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Monday, July 23, 2018

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  
Daneen Banks (Prince George's County)  
Urika Battle  
Lois Bell  
Jody Benjamin  
Katie Berry (Carroll County)  
Lorena Breach  
Darlington Brima  
Janet Brobst  
Elsi Bonilla  
Lorrie Brown  
Linda Caro  
John Chapman  
Aarti Chumble  
Sean Confrey  
Donna Cunningham  
Reiva Dausener

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- Carl Daley (Frederick County)
- Jennifer Dailey
- Joanna Damiano
- Karen Davis
- Danielle Dean
- Eduardo DeLima (Carroll County)
- Adrienne Denne (Howard County)
- Bob Dorsey
- Laletta Dorsey
- Julia Douglass
- Bob Eckrich
- Monica Fields (Howard County)
- Frederick Filberg
- Gordon Filberg
- Marney Finkle
- Tim Gartrell
- Bryan Geyer
- Michelle Gonda
- Mary Beth Habel
- Larry Halloran
- Deborah Hamer
- Stuart Harvey (Frederick County)
- Joice Hourihan
- Rodney Hudson
- Aida Hulen
- Greg Humes
- Barry Jackson (Washington County)
- Andre Johnson
- Lisa Jones
- Zeba Khalid
- Mary Kolb
- Kadiatu Konteh-Brohiri
- Michael Lohmann
- Kecia Lopes
- Jennifer Maschal-Lorms
- 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

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Judy Penny  
Vinnie Perrone  
Tia Prince  
Jerry Quarshie  
Amy Reams  
Maria Rodriguez  
Marjorie Roher  
Janet Ross  
Christine Rzeszut  
Syed Shafiq  
Kristin Slagle  
Kara Springer  
Paula Troxell (Carroll County)  
Nina Uzick  
William Wall  
March Welch (Frederick County)  
Jessica White  
Ryan White  
Zsaime Williams (Howard County)  
Jared Wisor  
Eugene Wright  
Gilberto Zelaya

Observers:

Sarah Elamy  
Tony Avirgan  
Nancy Avitable  
Joseph Brashear  
Jean Cavanaugh  
Mark Cohen  
Frank Demarcus  
Christine Drummond  
Laura Van Etton  
Gabrielle Ferraro  
Robert Ferraro  
Joanna Ficklin  
Edward Fishman  
Giordano Fonsera  
Hal Ginsberg  
Shennekia Grimshaw  
Joseph Grunwald  
Tony Hausher  
Eric Hensel  
Marc Hoffman  
Allison Hoy  
Claire Iseli  
Cheryl Kagan

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Dolly Kildee  
Emily Koo  
Andy Levy  
Caren Madsen  
M. Meszarus  
Abbe Milstein  
Mark Nardone  
Annie O'Connell  
Scott Palmer  
Stu Philipp  
Harriett Quinn  
Bethany Rodgers  
James Sober  
Debbie Spielburg  
Sam Statland  
Laura Stewart  
Sue Stolov  
Brian Svobodor  
John Trevithick  
Dale Tibbitts  
Elinor Walker  
Tiffany Ward  
Meredith Wellington  
Monica Wolfe  
Sabrine Wood

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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 County Executive 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 County Executive**

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 for the following precincts were presented to the teams for recount as requested in the petition for recount: (1) Absentee 1; (2) Absentee 2; (3) All provisional ballots; (4) Precinct 02-06; (5) Early Voting Center EV-10. 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 overvotes. 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 was projected onto a screen for public viewing.

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**Release of Unofficial Results**

The following modifications to the election results were posted on the Board's website:

Candidate	Initial Certified Result	Unofficial Recount	Difference
Roger Berliner	16,712	16,710	-2
David Blair	37,450	37,455	+5
Marc Elrich	37,529	37,532	+3
Bill Frick	4,687	4,687	-0-
Rose Krasnow	19,644	19,644	-0-
George Leventhal	13,317	13,318	+1

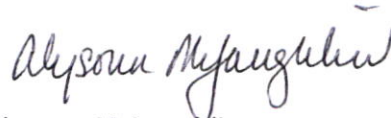
**Appreciation of Staff**

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**

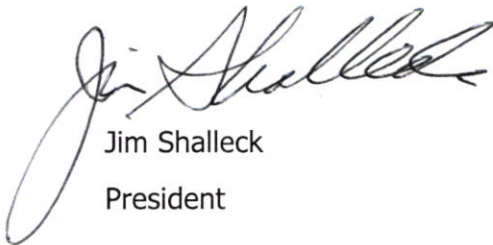
A motion was made to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Alysoun McLaughlin  
Deputy Election Director

APPROVED BY THE BOARD:



Jim Shalleck  
President