

Charles County Board of Canvassers
201 East Charles Street, La Plata, MD 20646
July 19, 2018

Minutes

ATTENDEES:

Board of Canvassers: Katherine O'Malley-Simpson: Republican (Conference Call-In)
Fern Brown: Democrat
Craig Renner: Republican (Conference Call-In)
Dorothy Duffield: Republican
Norman Saunders: Democrat

LBE Staff: Louis Jenkins, Board Attorney
Tracy A. Dickerson, Election Director II
Shelby E. Trice, Election Administrative Assistant II

Public: N/A

Absent: N/A

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began at 9:00am on July 19, 2018 at 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

Sherri Hancock, the Clerk of the Court for Charles County, administered and recorded the oath of each member of the Board of Canvassers on June 6, 2018. Substitute members of the Board of Elections were also sworn-in on the same day.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS

At its meeting on June 28, 2018 the Board of Canvassers elected Katherine O'Malley-Simpson as Chairman of the Board of Canvassers and Fern Brown as Secretary.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS

Tracy Dickerson noted that public notice of the first absentee canvass was provided and that the notice was provided by mail on May 29, 2018.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tracy Dickerson presented the minutes from the Absentee 1 Canvass, Provisional Canvass, and Absentee 2 Canvass Katherine O'Malley-Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Dorothy Duffield seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

CANVASSING

Overview of Canvass Process

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

Canvassing of Absentee Ballots

Tracy Dickerson reported that 0 absentee ballots were received after the certification of the election.

CANVASSING STATISTICS

Tracy Dickerson reported that 401 absentee ballots were presented for canvassing and 8 absentee ballots were rejected for being untimely.

Tracy Dickerson submitted the following statistics for rejected absentee and provisional ballots.

State Absentee Ballots - Rejection Reason	# of Ballots			
	Abs 1	Abs 2	Today	Total
Ballot was late for election		8		8
No signature on oath				
Voter died before election day				
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				
Regular ballot received & rejected FWAB				
Envelope did not contain a ballot				
Other [specify]				

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Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots - Rejection Reason	# of Ballots			
	Abs 1	Abs 2	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
Applicant is not registered to vote	25
Applicant returned a voted absentee ballot or already voted	2
Applicant voted the wrong party primary ballot (primary elections only)	115
No signature on application	1
Applicant not eligible to receive a provisional ballot	
Identification or DL# or SS# was not timely received	
Incomplete information was provided on application	1
Identification was received but did not satisfy the identification requirements	
No provisional ballot in envelope or more than one ballot in envelope	2
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	1
Proof of residency was not timely received	1
Proof of residency was received but did not satisfy the requirement	1

NEXT BOARD OF CANVASSERS' MEETING

If additional absentee ballots are received, the Board of Canvassers will convene before the next meeting of local board of elections. The next meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2018 at 9:00 am at Charles County Board of Elections at 201 East Charles Street, La Plata, MD 20646.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 am.

Fra G. Brown