

Carroll County Board of Canvassers
300 S. Center St, Room 215
Westminster MD 21157
September 5, 2018

Minutes

ATTENDEES:

Board of Canvassers: Griffith Manahan, Chair, Republican
Laura O'Callaghan, Secretary, Democrat
Harvey Tegeler, Member, Republican
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 11:23 a.m. on Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at Robert Moton Building, 300 S. Center Street, Room 215, 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 Sealing, the Clerk of the Court for Carroll County, administered and recorded the oath of each member of the Board of Canvassers on June 6, 2018.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS

At a meeting on June 26, 2018, the Board of Canvassers elected Griffith Manahan as Chairman of the Board of Canvassers and Laura O'Callaghan as Secretary.

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.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Katherine Berry presented the minutes from the Absentee 1 Canvass, Provisional Canvass, and Absentee 2 Canvass. Ms. O’Callaghan 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 1 absentee ballot was received after the certification of the election. Mr. Shipley made a motion to reject the absentee ballot as being untimely. Mr. Tegeler seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

CANVASSING STATISTICS

Katherine Berry reported that 1 absentee ballot was presented for canvassing and 1 absentee ballots was rejected for being untimely.

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		3	1	4
No signature on oath	3	1		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		1		1
Not registered voter				
No absentee ballot application on file				
Regular ballot received & rejected FWAB				
Envelope did not contain a ballot		2*		1
Other [<i>specify</i>]				

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***One absentee ballot was rejected during the July 5, 2018 provisional ballot canvass, because the envelope did not contain a ballot.**

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

Provisional Ballots – Rejection Reasons	# of Ballots
Applicant is not registered to vote	6
Applicant returned a voted absentee ballot or already voted	2
Applicant voted the wrong party primary ballot (primary elections only)	75
No signature on application	1
Applicant not eligible to receive a provisional ballot	0
Identification or DL# or SS# was not timely received	0
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	3
Proof of residency was received but did not satisfy the requirement	0

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 October 17, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Robert Moton Building, Room 215, Westminster MD 21157.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Shipley; seconded by Mrs. O'Callaghan. The motion passed unanimously.