

Charles County Board of Canvassers
Charles County Public Library - Waldorf West, 10405 O'Donnell Place Waldorf, MD 20603.

June 12, 2020- Vote by Mail Canvass Minutes
Final Canvass Day – Day 11

Vote by Mail Daily Canvass Minutes- Final Day of Canvassing

ATTENDEES

Board of Canvassers (via Videoconference):

Name	Position	Party
Katherine O'Malley-Simpson	Board Chairman	Republican
Fern Brown	Board Secretary	Democrat
Craig Renner	Board Member	Republican
Dorothy Duffield	Board Member	Republican
Norman Saunders	Board Member	Democrat
Louis Jenkins	Board Attorney	

LBE Staff (in person):

Name	Position
Tracy A. Dickerson	Election Director II
Karl A. Richardson II	Information Systems Specialist
Daniel W. Beswick	Election Data Application Specialist II
Shelby E. Trice	Election Administrative Assistant II
Christopher Wade	LBE Technician

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

RECONVENING THE MEETING

The vote by mail canvass reconvened on June 12, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began at 9:03 a.m. on May 21, 2020 at The Charles County Public Library - Waldorf West, 10405 O'Donnell Place Waldorf, MD 20603. There was a quorum of the Board of Canvassers via video conferencing, 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

Sherri Hancock, the Clerk of the Court for Charles County administered and recorded the oath of each member of the Board of Canvassers on May 6, 2020 at 10 a.m. Substitute members of the Board of Elections were also sworn-in on the same day.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Fern Brown made a motion that Ms. Katherine O'Malley-Simpson serve as Chairman of the Board of Canvassers. Ms. Dorothy Duffield seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously. Mr. Norman Saunders made a motion that Ms. Fern Brown serve as Secretary for the Board of Canvassers. Ms. Dorothy Duffield seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS

Ms. Tracy A. Dickerson noted that public notice of the vote by mail canvass was provided and that the notice was provided by email on May 7, 2020. Ms. Tracy A. Dickerson noted that due to current social distancing guidelines, and in compliance with the Governor's Proclamation of April 10, 2020, that public viewing will be by video conferencing only.

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

CANVASSING OF BALLOTS

Canvass Participants

Canvasser	Names of Ballot Processing Canvasser
Canvasser #1	Rose Chase
Canvasser #2	Mary Lawson
Canvasser #3	Jashaun Munson
Canvasser #4	Vincenz Dickerson
Canvasser #5	Shawnecia Munson
Canvasser #6	Pat Wade
Canvasser #7	Mark Hashagen
Canvasser #8	Michelle Mabry
Canvasser #9	Seth Dickerson
Canvasser #10	Mary Hashagen

Team	Names of Bi-Partisan Duplicating Team Members
Team #1	N/A
Team #2	N/A

Team	Names of Ballot Scanner Operating Team
Team #1	N/A
Team #2	N/A

Canvassing of ballots resumed.

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Board of Canvassers' Decision Meeting

The Board of Canvassers convened via video conferencing at 3:00 p.m. to review ballots that were referred from the canvassers.

The Board of Canvassers ruled on whether to accept or unanimously reject the referred ballots.

Ms. Dickerson presented seventy-seven Vote by Mail ballots to the Board of Canvassers via video conference. Listed below is the reason each ballot was presented to the board and the decision made by the board for each referred ballot.

1. 74 ballots that were untimely; Mr. Craig Renner made a motion to reject, seconded by Ms. Fern Brown. Unanimously approved.
2. 3 Not verified; Ms. Dorothy Duffield made a motion to reject, seconded by Ms. Fern Brown. Unanimously approved.

Printing Canvass Results

After scanning all accepted ballots, Mr. Richardson locked the ballot scanners and printed an Election Results Report. The Board of Canvassers reviewed the daily canvass minutes and confirmed that for each day, the number of accepted ballots equaled the number of ballots counted by the ballot scanner. Ms. Dickerson signed the Voting Results Report and posted a second copy of the report on the back of the scanning unit lid.

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

DAILY CANVASSING RESULTS

Vote by Mail Canvass Statistics- Day 11	Number of Ballots
Total Ballots Presented	454
Accepted Ballots	377
Rejected Ballots	77

RELEASE OF UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

Ms. Katherine O'Malley-Simpson announced the results from the vote by mail canvass.

Vote by Mail Canvass Statistics	Number of Ballots
Total Ballots Presented	43,381
Accepted Ballots	42,595
Rejected Ballots	786

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VERIFICATION OF VOTE COUNT

Ms. Dickerson explained that staff conducted several post-election verifications and audits performed. Staff manually added the Voting Results Reports from each ballot scanner at the election day vote center and compared the manually added totals with the totals produced by the election database for those precincts. Ms. Dickerson confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

Ms. Dickerson explained that a similar verification was performed on each ballot scanner used on the canvassing day randomly selected by the Board of Canvassers for the vote by mail canvass. Staff manually added the Voting Results Reports printed from each ballot scanner used on the canvassing day randomly selected by the Board of Canvassers for the vote by mail canvass and compared the manually added totals to a report printed from the election database for the vote by mail canvass. Ms. Dickerson confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

Ms. Dickerson presented the Board of Canvassers with the verification results, and the Board of Canvassers reviewed the results. Ms. Fern Brown made a motion to accept the verification results. Ms. Dorothy Duffield seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

POST ELECTION AUDITS

Ms. Dickerson explained that post-election audits were performed on all vote centers and select vote by mail and provisional ballots.

For the vote centers, Ms. Dickerson explained that staff compared the number of signed voter authority cards for each ballot scanner against the number of ballots cast. Ms. Dickerson confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

Ms. Dickerson explained that staff reviewed a sample of accepted vote by mail ballots to determine if the ballot was timely received. Staff also reviewed a sample of rejected vote by mail ballots to determine if the ballot was untimely received or was rejected for another valid reason. Ms. Dickerson confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

Ms. Dickerson explained that a sample of 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, and all other applicable criteria were met. A sample of partially accepted provisional ballots was also reviewed to confirm that a voter was registered to vote at the time of the election, did not vote the ballot for the precinct in which the voter resides, and all other applicable criteria were met. Staff also reviewed a sample of rejected provisional ballots to confirm that the voter was not

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registered to vote at the time of the election or the voter's ballot was rejected for another valid reason. Ms. Dickerson confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

Ms. Dickerson explained that all ballot images from election day and canvasses through May 4, 2020 were sent to a third-party for re-tabulation. The vendor produces reports comparing precinct-level results from voting system against the precinct-level results from the re-tabulation, and these reports show any differences between the two sets of results. Ms. Dickerson showed the reports and confirmed that any differences between the two sets of results were less than 0.5%, the threshold for additional auditing.

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

Ms. Dickerson explained that the post-election verifications and audits had no discrepancies and presented the Board of Canvassers with the election results. The Board of Canvassers reviewed the election results.

Ms. Katherine O'Malley-Simpson made a motion to certify the results of the 2020 Presidential Primary. Mr. Craig Renner seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

NEXT BOARD OF CANVASSERS' MEETING

If additional ballots are received, the Board of Canvassers will convene before the next meeting of local board of elections. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at The Charles County Board of Elections, located at 201 East Charles Street, La Plata, MD 20646, via video conferencing.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m. on June 12, 2020.