

<b>Carroll County Board of Canvassers</b> 300 S Center St. Westminster, MD 21157	<b>Date:</b> June 12, 2020 Vote-by-Mail Canvass Minutes: Final Day of Canvass
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## Vote by Mail Daily Canvass Minutes- Final Day of Canvassing

### ATTENDEES

#### Board of Canvassers:

Name	Position	Party
Griffith Manahan	Chairman	Republican
John Woodley	Secretary	Republican
Samuel Foster	Member	Democrat
Laura O'Callaghan	Member	Democrat
Harvey Tegeler	Member	Republican
Jay Gullo	LBE Attorney	

#### LBE Staff:

Name	Position
Katherine Berry	Election Director
Paula Troxell	Deputy Director
Chelsie Watson	Data Application Specialist
Kimberly Jones	Information System Specialist
Eduardo DeLima	Information System Specialist
Jared Cohen	Election Clerk

All canvassers, duplicating team members, and ballot scanner operating team members in attendance are listed under the Canvass Participants section below.

### RECONVENING THE MEETING

The vote by mail canvass reconvened on **Friday, June 12, 2020** at **10:05AM**. Ms. O'Callaghan arrived at 10:32 a.m.

### DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began at **10:00AM** on **Friday, June 12, 2020** at the Robert Moton Gymnasium, 300 South Center Street, Westminster, Maryland. 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/City, administered and recorded the oath of each member of the Board of Canvassers on **Wednesday, May 6, 2020**. No substitute members of the Board of Elections were also sworn-in on the same day.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Laura O'Callaghan** made a motion that **Griffith Manahan** serve as Chairman of the Board of Canvassers. **Harvey Tegeler** seconded the motion, which was passed by a vote of **5 to 0**. **Laura O'Callaghan** made a motion that **John Woodley** serve as Secretary for the Board of Canvassers. **Harvey Tegeler** seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of **5 to 0**.

## **PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS and VERIFICATION OF OPTICAL SCAN VOTING UNIT(S)**

**Katherine Berry** explained the rules concerning public observation of canvass and canvassing process. **Kimberly Jones** and **Eduardo DeLima** verified that the seal(s) was/were intact and that the seal number matched the seal number attached and that the public count matched the public count recorded before the prior day's canvass recessed.

A copy of the *Scanning Unit Opening Integrity Report* is attached to the minutes.

## **CANVASSING OF BALLOTS**

### **Canvass Participants**

<b>Team Number</b>	<b>Canvasser #1</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Canvasser #2</b>	<b>Party</b>
1	Jared Cohen	Democrat	Chelsie Watson	Republican
2	Maria Padula	Democrat	Paula Troxell	Republican
3	Eduardo DeLima	Democrat	Kimberly Jones	Republican

Canvassing of ballots resumed.

**Katherine Berry** reported that, to preserve the secrecy of the ballot, five ballots of each ballot style were held back from and will be canvassed during the final day of the Vote-By-Mail canvass. **645** ballots were presented for canvassing at this canvass.

### **Board of Canvassers' Decision Meeting**

The Board of Canvassers convened via video conferencing at **10:00AM** to review ballots that were referred from the canvassers. The Board of Canvassers meeting was recessed at **11:15AM** due to streaming issue. The Board of Canvassers meeting reconvened at **11:25AM** after streaming issues were resolved.

The Board of Canvassers ruled on whether to accept or unanimously reject the referred ballots. There are no ballots left to canvass.

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### **Printing Canvass Results**

After scanning all accepted ballots, **Kimberly Jones** and **Eduardo DeLima** locked the ballot scanner(s) and printed an Election Results Report. The Board of Canvassers reviewed the daily canvass minutes and confirmed that for each day, the number of accepted ballots equaled the number of ballots counted by the ballot scanner. There are no differences in the numbers. **Katherine Berry** signed the Voting Results Report and posted a second copy of the report on the door to the entrance of the canvass room.

A copy of the *Scanning Unit Closing Integrity Report* is attached to the minutes.

### **DAILY CANVASSING RESULTS**

<b>Vote by Mail Canvass Statistics- Day 7</b>	<b>Number of Ballots</b>
Total Ballots Presented	645
Accepted Ballots	151
Rejected Ballots	494

### **RELEASE OF UNOFFICIAL RESULTS**

**Griffith Manahan** announced the results from the vote by mail canvass.

<b>Vote by Mail Canvass Statistics</b>	<b>Number of Ballots</b>
Total Ballots Presented	43,102
Accepted Ballots	42,571*
Rejected Ballots (1 was held and rejected later.)	531

\*25 ballots were scanned as part of the provisional ballot canvass and are part of the provisional ballot total ballots cast.

### **VERIFICATION OF VOTE COUNT**

**Katherine Berry** explained that staff conducted several post-election verifications and audits performed. Staff manually added the Voting Results Reports from each ballot scanner at the election day vote center and compared the manually added totals with the totals produced by the election database for those precincts. **Katherine Berry** confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

**Katherine Berry** explained that a similar verification was performed on each ballot scanner used on the canvassing day randomly selected by the Board of Canvassers for the vote by mail canvass. Staff manually added the Voting Results Reports printed from each ballot scanner used on the canvassing day randomly selected by the Board of Canvassers for the vote by mail canvass and compared the manually added totals to a report printed from the election database for the vote by mail canvass. **Katherine Berry** confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

**Katherine Berry** presented the Board of Canvassers with the verification results, and the Board of Canvassers reviewed the results.

#### **POST ELECTION AUDITS**

**Katherine Berry** explained that post-election audits were performed on all vote centers and select vote by mail and provisional ballots.

For the vote centers, **Katherine Berry** explained that staff compared the number of signed voter authority cards for each ballot scanner against the number of ballots cast. **Katherine Berry** confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

**Katherine Berry** explained that staff reviewed a sample of accepted vote by mail ballots to determine if the ballot was timely received. Staff also reviewed a sample of rejected vote by mail ballots to determine if the ballot was untimely received or was rejected for another valid reason. **Katherine Berry** confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

**Katherine Berry** explained that a sample of accepted provisional ballots were reviewed to determine whether the provisional voter was registered to vote at the time of the election, voted the ballot for the precinct in which the voter resides, and all other applicable criteria were met. A sample of partially accepted provisional ballots was also reviewed to confirm that a voter was registered to vote at the time of the election, did not vote the ballot for the precinct in which the voter resides, and all other applicable criteria were met. Staff also reviewed a sample of rejected provisional ballots to confirm that the voter was not registered to vote at the time of the election or the voter's ballot was rejected for another valid reason. **Katherine Berry** that all of the numbers matched.

**Katherine Berry** explained that all ballot images from election day and canvasses through May 4, 2020 were sent to a third-party for re-tabulation. The vendor produces reports comparing precinct-level results from voting system against the precinct-level results from the re-tabulation, and these reports show any differences between the two sets of results. **Katherine Berry** showed the reports and confirmed that any differences between the two sets of results were less than 0.5%, the threshold for additional auditing.

#### **CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS**

**Katherine Berry** explained that the post-election verifications and audits had no discrepancies and presented the Board of Canvassers with the election results. The Board of Canvassers reviewed the election results.

**Katherine Berry** presented the canvass sheets to the Board of Canvassers. The Board agreed to allow the President and Secretary to come in on Monday, June 15, 2020 to sign the canvass sheets.

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### **NEXT BOARD OF CANVASSERS' MEETING**

No additional ballots were received, the Board of Canvassers will not convene before the next meeting of local board of elections. The next meeting is scheduled for **Friday, June 12, 2020** at **12:05PM** at **300 South Center Street, Westminster, Maryland.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at **12:00PM** on **Friday, June 12, 2020.**