

Friday, July 20, 2018 – Saturday, July 21, 2018

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MEETING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS
18753 North Frederick Avenue, Lower Level, Gaithersburg, Maryland

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Jim Shalleck, President
Nahid Khozeimeh, Vice President
Mary Ann Keeffe, Secretary
David Naimon
Jacqueline Phillips
Alan Banov

Board Counsel:

Kevin Karpinski

Recount Director:

Margaret Jurgensen, Election Director

Board Recorder:

Barbara Payne

Recount Staff:

Richard Amo
Erika Armstrong
Ayompe Ayompe
Urika Battle
Lois Bell
Jody Benjamin
Elsi Bonilla
Don Bosse
Lorena Breach
Darlington Brima
Janet Brobst
Lorrie Brown
Pamela Buckhanon
Linda Caro
John Chapman
Aarti Chumble
Sean Confrey
Donna Cunningham

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Jennifer Dailey
Reiva Dausener
Joanna Damiano
Karen Davis
Danielle Dean
Bob Dorsey
Laletta Dorsey
Julia Douglass
Bob Eckrich
Frederick Filberg
Gordon Filberg
Marney Finkle
Ingrid Flores
Tim Gartrell
Bryan Geyer
Michelle Gonda
Mary Beth Habel
Deborah Hamer
Joice Hourihan
Rodney Hudson
Aida Hulen
Greg Humes
Andre Johnson
Jessica Jones
Lisa Jones
Zeba Khalid
Justin Kolani
Mary Kolb
Kadiatu Konteh-Brohiri
Michael Lohmann
Kecia Lopes
Lorenza McCann
Ralph McCrea
Alysoun McLaughlin
Lisa Merino
Ruel Michelin
Aishah Mills-Pherigo
Alex Mobin
Lois Neuman
Amy Nisonger
Deniz Odgers
Phil Olivetti
Eric Olsen
Rose Page
Perry Peckham
Ethmahn Pena
Judy Penny
Vinnie Perrone

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Tia Prince
Jerry Quarshie
Amy Reams
Victor Robbins
Donna Robinson
Maria Rodriguez
Marjorie Roher
Janet Ross
Christine Rzeszut
Pat Sellner
Syed Shafiq
Kristin Slagle
Kara Springer
Nina Uzick
William Wall
Louise Warner
Jessica White
Ryan White
Jared Wisor
Eugene Wright
Gilberto Zelaya

Observers:

Michael Berkowitz
Jim Brochin
Chet Carey
Geoff Carey
Grant Carey
Susan Carey
Jack Daggitt
Joanna Diamond
Mary Jo Deering
Michael DeLong
Michael DeSantis
Eden Durbin
Buffi Ells
Robert Ferraro
Jodi Finkelstein
Asousa Francis
Wendy Frosh
Lynn Garland
Michelle Hainbach
Eric Hensel
Dick Israel
Arn Jacobsen
Philip Keisler
Emily Larsen

Michelle Levit
Roman Levit
Dara Lindenbaum
Larry London
Lisa London
Mar Luzeru
Ann Marso
Elia Martin
Jane Merkin
Guy Mickley
Mark Nardone
Anand Paul
Esther Paul
Carol Preston
Robert Rizzi
Trip Rothschild
Marc Sandalow
Marcie Sandalow
Jeremy Schwartz
Allan Shedlon
Beth Sherman
Jared Solomon
Debbie Spielberg
John Speir
Sam Statland
Ryan Stec
David Stein
Sue Stolov
Michael Subin
Wendy Tal
Sondjya Taneja
Dale Tibbitts
Alicia Vargas
Nadijah Williams
Jonathan Wu
Pam Yusko

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Convene the Board of Canvassers and Declare a Quorum Present

Mr. Shalleck called the Board of Canvassers to order and declared a quorum present at 9:00 a.m. He stated that the purpose of the meeting was to conduct a manual recount of votes in the Democratic Party contest for House of Delegates in the 16th Legislative District in the 2018 gubernatorial primary election.

Ms. Jurgensen explained the procedures and rules of conduct to be followed for the recount. She noted that the rules of conduct were also posted in the room.

Manual Recount of Votes in the Democratic Contest for House of Delegates, Legislative District 16

The recount was conducted by sixteen teams of four individuals appointed by the Election Director, each of whom was an employee of the Montgomery County Board of Elections. Each team consisted of four members: a caller, a watcher, and two tally clerks.

Only ballots containing the Democratic Party contest for House of Delegates in Legislative District 16 were presented to the teams for recount. Ballots were presented to each team in presorted batches of up to 50, which had been paperclipped into stacks of up to ten.

Teams reviewed one stack of up to ten ballots at a time and counted the votes for each candidate. The watcher handed ballots, one by one, to the caller. The caller and watcher together reviewed each ballot to verify that there were no more than three votes marked in the contest for House of Delegates in Legislative District 16. Ballots with apparent overvotes and/or any question of voter intent were placed in a referral folder and delivered to the Board for immediate consideration. The Board Recorder maintained a log of each decision, which was also noted by Board Counsel on the referral folder, which was returned to the recount team for counting.

Each time the caller read the name of a candidate, the tally clerks made a tick mark for that candidate on an individual tally worksheet. After each stack of ten ballots, the tally clerks verified their tallies with each other. The tally of votes for each candidate in each stack of 10 and the total tally of votes for each candidate in each batch of 50 were also recorded on a team worksheet. The individual worksheets were retained with each batch and the team worksheet was provided to a data entry team for recording and public display.

For each ballot that was duplicated during the absentee or provisional canvass, teams reviewed both the duplicated ballot and the original ballot to ensure that the selections on the original ballot matched the selections on the duplicated ballot. Ballots with any apparent discrepancy and/or question of voter intent were placed in a referral folder and delivered to the Board for immediate consideration. The Board Recorder maintained a log of each decision, which was also noted by Board Counsel on the referral folder, which was returned to the recount team for counting.

Additional staff were responsible for duties including distributing ballots to the teams, facilitating referral, ensuring that tally sheets were completed properly and that batches were reassembled properly, returning batches to the bins, returning them to secure storage, and entering data onto a spreadsheet which projected onto a screen for public viewing.

Recess and Reconvene the Board of Canvassers Meeting

Mr. Shalleck recessed the meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, July 20, and reconvened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 21 to continue the recount. Changes in team member personnel on the second day of the recount were indicated on the Recount Assignment Sheet and observer log, copies of which are attached.

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Release of Unofficial Results

Unofficial results for the recount were displayed in a spreadsheet projected onto a screen and released on the Board website as follows:

Candidate	Initial Certified Result	Unofficial Recount	Difference
Jordan Cooper	3,613	3,613	-0-
Nuchhi Currier	2,130	2,131	+1
Joseph Aloysius Hennessey	1,184	1,183	-1
Ariana Kelly	12,189	12,197	+8
Marc Korman	13,593	13,598	+5
Marc Lande	563	563	-0-
Sara Love	11,294	11,299	+5
Samir Paul	11,286	11,287	+1

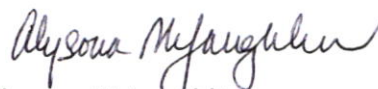
Appreciation of Staff

Mr. Shalleck expressed his gratitude to the Election Director, Margaret Jurgensen, and to the staff for the quality of the work performed during the recount. Mr. Subin echoed his sentiments on behalf of County Executive Ike Leggett.

Adjournment

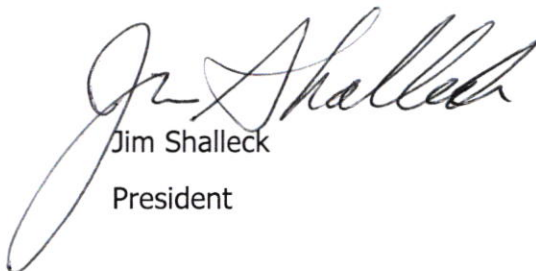
A motion was made to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Alysoun McLaughlin
Deputy Election Director

APPROVED BY THE BOARD:



Jim Shalleck
President