

July 27, 2022 – Provisional Canvass Minutes

ATTENDEES:

Board of Canvassers

Name	Position	Party
Craig Renner	Board Chairman	Republican
Fern Brown	Board Secretary	Democrat
Dorothy Duffield	Board Member	Republican
Norman Saunders	Board Member	Democrat
Mark Hashagen	Board Member	Republican
Louis Jenkins	Board Attorney	

LBE Staff

Name	Position
Tracy Dickerson	Election Director II
Wade Beswick	Election Program Manager I
Stephanie Ramos-Santos	Election Program Assistant II
Luke Beswick	LBE Technician

Public

Name
Darryl Kinsey Jr.
Norma Jean Gibson
Bernadette Smith
Zalee Harris
Melissa Davis

All canvassing teams, duplicating team members, and ballot scanner operating team members in attendance are listed under the Canvass Participants section below.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at the Charles County Board of Elections – 201 East Charles Street, La Plata, MD 20646. 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

Ms. Sherry Hancock, the Clerk of the Court for Charles County, administered and recorded the oath of each member of the Board of Canvassers on June 27, 2022, and one other member on June 28, 2022.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS

At its meeting on July 21, 2022, the Board of Canvassers elected Mr. Craig Renner as Chairman of the Board of Canvassers and Ms. Fern Brown as Secretary.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS

Ms. Dickerson noted that the public notice of the provisional canvass was provided and that the notice was provided by email to the Chair of each party central committee, as well as each non-partisan candidate, and the State Administrator of the State Board of Elections on June 10, 2022. The public notice was also posted on the website and Facebook, as well as the front office door.

VERIFICATION OF OPTICAL SCAN VOTING UNITS

Ms. Dickerson presented documents to the Board of Canvassers showing that the ballot scanners being used in the canvass successfully passed Logic and Accuracy Testing on July 1, 2022. Ms. Dickerson reported that the memory devices created for this canvass were placed in the ballot scanners and sealed. The Election Director provided the Board of Canvassers with the results from the Logic and Accuracy Testing. Ms. Dickerson noted the Ballot Scanner Serial Number and Seal Number from Logic and Accuracy Testing documentation for each ballot scanner being used in the canvass.

Mr. Beswick verified that the seals on the ballot scanners were intact and Ms. Dickerson recorded the optical scan ballot scanner's serial number and seal number on the Scanning Unit Opening Integrity Report. Ms. Dickerson 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. Ms. Dickerson posted one copy of the Zero Report from the ballot scanners on the wall in room where canvassing occurred, near the entrance. Staff printed a second copy of the Zero Report, which remained attached to the ballot scanners. At the direction of the Board of Canvassers, the Board signed the Zero Report attached to the ballot scanners. Ms. Dickerson also confirmed that the ballot boxes were empty.

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

CANVASSING OF BALLOTS

Overview of Canvass Process

Ms. Dickerson 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.

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Ms. Dickerson explained that each provisional ballot application was reviewed prior to canvassing to determine the voter’s eligibility to vote in this election and the voter’s correct ballot style. At this canvass, the provisional ballot applications will be presented to the Board of Canvassers with a recommendation. The recommendations will be to:

1. Accept provisional ballot application in full – recommend counting all votes cast on the provisional ballot.
2. Accept provisional ballot application in part – recommend counting some but not all votes cast on the provisional ballot. This is because the voter voted in the wrong precinct.
3. Reject provisional ballot application – recommend not counting the provisional ballot.

The Board of Canvassers will vote to accept in full, accept in part, or reject the provisional ballots. The provisional ballots for which the Board voted to accept in full or accept in part are distributed to the bi-partisan ballot processing teams to open and review the ballots. The “accepted in full” ballots are scanned into the ballot scanner, and the “accepted in part” ballots are referred to a duplicating team. The duplicating team will copy onto the voter’s correct ballot style the votes for the contests for which the provisional voter is eligible to vote. No Mail-in ballots were presented in this Canvass.

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, or other information identifying the group or unit to which the ballot belongs, and the reason 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.

Ms. Dickerson explained the process to provide information to the Board of Canvassers or challenge a decision of the Board.

Canvass Participants

The members of the ballot processing, duplicating, and ballot scanner operating teams are listed below.

Team	Names of Bi-Partisan Ballot Processing Team Members
Team #1	Gloria Riley & Tracy Doane-Mattingly
Team #2	Mary Lawson & Chris Malloy
Team #3	Shawnecia Munson & Mary Beck
Team #4	Vincenz Dickerson & Danna Thelen
Team #5	Patricia Wade & Loriann Bowman

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BMD	Names of Duplicating Members
BMD #1	Vincenz Dickerson
BMD #2	Danna Thelen
BMD #3	Craig Renner
BMD #4	Wade Beswick

Proofing BMD	Names of BMD Duplicating Proofing Members
Proofing BMD #1 & 2	Tracy Dickerson & Louis Jenkins
Proofing BMD #3 & 4	Fern Brown & Dorothy Duffield

Team	Names of Ballot Scanner Operating Team Members
Team #1	Mark Hashagen & Norman Saunders
Team #2	Fern Brown & Dorothy Duffield

Canvassing of Provisional Ballots

Ms. Dickerson reported that 886 provisional ballots were cast. No mail-in ballots were scanned for this provisional canvass.

Mr. Hashagen made a motion to begin presenting provisional ballot applications. Ms. Duffield seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

1. Ms. Dickerson presented 508 provisional ballots with the recommendation to accept them in full. The recommendation was based on the fact that staff had confirmed that each provisional application was submitted by a registered voter and was cast in the correct precinct where that voter currently resides. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and accept and count the provisional ballots in full.
2. Ms. Dickerson presented 212 provisional ballots with the recommendation to accept them in part. The recommendation was based on the fact that staff had confirmed that each provisional application was submitted by a registered voter and the provisional ballot was cast in the wrong precinct. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation, and the ballots were referred to the duplicating team.
3. Ms. Dickerson presented 16 provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the applicant returned a voted mail-in ballot or already voted. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballots.
4. Ms. Dickerson presented 145 provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the applicant voted the wrong primary ballot. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballots.
5. Ms. Dickerson presented 2 provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the voter failed to sign the provisional ballot application. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballots.
6. Ms. Dickerson presented 2 provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the applicant provided his or her driver's license or social security number but the number was not verified. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballots.

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- Ms. Dickerson presented 1 provisional ballot with the recommendation to reject because there was no provisional ballot in the envelope. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballot.

Printing Canvass Results

After scanning all accepted in full and accepted in part provisional ballots, Ms. Dickerson locked the ballot scanners and printed a Voting Results Report. The Board of Canvassers confirmed that the number of accepted in full and accepted in part provisional ballots equaled the number of ballots counted by the ballot scanners.

Ms. Dickerson informed the Board that 1 provisional ballot went through the scanner at Mudd Elementary. Ms. Dickerson informed the Board that a Same-Day Registration Provisional went through a scanner but there is no Voter Authority Card for them.

The Board of Canvassers signed the Voting Results Report and posted a second copy of the report on the wall near the entrance.

RELEASE OF UNOFFICIAL RESULTS- PROVISIONAL BALLOT CANVASS

Mr. Renner announced the results from the provisional canvass. Mr. Renner announced the following statistics from the provisional canvass:

Provisional Canvass Statistics	Number of Ballots
A) Total Ballots Presented at Provisional Canvass	886
B) Total Provisional Ballots Presented	886
C) Total Mail-in Ballots Presented	
D) Total Accepted Ballots	720
E) Accepted in Full Provisional Ballots	508
F) Accepted in Part Provisional Ballots	212
G) Accepted Mail-in Ballots	
H) Total Rejected Ballots	166
I) Rejected Provisional Ballots	166
J) Rejected Mail-in Ballots	

Ms. Dickerson announced that provisional voters can find out if their provisional ballots were counted and if not, the reason why it was not counted by visiting the State Board of Elections' website or by calling the State Board at 1-800-222-8683.

NEXT BOARD OF CANVASSERS' MEETING

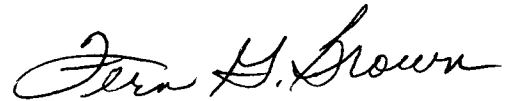
The Board of Canvassers will meet on Friday, last date of mail-in ballot canvass at 10:00 a.m. to canvass all remaining ballots.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fern H. Brown". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "F".