

Carroll Board of Canvassers
300 S. Center St., Training Room, Westminster MD 21157
July 15, 2020

Minutes

ATTENDEES:

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

LBE Staff: Katherine Berry, Election Director
Paula Troxell, Deputy Director
Jay Gullo, Attorney

Public: None

Absent: None

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began at 11:31 a.m. on July 15, 2020 at 300 S. Center St, Training 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 May 6, 2020.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS

At its meeting on Wednesday May 6, 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. Katherine Berry Election Director, 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.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Katherine Berry Election Director presented the minutes from the Vote by Mail Canvass and the Provisional Canvass. Mr. Foster made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Woodley seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

CANVASSING

Overview of Canvass Process

Katherine Berry Election Director, 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. Due to these restrictions, public observation of the canvass would be provided by livestream, which the public could view at the office website.

Katherine Berry Election Director 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

Paula Troxell Deputy Director reported that 53 vote by mail ballots were received after the certification of the election. Mr. Woodley made a motion to reject the vote by mail ballots as being untimely. Mr. Foster seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Paula Troxell Deputy Director presented two ballots that were received after the certification of the election from voters that had already returned voted ballots. Mr. Manahan recommended to reject the ballots and not to report the voters as voting twice to SBE since certification of the election has occurred. Mr. Woodley made a motion to reject the ballots and not to report the voters to SBE; seconded by Mr. Foster. The motion passed unanimously.

CANVASSING STATISTICS

Paula Troxell Deputy Director reported that 55 vote by mail ballots were presented for canvassing and 55 vote by mail ballots were rejected for being untimely.

Note: As stated in "Canvassing of Vote by Mail Ballots" two ballots were received after the certification of the election from voters that had already returned voted ballots, so the two ballots are not captured in the totals below.

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Paula Troxell Deputy Director 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	377	53	
No signature on oath	108		
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	16		
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			
Voted more than one ballot	20		
Other [<i>specify</i>] Board Action	10		

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	0	0	0
Not registered voter	0	0	0
Late for election	0	0	0
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

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Provisional Ballots – Rejection Reasons	# of Ballots
Applicant is not registered to vote	
Applicant returned a voted absentee ballot or already voted	3*
Applicant voted the wrong party primary ballot (primary elections only)	12
No signature on application	2
Applicant not eligible to receive a provisional ballot	1
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	
No provisional ballot in envelope or more than one ballot in envelope	
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	
Proof of residency was received but did not satisfy the requirement	

***There are three absentee ballots that were entered as provisional ballots because of double voting. MDVOTERS has 21 rejected provisional ballots but only 18 provisional ballots were rejected from the vote centers.**

NEXT BOARD OF CANVASSERS' MEETING

If additional vote by mail ballots are received, the Board of Canvassers will convene after the next meeting of local board of elections. The next meeting is scheduled for July 29, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at 300 S. Center St, Training Room, Westminster MD.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.