

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

Provisional Canvass Minutes for the 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 Wednesday, November 10, 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.

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 on the same day.

ELECTION/ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS

The Board of Canvassers elected Jerrold S. Garson as Chairman of the Board of Canvassers and Nancy H. Dacek as Secretary. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS

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

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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	16-046465
87667	16-046466
87695	16-046467
87651	16-046468

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

Voting Unit Serial Number(s)	Seal Number(s)
87649	16-046493
87667	16-046494
87695	16-046495
87651	16-046496

CANVASSING

Overview of Canvass Process

Sara Harris explained the rules concerning public observation of the canvass and provided an overview of the canvassing process. Sara Harris explained that each provisional ballot application was reviewed prior to it being canvassed to determine the voter's eligibility to vote in this election. At this canvass, the provisional ballot applications will be presented to the Board of Canvassers with a recommendation. The recommendations were:

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 was done because the voter voted an incorrect ballot style.

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3. Reject provisional ballot application – recommend not counting the provisional ballot.

The Board of Canvassers voted 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 were distributed to the bi-partisan ballot processing teams to open and review the ballots. The “accepted in full” ballots were scanned into the voting unit, and the “accepted in part” ballots were referred to a duplicating team. The duplicating team copied onto the voter’s correct ballot style the votes for the contests for which the provisional voter is eligible to vote.

Sara Harris 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 optical scan operating teams are listed below.

Names of Bi-Partisan Ballot Processing Members	
	Tegan L. Hendrickson
	Cheryl J. Sharpe
	Vicki L. Crabtree
	Donna Cunningham
	Heather Thompson
	Roxanna Calvo
	Marsheela Wells
	Kevin Borsody
	Janet Ross
	Lois Bell
	Brian McKeivitt
	Kenny Tippet
	Mackenzie Milo
	Jayna Dubrey
	Pam Randall
	Akua Ansong
	Kim Mitchell
	Joseph Kirkbride
	Bobby Anderson
	Melissa Mudd
	Ed McNally
	Lisa Merino

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	Henok Kebeda
	Carmelo Deausen
	Catherine Habel
	Jason Dearborn
	Nathan Robinson
	Hillary Thomas
	Bobby Anderson

Canvassing of Provisional Ballots

6,887 provisional ballots were cast.

Public Observers

There were no public observers.

Results:

1. There were 5,163 provisional ballots with a recommendation to accept 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 otherwise eligible to vote. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and accept and count the provisional ballots in full.
2. There were 1,160 provisional ballots with a recommendation to accept in part. The recommendation was based on the fact that staff had confirmed that each provisional application was submitted by a registered voter but it was not the correct provisional ballot.
3. There were 502 provisional ballots with a recommendation to reject because staff could not confirm that the applicant was a registered voter. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballot(s).
4. There were 15 provisional ballots with a 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).
5. There were 33 provisional ballots with a 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. There were 7 provisional ballots with a 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).
7. There were 5 provisional ballots with a recommendation to reject because the applicant did not provide identification or personal identification information in time. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballot(s).

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8. There were 5 provisional ballots with a recommendation to reject because the applicant provided his or her driver's license or social security number but the number was not verified. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballot(s).
9. There was 1 provisional ballot with a recommendation to reject because the applicant provided identification but the identification provided did not satisfy the requirements. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballot(s).

Printing Canvass Results

After scanning all accepted in full and accepted in part provisional ballots, staff locked the voting unit and printed an Election Results Report. The Board of Canvassers confirmed that the number of accepted in full and accepted in part 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.

RELEASE OF UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

Provisional Statistics	Number of Ballots
Accepted in Full Ballots	5,163
Accepted in Part Ballots	1,160
Total Ballots Counted [<i>Note to LBEs: should match public counter</i>]	6,323
Rejected Ballots	502

ADJOURNMENT

The canvass was adjourned upon the tabulation of the provisional results. The results were posted outside the canvass room.

APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie M. Roher

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Management & Budget Specialist III

APPROVED BY THE BOARD:

Jerrold S. Garson/mrk

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