

Montgomery County Board of Canvassers
18753 North Frederick Avenue
Suite 210
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20879-3124

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2nd Absentee Canvass Minutes for 2016 General Election

Board of Canvassers: James Shalleck, Chairperson
Mary Ann Keeffe, Secretary
Nahid Khozeimeh
Alexander Vincent
Graciela Rivera-Oven
David Naimon
Jacqueline Phillips

LBE/Supervisory Staff: Margaret Jurgensen, Alysoun McLaughlin, Jessica White, Bobbi Payne, Stella Gonda and Michelle Gonda.

Board Counsel: Kevin Karpinski was present as Board counsel.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 18, 2016 at the Board of Elections, 18753 North Frederick Avenue, Suite 210, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20879-3124. 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. The canvass participants were:

Alfred Sonnenstrahl
Bhupinder Bajwa
Bonnie Cole
Carol Layman
Cassie Chew
Chris Finney
Clyde Hardy
Craig Messner
Cynthia Jones
Delores Lee
Dianne Fontes
Ed Mitchell
Francis J. Thompson
George O'Hare
George Summers
Ismail Aadan
Jean Mitchell
Jerry Van Dyke
Karen Copeland

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Kimberly Lewis
Linda DeBenedictis
Margaret Carney
Margaret Nicolson
Mary Ellen York
Patricia Davies
Ralph McCrea
Rona Han
Sam Hogan
Shala Shamim
Shirley Williams
Susan Rittenberg
Vickie Witkin

PUBLIC OBSERVERS

Lynn Garland was present on November 18, 2016 and December 1, 2016.

CONFIRMATION OF OATH

Prior to the commencement of the canvass, 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. Substitute members of the Board of Elections and the Board Attorney were also sworn-in.

ELECTION/ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS

James Shalleck was elected to serve as the Chairperson of the Board of Canvassers. Mary Ann Keeffe was elected to serve as the Secretary for the Board of Canvassers. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS

Public notice of the second absentee canvass was provided by a media release on October 28, 2016, it was posted on the Montgomery County Board of Elections' website and was mailed to candidates.

VERIFICATION OF BALLOT SCANNER(S)

Margaret Jurgensen, Election Director, presented documents to the Board of Canvassers showing that the ballot scanners being used in the canvass successfully passed Logic and Accuracy Testing. Margaret Jurgensen reported that the memory cards created for this canvass were placed in the ballot scanners and sealed. Margaret Jurgensen provided the Board of Canvassers with the results from the

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Logic and Accuracy Testing. Margaret Jurgensen noted the following information from Logic and Accuracy Testing documentation for each ballot scanner being used in the canvass:

Absentee 2

Unit #1 Serial Number: DS8514080142

Tamper Tape serial numbers

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Left Side: 16-216572	Left Side: 16-216613	Left Side: 16-216601
Right Side (Top): 16-207879	Right Side (Top): 16-207879	Right Side (Top): 16-207879
Right Side (Middle): 16-216571	Right Side (Middle): 16-216571	Right Side (Middle): 16-216571
Right Side (Bottom): 16-216600	Right Side (Bottom): 16-216612	Right Side (Bottom): 16-216602

Absentee 2

Unit #2 Serial Number: DS8516080267

Tamper Tape serial numbers

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Left Side: 16-216569	Left Side: 16-216604	Left Side: 16-216616
Right Side (Top): 16-216561	Right Side (Top): 16-216561	Right Side (Top): 16-216561
Right Side (Middle): 16-216573	Right Side (Middle): 16-216573	Right Side (Middle): 16-216573
Right Side (Bottom): 16-216564	Right Side (Bottom): 16-216605	Right Side (Bottom): 16-216615

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 on the outside door to the Training Room where the canvassing was held. A second copy of the Zero Report, which remained attached to the ballot scanners was printed.

INDIVIDUALS WHO ASSISTED WITH SCANNERS

- Janet Ross
- Lisa Jones
- Martin Kim
- Darlington Brima

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- Bryan Gyer
- Jerry Quarshie
- Lashell Lee
- Lisa Jones
- Justin Kolani
- Tim Gartrell
- Andre Johnson
- Todd Urosevich (ES&S Observer)
- Rick Dixon (ES&S Observer)
- Glen Tilley (ES&S Observer)
- Mike Dvork (ES&S Observer)
- John Speirs (SBE Observer)
- John Dvork (ES&S Observer)
- John S. (SBE Observer)

CANVASSING

Overview of Canvass Process

James Shalleck, Chairperson of the Board of Canvassers, reminded the canvass teams of the procedures for processing absentee ballots.

Printing Canvass Results

After scanning all accepted absentee ballots, staff locked the voting units 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 optical scan voting units. The Board of Canvassers signed the Election Results Report and posted a second copy of the report outside the canvass room.

RELEASE OF UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

Absentee Statistics	Number of Ballots
Total Absentee Ballots Presented at 2 nd Absentee Canvass	25,537
Accepted Ballots	24,770
Rejected Ballots	767

Absentee Canvass Reject Breakdown

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Board action ¹	5
Identification of DL# or SSN was not timely received	1
Identification was received but did not satisfy the ID requirement	40
Identifying mark on ballot	9
Late for election	399
No signature	160
Voted more than one ballot	27
Total ABS Rejected Canvass II	641

Rejected FWAB Disposition Reason:

Original ballot received	35
No signature on declaration	1
No absentee ballot application	20
Not registered voter	28
Late for election	21
Identifying mark on ballot	3
Voted more than one FWAB	18
FWABs Rejected	126

NEXT BOARD OF CANVASSERS' MEETING

The Montgomery County Board of Elections, sitting as the Board of Canvassers, reconvened on Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. to consider acceptance of Federal Write In Absentee Ballots ("FWABs") which were received from the State Board of Elections after the Montgomery County Board of Canvassers completed its canvass on Friday, November 18, 2016. Margaret Jurgensen, Director of the Montgomery County Board of Elections, briefed the Board concerning when the staff received the FWABs and the work the staff did in order to determine whether the FWABs should be accepted. The Board engaged in a discussion as to whether the FWABs were timely received, inasmuch as the ballots were not in the possession of the Montgomery County Board of Elections by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 18, 2016. A majority of the Board voted to accept the FWABs where there was sufficient evidence that the application had been properly completed and timely received by the State Board of Elections. Canvass teams thereafter began processing the FWABs.

¹ Board action is a miscellaneous category. It includes Board action which does not meet the criteria for one of the categories in MDVOTERS. For example, envelopes which were returned without a ballot and ballots returned from a different election (*i.e.*, the Primary) are contained within the category "Board action."

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On December 7, 2016, the Board of Canvassers met to certify the election results. Ms. Jurgensen provided an overview of the audit results and findings. The Board thereafter unanimously voted to certify the election and to have the Chair and Secretary sign the certification documents.