

Post-Certification Minutes

ATTENDEES:

Board of Canvassers:

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

LBE Staff:

Name	Position
Tracy Dickerson	Election Director II
Stephanie Ramos-Santos	Election Program Assistant I

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 3, 2020 at the Charles County Board of Elections- 201 East Charles Street, La Plata, MD 20646. 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 October 14, 2020, and another member on October 19, 2020.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS

At its meeting on October 21, 2020, the Board of Canvassers elected Ms. Katherine O'Malley-Simpson as Chairman of the Board of Canvassers and Ms. Fern Brown as Secretary.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS

Ms. Tracy Dickerson noted that the public notice of this canvass was provided and that the notice was provided by email on September 30, 2020. Ms. Dickerson noted that due to current social distancing guidelines, public viewing will be by video conferencing only.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Dickerson presented the minutes from the Mail-In Ballots Canvass and the Provisional Canvass.

- Mr. Norman Saunders made a motion to approve the MiB1 Canvass Day 1-October 21-22, 2020 minutes. Ms. Fern Brown seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Fern Brown made a motion to approve the November 3, 2020 Audit Precinct meeting minutes. Ms. Dorothy Duffield seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Norman Saunders made a motion to approve the MiB2 Canvass Day 1- November 5-6, 2020 minutes. Ms. Dorothy Duffield seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Fern Brown made a motion to approve the MiB2 Canvass Day 2- November 9-10, 2020 minutes. Ms. Dorothy Duffield seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Norman Saunders made a motion to accept the Final Canvass Day- November 12-16, 2020 minutes. Mr. Craig Renner seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Dorothy Duffield made a motion to accept the Provisional Canvass- November 16, 2020 minutes. Ms. Fern Brown seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

CANVASSING

Overview of Canvass Process

Ms. Dickerson explained the rules concerning public observation of the canvass, stating that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and in accordance with the social distancing guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control, that the number of individuals allowed in the room at one time may be limited, and that all individuals must maintain a distance of six feet from each other. Due to these restrictions, public observation of the canvass would be provided by livestream, which the public could view at YouTube, link provided on our website.

Ms. Dickerson provided an overview of the canvassing process and noted that the rules were posted in the canvass room. Ballots are distributed to the ballot processing individuals in batches. Each individual reviews the envelope to determine whether it was timely received.

Canvassing of Vote by Mail Ballots

Ms. Dickerson reported that 2 mail-in ballots were received after the certification of the election. Mr. Craig Renner made a motion to reject these mail-in ballots as being untimely. Ms. Fern Brown seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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CANVASSING STATISTICS

Ms. Tracy Dickerson reported that 40,560 vote by mail ballots were presented for canvassing and 77 mail ballots were rejected for being untimely.

Ms. Dickerson submitted the following statistics for rejected vote by mail and provisional ballots.

State Vote by Mail Ballots – Rejection Reason	# of Ballots		
	MIB	Today	Total
Ballot was late for election	23	2	25
No signature on oath	31		31
Voter died before election day	1		1
More than one ballot in same envelope			
More than one ballot received but one was counted			
Identifying mark on ballot			
Used agent and ballot envelope was not sealed			
Unsealed envelope & indication that integrity compromised			
Not registered voter			
No absentee ballot application on file	2		2
Regular ballot received & rejected FWAB			
Envelope did not contain a ballot	11		11
Other: Returned Primary Ballot	6		6
Other: Not verified	1		1

Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots – Rejection Reason	# of Ballots		
	MIB	Today	Total
State absentee ballot was received			
No signature on declaration			
No absentee ballot application			
Not registered voter			
Late for election			
Voted wrong ballot style			
Used agent and ballot envelope was not sealed			
Voter cancelled			
Voter deceased			
Voter is convicted felon			
Identifying mark on ballot			
Voted more than one FWAB			
Board Action [<i>specify</i>]			

Provisional Ballots – Rejection Reasons	# of Ballots
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Applicant is not registered to vote	
Applicant returned a voted absentee ballot or already voted	38
Applicant voted the wrong party primary ballot (primary elections only)	
No signature on application	2
Applicant not eligible to receive a provisional ballot	
Identification or DL# or SS# was not timely received	1
Incomplete information was provided on application	3
Identification was received but did not satisfy the identification requirements	161
No provisional ballot in envelope or more than one ballot in envelope	3
No evidence to support alleged voting unit malfunction	
Identity challenge was upheld	
Order extending voting hours was invalidated	
Identifying mark on the ballot	
Applicant is not or will not be 18 years old or older by the general election	
Proof of residency was not timely received	13
Proof of residency was received but did not satisfy the requirement	

NEXT BOARD OF CANVASSERS' MEETING

If additional vote by mail ballots are received, the Board of Canvassers will convene before the next meeting of local board of elections. The next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via Videoconference.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Fern Brown made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Dorothy Duffield. Unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Approved during virtual meeting held January 21, 2021