IN PERSON):

Name	Position
Margaret Jurgensen	Director
Alysoun McLaughlin	Deputy Director
Lisa Merino	Administrative Staff
Kevin Karpinski	Board Counsel
Christine Rzeszut	Operations Manager

The names, party affiliation and workdays of all canvassers and duplicating team members are presented in the attached document titled Canvass Participants – Names, party Affiliation and Participation. The ballot scanner operating teams are presented in the table below:

	Names of Ballot Scanner Operating Team
Team #1	Tim Gartrell, Gary Brown, Bryan Geyer, Mark Winans
Team #2	Darlington Brima, Antonio Dean, Justin Kolani, Jerry Quarshie
Team #3	Will Wall, Joyce Alahouzos, Deanna Wharwood, Danielle Dean
Team #4	Greg Humes, Philippe-André Akue, Richard Amo
Team #5	Andre Johnson, Leo Thompson, Juan Lamas (this team packed the ballots after they were scanned)

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CANVASS MEETINGS

The canvass for 2020 Presidential General Elections took place in the period 6 October 2020 to 23 November 2020 and included total of 23 canvass days (for a more detailed overview of Canvass days please see attached document titled Canvass Days Overview).

Canvass was conducted at two locations:

1. Plum Gar Recreation Center, 19561 Scenery Dr., Germantown, MD 20876 AND
2. Board of Elections, 18753 N. Frederick Avenue, Training Room 3, Gaithersburg, MD 20879

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began at 10:00am on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at Plum Gar Recreation Center, 19561 Scenery Dr., Germantown, MD 20876. James Shalleck, Chair of the Board of Canvassers and David Naimon, Secretary of the Board of Canvassers were present in person. Diane Nash Dillion, Elisse Wright Barnes PhD and Alan Banov participated virtually. 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

Barbara H. Meiklejohn, the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, administered and recorded the oath of each member of the Board of Canvassers on October 1, 2020 and 10:00 am. Substitute members were also sworn-in on the same day.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS

Election of officers occurred on October 2, 2020 and the following were elected:

- James F. Shalleck was elected to serve as Chairman of the Board of Canvassers.
- Nahid Khozeimeh was elected to serve as Vice Chairwoman of the Board of Canvassers.
- David Naimon was elected unanimously to serve as Secretary for the Board of Canvassers.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS

Public notice of the canvass was posted on September 25, 2020 (a Media Advisory was issued, and information was presented on the Montgomery County BOE website). On first day of canvass on October 6, 2020 James Shalleck, the Chairman of Board of Canvassers and David Naimon, Secretary of the Board of Canvassers, were present in person while board Members Elisse W. Barnes, Diane Nash Dillon and Alan Banov participated virtually. James Shalleck, Chairman of the Board of Canvassers welcomed the canvass workers, introduced the members of Board of Canvassers and BOE staff. James Shalleck also administered the oath for all canvass workers. Election Director Margaret Jurgensen explained public observation of the canvass process through livestreaming (with the links to the canvass schedule

provided on the BOE website), and in-person (through appointments and in accordance with the relevant public health guidelines). Ms. Jurgensen explained rules of conduct (for canvassers and visitors), introduced BOE canvass team and on-line chat moderator. She presented the canvass process, explained SBE decision from August 12, 2020 that introduced changes to canvass process, and announced the dates when the Board will be reviewing referrals.

VERIFICATION OF OPTICAL SCAN VOTING UNIT(S)

A copy of the *Scanning Unit Opening Integrity Report* is attached to the minutes.

CANVASSING OF BALLOTS

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PG2020 Canvas was divided in two segments – Canvass I and Canvass II.

Canvass I was conducted solely at the Plum Gar Recreation Center on October 6, October 10, October 13, October 15, October 17, October 20, October 23, October 24, October 27 and October 29. Canvass I included canvassing of standard mail in ballots and web delivery ballots received by set deadline of October 22, 2020.

Canvass II was conducted in part at Plum Gar Recreation Center and in part at the Board of Elections, Training Room 3 in the period November 5, 2020 to November 23, 2020. Mail in ballots and/or web delivery ballots were canvassed over the following 13 canvass days: November 5, November 7, November 9, November 10, November 12, November 13, November 14, November 16, November 17, November 18, November 20, November 21 and November 23.

Provisional Canvass was opened on November 12, 2020 at 10 am and recessed same day at 10:09 am. Provisional ballots canvass was reconvened on November 18, and continued through November 20, November 21 and November 23.

FINAL CANVASSING RESULTS

Vote by Mail and Provisional Canvass Statistics	Number of Ballots
Total Ballots Presented in Canvass	368,172
Total Provisional Ballots Presented	19,879
Total Mail in Ballots Presented	348,293
Total Accepted Ballots	366,930
Accepted in Full Provisional Ballots	18,012

Accepted in Part Provisional Ballots	1,105
Accepted Mail in Ballots	347,813
Total Rejected Ballots	1,242
Rejected Provisional Ballots	762
Rejected Mail in Ballots	480

RELEASE OF UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

Certification document announced the results from the combined vote by mail and provisional ballots canvass.

VERIFICATION OF VOTE COUNT

At the time of certification on November 30, 2020, Election Director Jurgensen explained that BOE staff conducted several post-election verifications and audits. Election Director informed the Board on all undertaken steps as prescribed by the relevant processes.

Logic & Accuracy testing was completed, and documents were submitted timely to the SBE.

100% Verification was completed, and all data was transmitted to SBE and Clear Ballot.

Voting Unit and Pollbook Allocation was in conformance with SBE allocation recommendation.

For the purpose of Voting System Verification, the Board made a random selection of two locations: White Oak Recreation Center Vote Center and Sherwood High School Vote Center. The comparison of the total tapes for selected locations and for the first day tabulation of Mail-In Ballots was submitted to the SBE prior to the certification.

Mail-In Drop Box Integrity Transportation Reports were submitted for three randomly selected Drop Boxes' locations: Paint Branch High School, John F. Kennedy High School, and Silver Spring Civic Center.

The BOE staff timely submitted to the SBE the Election Judge Training material, Polling Place Evaluations and Ballot Accounting forms.

As a part of the post-election audit process, the BOE staff conducted Precinct Audit – which includes comparison of Pollbook check-ins to ballots cast, and post-election Audit of Mail In Ballots and Provisional Ballots.

POST ELECTION AUDITS

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The Election Director and Deputy Director presented the Board of Canvassers with the verification results and the Clear Ballot Report. The Board of Canvassers reviewed the results.

The Deputy Election Director explained that staff compared the number of signed voter authority cards for each ballot scanner against the number of ballots cast. The Deputy Election Director confirmed that discrepancies were reviewed, and proper explanations were provided to the State Board of Elections in a timely manner.

The Deputy Director explained that all ballot images from Early Voting, Election Day and Canvass were sent to Clear Ballot, a third-party, for re-tabulation. The vendor produces reports comparing precinct-level results from the voting system against the precinct-level results from the re-tabulation, and these reports show any differences between the two sets of results. The Deputy Director presented the reports and confirmed that any differences between the two sets of results were less than 0.5%, the threshold for additional auditing.

The Election Director explained that a sample of accepted mail in ballots was reviewed to determine whether the mail in ballot was received timely and if the voter signed the oath. A sample of rejected mail in ballots was reviewed to determine whether the voter's mail in ballot was received timely, the required signature was provided, the required ID was provided or if the voter had voted multiple ballots.

The Election Director explained that a sample of accepted in full provisional ballots and a sample of partially 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, provisional oath was signed, voter has not already voted, 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, the voter returned a voted mail in ballot or already voted, or the voter's ballot was rejected for another valid reason.

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

The Board of Canvassers met on November 30, 2020 at 5 pm at the Board Room of Montgomery County Board of Elections 18753 N. Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20879 to certify 2020 Presidential General Election results. Present in person were James Shalleck, Chair, Nahid Khozeimeh, Vice-Chair and David Naimon, Secretary. Other Board members and Board Legal Counsel participated virtually. 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. Margaret Jurgensen, Election Director, Lisa Merino, and Christine Rzeszut were present in person while other BOE staff and guests participated virtually.

The Election Director presented an overview of the election process, turnout, verification of vote count, audit, and tabulation. The Election Director and Deputy Election Director explained that the post-election verifications and audits had discrepancies that were less than the vote margin of any contest on the ballot and presented the Board of Canvassers with the election results. The Board of Canvassers reviewed the election results.

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Mr. James Shallek presented the motion to certify 2020 Presidential General Elections results for Montgomery County. The motion was seconded by a Board member and passed unanimously.

The Board authorized the signatures of the Certification documents and the release of the information to the public. Staff presented the canvass sheets to the Board of Canvassers Chair and Secretary for their signatures.

NEXT BOARD OF CANVASSERS' MEETING

If additional untimely ballots are received, the Board of Canvassers will reconvene to reject them.

ADJOURNMENT

The November 30, 2020 meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Date	Scanner	Left Power Compartment Seal	USB Compartment Seal
10/20/20	8514080142	61023727	61023734
10/20/20	8515070185	61023751	61023410
10/20/20	8517080316	60939195	61023412
10/20/20	8519090426	61023726	61023411
10/21/20	8514080142	61025093	51025094
10/21/20	8515070185	61025089	61025090
10/21/20	8517080316	61025091	61025092
10/21/20	8519090426	61025096	61025095
10/22/20	8514080142	61025081	61025082
10/22/20	8515070185	61025087	61025088
10/22/20	8517080316	61025085	61025086
10/22/20	8519090426	61025083	61025084
10/25/20	8514080142	61025063	61025064
10/25/20	8515070185	61025069	61025070
10/25/20	8517080316	61025067	61025068
10/25/20	8519090426	61025065	61025066
10/29/20	8514080142	61025034	61025035
10/29/20	8515070185	61025059	61025060
10/29/20	8517080316	61025061	61025062
10/29/20	8519090426	61025036	61025037
10/31/20	8514080142	61021043	61021044
10/31/20	8515070185	61025053	61025054
10/31/20	8517080316	61025052	61025051
10/31/20	8519090426	61021046	61021045
11/07/20	8514080142	61025039	61025038
11/07/20	8515070185	61025042	61025043
11/07/20	8517080316	61025040	61025041
11/07/20	8519090426	61022922	61022923
11/09/20	8514080142	61025033	61025046
11/09/20	8515070185	61025047	61025048
11/09/20	8517080316	61025049	61025050
11/09/20	8519090426	61025044	61025043
11/10/20	8514080142	61023956	61023957
11/10/20	8515070185	61024313	61024316
11/10/20	8517080316	61024258	61024261
11/10/20	8519090426	61023954	61023955
11/11/20	8514080142	61024433	61024436
11/11/20	8515070185	61024405	61024453
11/11/20	8517080316	61024363	61024356
11/11/20	8519090426	61024474	61024477
11/12/20	8514080142	61023345	61023346
11/12/20	8515070185	61023125	61023126
11/12/20	8517080316	61023110	61023347
11/12/20	8519090426	61023108	61023109
11/13/20	8514080142	60940412	60940411

11/13/20	8515070185	61023361	61023362
11/13/20	8517080316	60940408	60940407
11/13/20	8519090426	60940410	60940409
11/14/20	8514080142	61023231	61023232
11/14/20	8515070185	61023190	61023191
11/14/20	8517080316	61023313	61023314
11/14/20	8519090426	61023229	61023230
11/16/20	8514080142	61023319	61023320
11/16/20	8515070185	61023119	61023120
11/16/20	8519090426	61023914	61025055
11/17/20	8514080142	61023309	61023310
11/17/20	8515070185	61023311	61023312
11/17/20	8519090426	61023307	61023308
11/18/20	8514080142	61024342	61024345
11/18/20	8515070185	61024301	61024304
11/18/20	8519090426	61024210	61024213
11/19/20	8515070185	61023138	61023141
11/19/20	8519090426	61024393	61024396
11/20/20	8514080142	61024252	61024255
11/20/20	8515070185	61023365	61024169
11/20/20	8519090426	61023437	61023440
11/21/20	8514080142	61023427	61023428
11/21/20	8519090426	61023093	61023096
11/22/20	8515070185	61023353	61023352
11/23/20	8519090426	61024273	61024276
11/24/20	8514080142	61023374	61023375
11/24/20	8515070185	61023359	61023360

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Montgomery County Board of Elections Board of Canvassers' Meeting

Agenda

DATE: _____ **TIME:** _____
Plum Gar Recreation Center
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Mail In Ballot Canvass- Day _____

- I. Declaration of Quorum Present**
- II. Confirmation of Oath – Board of Canvassers sworn on October 1, 2020 at 10:00A.M. by Clerk of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County - Barbara Meiklejohn**
- III. Election of Officers occurred on October 2, 2020. The following were elected**
Chairman - James F. Shalleck
Vice-Chair – Nahid Khozeimeh
Secretary – David Naimon
- IV. Public Notice of Canvass posted**
- V. Public Testing occurred October 5, 2020**
- VI. Canvassing of Ballots**
- VII. Results will be posted on November 3, 2020**
- VIII. Recess**

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