

1st Absentee Canvass Minutes for 2010 General 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 Thursday, November 4, 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. A list of the canvass participants is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

PUBLIC OBSERVERS

A list of the public observers is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

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.

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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	16-046441
87667	16-046442
87695	16-046443
87651	16-046444

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

Voting Unit Serial Number(s)	Seal Number(s)
87649	16-046465
87667	16-046466
87695	16-046467
87651	16-046468

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 are 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 care that the envelope stayed face down. After removing all of the ballots in the batch, the ballot envelopes were set aside. Each team reviewed

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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.

Email Ballots and Duplication

Montgomery County received 3,910 requests for email ballots. 2,250 email ballots were returned and required duplication. Accordingly, the first absentee canvass lasted several days longer than normal because staff was required to duplicate approximately 4,500 documents. In order to ensure that the duplication was done correctly, the Board of Canvassers reviewed a substantial number of the duplicated ballots and the canvass teams were utilized to double check the duplication for accuracy in instances where the ballots were not otherwise reviewed by the Board of Canvassers.

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 1st Absentee Canvass	18,006
Accepted Ballots [Note to LBEs: should match public counter]	18,006
Rejected Ballots	0

All rejected ballots are included in the second absentee canvass.

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NEXT BOARD OF CANVASSERS' MEETING

The Board of Canvassers met on November 10, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. to canvass provisional ballots.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie M. Roher

Management & Budget Specialist III

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APPROVED BY THE BOARD:

Jerrold S. Garson

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