

Montgomery County Board of Canvassers
18753 North Frederick Avenue
Suite 210
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20879-3124

2nd Absentee Canvass Minutes for 2010 Primary Election

Board of Canvassers: Mr. Jerrold S. Garson
Mr. John J. Sullivan
Ms. Nancy H. Dacek
Ms. Nahid Khozeimeh
Ms. Rosalyn Woodward Pelles
Mrs. Lucia Nazarian
Ms. Mary H. Kiraly

LBE/Supervisory Staff: Sara Harris, Bobbie Payne, Michelle Gonda and Kevin Karpinski were present.

LBE/temporary Staff: Catherine Habel, Genie Deausen, Melissa Mudd and Jeff Harkawik.

Scanning room: Margaret Jurgensen, Shafiq Satterfield, Stella Gonda, Susan Campbell and Brenda White.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 24, 2010 at the Board of Elections, 18753 North Frederick Avenue, Suite 210, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20879-3124. 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. The canvass participants were:

Ansong, Akua
Campbell, Samantha
Cunningham, Donna
Dearborn, Jason
Deausen, Carmelo
Dubrey, Jayna
Hendrickson, Tegan
Kebede, Henok
McNally, Edward
Merino, Lisa
Owens, Daphne
Thompson, Heather

PUBLIC OBSERVERS

None.

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CONFIRMATION OF OATH

Prior to the commencement of the canvass, Loretta E. Knight, the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, administered and recorded the oath of each member of the Board of Canvassers. Substitute members of the Board of Elections and the Board Attorney were also sworn-in.

ELECTION/ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS

Jerrold S. Garson was elected to serve as the Chairman of the Board of Canvassers. Nancy H. Dacek was elected to serve as the Secretary for the Board of Canvassers. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS

Public notice of the first absentee canvass was provided by a media release, it was posted on the Montgomery County Board of Elections' website and was mailed to candidates.

VERIFICATION OF OPTICAL SCAN VOTING UNITS

The optical scan voting units being used in the canvass successfully passed Logic & Accuracy testing. Set forth below is the Logic & Accuracy testing documentation for each optical scan voting unit used in the canvass:

Voting Unit Serial Number(s)	Seal Number(s)
87649	16-038322
87667	16-038323
87695	16-038324
87651	16-041254

The optical scan voting unit's serial number and seal number are set forth below:

Voting Unit Serial Number(s)	Seal Number(s)
87649	16-046459
87667	16-040827
87695	16-040828
87651	16-038296

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CANVASSING

Overview of Canvass Process

Sara Harris 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. Ballots were distributed to the ballot processing teams in batches. Each team reviewed the envelope first to determine whether it was timely received.

For timely received ballots, each team determined whether the voter signed the oath. After verifying that the oath was signed, each team opened the envelopes. With the envelope face down, each team removed the ballot, ensuring that the envelope stayed face down. After removing all of the ballots in the batch, the ballot envelopes were set aside. Each team reviewed the ballots for compliance and tabulating acceptability. Those timely ballots that were in compliance and could be read by the voting unit were referred to the Board of Canvassers for acceptance.

Canvassing of Absentee Ballots

In order to preserve the secrecy of the ballot for the remaining canvasses, five ballots of each ballot style were held back for the provisional canvass, and five ballots of each ballot style were held back for the second absentee canvass.

Printing Canvass Results

After scanning all accepted absentee ballots, staff locked the voting unit(s) and printed an Election Results Report. The Board of Canvassers confirmed that the number of accepted ballots equaled the number of ballots counted by the optical scan voting unit(s). The Board of Canvassers signed the Election Results Report and posted a second copy of the report outside the canvass room.

RELEASE OF UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

Absentee Statistics	Number of Ballots
Total Absentee Ballots Presented at 2 nd Absentee Canvass	374
Accepted Ballots [<i>Note to LBEs: should match public counter</i>]	292
Rejected Ballots	82

All rejected absentee ballots are included in the second absentee canvass.

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NEXT BOARD OF CANVASSERS' MEETING

The Board of Canvassers adjourned the canvass.

APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie M. Roher

Marjorie M. Roher
Management & Budget Specialist III

APPROVED BY THE BOARD:

Jerrold S. Garson
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