

Carroll County Board of Canvassers
300 S Center St. Westminster, MD 21157

Date: June 10, 2020
Combined Provisional & Absentee Canvass
Minutes – Day 8

Vote by Mail Daily Canvass Minutes

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
Chelsie Watson	Data Application Specialist

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began at **10:00AM** on **Wednesday, June 10, 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, administered and recorded the oath of each member of the Board of Canvassers on **May 6, 2020**.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS

At its meeting on 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 noted that the public notice of the provisional canvass was provided and that the notice was provided by Katherine Berry via the website, an email notification to all central committees and parties, social media accounts and the State Board of Elections in the form of a memorandum.

VERIFICATION OF OPTICAL SCAN VOTING UNIT(S)

Katherine Berry presented documents to the Board of Canvassers showing that the ballot scanner(s) being used in the canvass successfully passed Logic and Accuracy Testing on May 4, 2020. Katherine Berry reported that the memory devices created for this canvass were placed in the ballot scanners and sealed. Katherine Berry provided the Board of Canvassers with the results from the Logic and Accuracy Testing. Katherine Berry noted the following information from Logic and Accuracy Testing documentation for each ballot scanner being used in the canvass:

Ballot Scanner Serial Numbers	Seal Numbers
DS0315330445	1186366
DS0315330600	1186354
DS0315330359	1186360

Eduardo DeLima and Kimberly Jones verified that the seals on the ballot scanners were intact, and recorded the ballot scanner's serial numbers and seal numbers.

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Eduardo DeLima and Kimberly Jones noted that the ballot scanner's serial numbers and seal numbers from Logic and Accuracy Testing matched the ballot scanner's serial numbers and seal numbers before the canvass began.

The Board of Canvassers confirmed that the counts on the ballot scanners were zero. The Board of Canvassers posted one copy of the Zero Report from the ballot scanners on the document overhead for public viewing. Eduardo DeLima and Kimberly Jones printed a second copy of the Zero Report, which remained attached to the ballot scanners. The Board of Canvassers signed the Zero Report attached to the ballot scanner. The Board of Canvassers also confirmed that the ballot boxes were empty.

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 that each provisional ballot application was reviewed prior to canvassing to determine the voter's eligibility to vote in this election and the voter's correct ballot style. At this canvass, the provisional ballot applications will be presented to the Board of Canvassers with a recommendation. The recommendations will be to:

1. Accept provisional ballot application in full – recommend counting all votes cast on the provisional ballot.
2. Accept provisional ballot application in part – recommend counting some but not all votes cast on the provisional ballot. This is because the voter voted in the wrong precinct.
3. Reject provisional ballot application – recommend not counting the provisional ballot.

The Board of Canvassers will vote to accept in full, accept in part, or reject the provisional ballots. The provisional ballots for which the Board voted to accept in full or accept in part are distributed to the bi-partisan ballot processing teams to open and review the ballots. The "accepted in full" ballots are scanned into the ballot scanner, and the "accepted in part" ballots are referred to a duplicating team. The duplicating team will copy onto the voter's correct ballot style the votes for the contests for which the provisional voter is eligible to vote.

Katherine Berry explained that absentee ballots are distributed to the ballot processing teams in batches. Each team reviews the envelope first to determine whether it was timely received. For timely received ballots, each team determines whether the voter signed the oath. After verifying that the oath is signed, each team opens the envelopes. With the envelope face down, each team removes the ballot, taking care that the envelope stays face down. After removing all of the ballots in the batch, the ballot envelopes are set aside. Each team reviews the ballots for compliance and tabulating acceptability.

Those timely ballots that are in compliance and can be read by the ballot scanner are referred to the Board of Canvassers for acceptance. All other ballots are held by **Katherine Berry** for the Board of Canvassers to review as a group.

The Board of Canvassers rules on whether to accept or unanimously reject the referred ballots. **Katherine Berry** explained the process to provide information to the Board of Canvassers or challenge a decision of the Board.

Canvass Participants

The members of the ballot processing, duplicating, and ballot scanner operating teams are listed.

Team	Names of Bi-Partisan Ballot Processing Team Members
Team #1	Griffith Manahan, Samuel Foster
Team #2	Harvey Tegeler, Laura O'Callaghan
Team #3	Kimberly Jones, Eduardo DeLima

Canvassing of Provisional Ballots

Katherine Berry reported that 51 provisional ballots were cast. To preserve the secrecy of the ballot for this canvasses, Katherine Berry explained that five absentee ballots of each ballot style were held back for this provisional canvass and will be counted with the provisional ballots. 51 provisional ballots, 25 absentee ballots and 8 mail in ballots from the June 9th canvass were presented for canvassing during this part of this canvass.

Griffith Manahan made a motion to begin presenting provisional ballot applications. Samuel Foster seconded the motion, and the motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

1. Katherine Berry presented 26 provisional ballots with the recommendation to accept them in full. The recommendation was based on the fact that staff had confirmed that each provisional application was submitted by a registered voter and was cast in the correct precinct where that voter currently resides. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and accept and count the provisional ballots in full.
2. Katherine Berry presented 7 provisional ballots with the recommendation to accept them in part. The recommendation was based on the fact that staff had confirmed that each provisional application was submitted by a registered voter and the provisional ballot was cast in the wrong precinct. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation, and the ballots were referred to the duplicating team.
3. Katherine Berry presented 3 provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the applicant returned a voted absentee ballot or already voted. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballot(s).
4. Katherine Berry presented 12 provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the applicant voted the wrong primary ballot. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballot(s).
5. Katherine Berry presented 2 provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the voter failed to sign the provisional ballot application. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballot(s).
6. Katherine Berry presented 1 provisional ballot with the recommendation to reject because the applicant was not eligible to receive a provisional ballot. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballot(s).

Canvassing of Absentee Ballots

The Katherine Berry distributed to canvassing teams the absentee ballots reserved for this canvass to preserve the secrecy of the provisional ballots and other absentee ballots to review

for timeliness and signatures. The **Katherine Berry** presented **27** absentee ballots with the recommendation to accept the absentee ballots. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and voted to accept the ballot(s). The **Katherine Berry** presented **6** absentee ballots with the recommendation to reject. The Board of Canvassers ruled on whether to accept or reject the referred ballots. Please see **Appendix-A** for detailed information of ballot decision results.

Printing Canvass Results

After scanning all accepted in full and accepted in part provisional ballots and all accepted absentee ballots, **Eduardo DeLima** locked the ballot scanner(s) and printed a Voting Results Report. The Board of Canvassers confirmed that the number of accepted in full and accepted in part provisional ballots and accepted absentee ballots equaled the number of ballots counted by the ballot scanner(s). The Board of Canvassers signed the Voting Results Report and posted a second copy of the report on the door to the entrance of the canvass room.

RELEASE OF UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

Griffith Manahan announced the results from the combined provisional and absentee canvass. **Griffith Manahan** announced the following statistics from the combined provisional and absentee canvass:

Provisional Canvass Statistics – Day 8	Number of Ballots
Total Ballots Presented in Provisional Part of Canvass	84
Total Provisional Ballots Presented	51*
Total Absentee Ballots Presented	33
Total Accepted Ballots	60
Accepted in Full Provisional Ballots	26
Accepted in Part Provisional Ballots	7
Accepted Absentee Ballots	27
Total Rejected Ballots	24
Rejected Provisional Ballots	18
Rejected Absentee Ballots	6

Absentee Canvass Statistics	Number of Ballots
Absentee Ballots Presented in Absentee Part of Canvass	33
Absentee Ballots Accepted	27
Rejected Absentee Ballots	6

*There are three absentee ballots that were entered as provisional ballots because of double voting. MDVOTERS has 54 provisional ballots but only 51 provisional ballots were issued at the vote centers.

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Katherine Berry announced that provisional voters can find out if their provisional ballots were counted and if not, the reason why it was not counted by visiting the State Board of Elections' website or by calling the State Board at 1-800-222-8683.

NEXT BOARD OF CANVASSERS' MEETING

The Board of Canvassers will meet on **Friday, June 12, 2020 at 10:00AM** to canvass all remaining ballots.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06AM (Motion – Sam, 2nd Harvey, Vote: 5 to 0).