

Carroll Board of Canvassers
300 S. Center St., Training Room, Westminster MD 21157
April 21, 2021 – General Ballots

Minutes

ATTENDEES:

Board of Canvassers: Griffith Manahan, President, Republican
John Woodley, Secretary, Republican
Laura O’Callaghan, Democratic, by telephone
Harvey Tegeler, Republican, by telephone
Samuel Foster, Democrat

LBE Staff: Katherine Berry, Election Director
Erin Perrone, Election Program Manager
Jay Gullo, Attorney

Absent: None

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began at 10:50 a.m. on April 21, 2021 at 300 S. Center St, Robert Moton Room, Westminster. 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

Heather DeWees, the Clerk of the Court for Carroll County, administered and recorded the oath of each member of the Board of Canvassers on Wednesday, September 16, 2020.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS

At its meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2020, the Board of Canvassers elected Griffith Manahan as Chairman of the Board of Canvassers and John Woodley as Secretary.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS

Katherine Berry, Election Director, noted that the public notice of this canvass was provided and that the notice was provided by posting the agenda on the website.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Erin Perrone, Election Program Manager, presented the post certification minutes from the February 17, 2021 canvass board meeting. Mr. Woodley made a motion to approve the minutes from the primary election, and Mr. Foster seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Foster made a motion to approve the minutes from the general election, and Ms. O’Callaghan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CANVASSING

Overview of Canvass Process

Ms. Berry explained the rules concerning public observation of the canvass, stating that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and in accordance with the Governor’s Proclamation of April 10, 2020 and current social distancing guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control, that no more than 10 people may be in a room at once, and that all individuals must maintain a distance of six feet from each other.

Ms. Berry provided an overview of the canvassing process and noted how the ballots were determined to be untimely.

Canvassing of Vote by Mail Ballots

Ms. Perrone reported that 2 vote by mail general ballots were received after the certification of the general election. Ms. O’Callaghan made a motion to reject the vote by mail ballots as being untimely. Mr. Foster seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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CANVASSING STATISTICS

Ms. Perrone reported that 2 vote by mail general ballots were presented for canvassing and 2 vote by mail general ballots were rejected for being untimely.

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

State Vote by Mail Ballots – Rejection Reason	# of Ballots		
	VBM	Today	Total
Ballot was late for election	25	2	27
No signature on oath	19		19
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	15		15
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	2		2*
Envelope did not contain a ballot			
Voted more than one ballot	1		1
Other [<i>specify</i>] Board Action	17		17
Other (<i>specify</i>) Identification of DL# or SS# not timely	1		1

*Office received 1 FWAB and entered it as FWAB in the “Ballot Processing” module. When the State ballot was returned the FWAB was deleted from the “Ballot Processing” module and the State ballot was accepted. User realized that the FWAB record should not have been deleted from the “Ballot Processing” module. When the State ballot was accepted the system would have rejected the FWAB ballot so that it would be included in FWAB total reject reasons.

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Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots – Rejection Reason	# of Ballots		
	VBM	Today	Total
State absentee ballot was received	0	0	0
No signature on declaration	0	0	0
No absentee ballot application	1	0	1
Not registered voter	2	0	2
Late for election	4	0	4
Voted wrong ballot style	0	0	0
Used agent and ballot envelope was not sealed	0	0	0
Voter cancelled	0	0	0
Voter deceased	0	0	0
Voter is convicted felon	0	0	0
Identifying mark on ballot	0	0	0
Voted more than one FWAB	0	0	0
Board Action [<i>specify</i>]	0	0	0

Provisional Ballots – Rejection Reasons	# of Ballots
Applicant is not registered to vote	0
Applicant returned a voted absentee ballot or already voted	16*
Applicant voted the wrong party primary ballot (primary elections only)	0
No signature on application	4
Applicant not eligible to receive a provisional ballot	1
Identification or DL# or SS# was not timely received	1
Incomplete information was provided on application	0
Identification was received but did not satisfy the identification requirements	0
No provisional ballot in envelope or more than one ballot in envelope	0
No evidence to support alleged voting unit malfunction	0
Identity challenge was upheld	0
Order extending voting hours was invalidated	0
Identifying mark on the ballot	0
Applicant is not or will not be 18 years old or older by the general election	0
Proof of residency was not timely received	10
Proof of residency was received but did not satisfy the requirement	0

***There are seven absentee ballots that were entered as provisional ballots because voter returned two vote by mail ballots. MDVOTERS has 32 rejected provisional ballots but only 25 provisional ballots were rejected from the vote centers.**

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NEXT BOARD OF CANVASSERS' MEETING

If additional vote by mail ballots are received from the general election, the Board of Canvassers will convene after the next meeting of local board of elections. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 16, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.