

Carroll County Board of Canvassers
300 S. Center St, Training Room
Westminster MD 21157
December 19, 2018

Minutes

ATTENDEES:

Board of Canvassers: Griffith Manahan, Chair, Republican
Harvey Tegeler, Secretary, Republican
Laura O'Callaghan, Member, Democrat (by telephone)
Samuel Foster, Member, Democrat
Larry Shipley, Member, Republican

LBE Staff: Terry Berger, Attorney
Katherine Berry, Election Director
Paula Troxell, Deputy Director

Public: None

Absent: None

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began at 10:58 a.m. on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at Robert Moton Building, 300 S. Center Street, Training Room, Westminster, MD 21157. 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

Donald B. Sealing, the Clerk of the Court for Carroll County, administered and recorded the oath of each member of the Board of Canvassers on October 17, 2018, except Larry W Shipley, who was sworn in on Monday, October 22, 2018.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS

At a meeting on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, the Board of Canvassers elected Griffith Manahan as Chairman of the Board of Canvassers and Larry W. Shipley as Secretary. At the canvass held on Friday, November 16, 2018, the first order of business was to take a special motion from the floor to elect a substitute Secretary of the Board of Canvassers due to the absence of Larry Shipley. Samuel Foster made a motion to nominate Harvey Tegeler as Secretary of the Board of Canvassers, seconded by Laura O'Callaghan. The motion carried unanimously

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS

Katherine Berry noted that the public notice of this canvass was provided and that the notice was provided by a posting on the website.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Paula Troxell presented the minutes from the Absentee 1 Canvass, Provisional Canvass, and Absentee 2 Canvass. Mr. Foster made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Tegeler seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

CANVASSING

Overview of Canvass Process

Katherine Berry 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. Katherine Berry explained the process to provide information to the Board of Canvassers or challenge a decision of the Board.

Canvassing of Absentee Ballots

Katherine Berry reported that 20 absentee ballots were received after the certification of the election. Mr. Tegeler made a motion to reject the 20 absentee ballots as being untimely. Mr. Foster seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

CANVASSING STATISTICS

Katherine Berry reported that 20 absentee ballots were presented for canvassing and 20 absentee ballots were rejected for being untimely.

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Katherine Berry 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 | | 31 | 20 | 51 |
| No signature on oath | 1 | 3 | | 4 |
| 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 | | 2 | | 2 |
| Other [<i>specify</i>] | | 2* | | 2 |

***Two ballots were dropped off at polls on Election Day.**

| Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots – Rejection Reason | # of Ballots | | | |
|--|--------------|----------|-------|----------|
| | Abs 1 | Abs 2 | Today | Total |
| State absentee ballot was received | | 2 | | 2 |
| No signature on declaration | | | | |
| No absentee ballot application | | | | |
| Not registered voter | | | | |
| Late for election | | 1 | | 1 |
| 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>] | | | | |

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| Provisional Ballots - Rejection Reasons | # of Ballots |
|---|--------------|
| Applicant is not registered to vote | 37 |
| Applicant returned a voted absentee ballot or already voted | 1 |
| Applicant voted the wrong party primary ballot (primary elections only) | 0 |
| No signature on application | 2 |
| Applicant not eligible to receive a provisional ballot | |
| Identification or DL# or SS# was not timely received | |
| Incomplete information was provided on application | |
| Identification was received but did not satisfy the identification requirements | 1* |
| No provisional ballot in envelope or more than one ballot in envelope | 1 |
| 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 |

***One absentee ballot was rejected during the November 14, 2018 provisional ballot canvass, because the voter's social security number could not be verified. Voter never responded to email requesting another document type. Voter is UOCOVA. Per SBE policy, the absentee ballot had to be entered as a provisional ballot and canvassed during the provisional canvass.**

NEXT BOARD OF CANVASSERS' MEETING

If additional absentee ballots are received, the Board of Canvassers will convene after the next meeting of local board of elections. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Robert Moton Building, Room 215, Westminster MD 21157.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Tegeler; seconded by Mr. Shipley. The motion passed unanimously.