

2<sup>nd</sup> Absentee Canvass Minutes for 2018 General Election

#### ATTENDEES:

Board of Canvassers: James Shalleck, Chairperson

Mary Ann Keeffe, Secretary

Nahid Kozeimeh

Alexander Vincent (absent)

David Naimon

Jacqueline Phillips, Substitute Member

Alan Banov, Substitute Member

LBE/Supervisory Staff: Margaret Jurgensen, Election Director

Alysoun McLaughlin, Deputy Election Director

Jessica White, Voter Services Manager Barbara Payne, Program Specialist II

Michelle Gonda, Office Services Coordinator

Board Counsel: Kevin Karpinski, Board Counsel

# **DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT**

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 16, 2018 at the Montgomery County Board of Elections, 18753 North Frederick Ave, Suite 210, Gaithersburg, MD 20879. 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.

#### CANVASS PARTICIPANTS

Alice Wong	Deborah Broken Rope	<b>George Summers</b>	Lauren Proctor	Sam Hogan
Anita Sharma	Delores Lee	Gerald Hurley	Leigh Guiel	Scott Springer
Anne Lafferty	Denise Anderson	James Williamson	Linda Parmelee	Soumaia Amin
Audrey Adamson	Dianne Fontes	Janete Herrera	Marcy Trost	Stephen Rosenberg
Barbara MacNeill	Emily Koo	Jean Simpson	Margaret Carney	Stuart Philipp
Bridget Gleason	Englebert Sedegah	Jill Reese	Mary Gentry	Susan Rittenberg
Carl Eichenwald	Eric Hoffpauir	Julia Biggs	Melody Mowl	Thomas Guiel
Chandler Wiland	Francis Filiatreau	Justin Golden	Ora Johnson	Verna Suit
Clara Kim	Francis Thompson	Karen Blanco	Pat Hodge	Vickie Witkin
Craig Messner	Frank Johnson	karen Copeland	Rakhee Goyal	Yuni Leroy
Dale Ryan	Gary Becker	Kenneth Marshall Jr.	Ralph Lake	Zirong (Mary) Ye
Dawn Kilgore	George O'Hare	Kim Lewis	Richard Jackson	



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#### PUBLIC OBSERVERS

Debra Daniel

Sabrina Dawson

Graham Johnson

Sara Ferrell

Jodi Schulz

Stephen R Weiner

### **CONFIRMATION OF OATH**

Prior to the commencement of the canvass, Barbara H. Meiklejohn, the Clerk of the 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**

James Shalleck was elected to serve as the Chairperson of the Board of Canvassers. Mary Ann Keeffe 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 on October 29, 2018, it was posted on the Montgomery County Board of Elections' website and was mailed to candidates.

### **VERIFICATION OF BALLOT SCANNERS**

Margaret Jurgensen, Election Director, presented documents to the Board of Canvassers showing that the ballot scanners being used in the canvass successfully passed Logic and Accuracy Testing. Margaret Jurgensen reported that the memory cards created for this canvass were placed in the ballot scanners and sealed. Margaret Jurgensen provided the Board of Canvassers with the results from the Logic and Accuracy Testing. Margaret Jurgensen noted the following information from Logic and Accuracy Testing documentation for each ballot scanner being used in the canvass:



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## **Absentee 2 Tamper Taper**

Unit #1 Serial Number: DS8514080142

Day 1		
11/19/2018		
Left Side: 60940855		
Right Side (Top): 16-226831		
Right Side (Middle): 60940854		
Right Side (Bottom): 16-226833		

# **Absentee 2 Tamper Tape**

Unit #2 Serial Number: DS8516080267

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
11/16/2018	11/17/2018	11/18/2018	11/19/2018
Left Side: 60940853	Left Side: 60940851	Left Side: 60940849	Left Side: 60940847
Right Side (Top): 16-226837	Right Side (Top): 16-226837	Right Side (Top): 16-226837	Right Side (Top): 16-226837
Right Side (Middle): 60940852	Right Side (Middle): 60940850	Right Side (Middle): 60940848	Right Side (Middle): 60940846
Right Side (Bottom): 16-226832	Right Side (Bottom): 16-226832	Right Side (Bottom): 16-226832	Right Side (Bottom): 16-226832

# **Absentee 2 Tamper Tape**

Unit #3 Serial Number: DS8514090137

Day 1 11/16/2018	Day 2	Day 3	<b>Day 4</b> 11/19/2018
Left Side: 60940845	Left Side: 60940843	Left Side: 60940841	Left Side: 60940839
Right Side (Top): 16-226864	Right Side (Top):	Right Side (Top):	Right Side (Top):
	16-226864	16-226864	16-226864
Right Side (Middle):	Right Side (Middle):	Right Side (Middle):	Right Side (Middle):
60940844	60940842	60940840	60940838
Right Side (Bottom):	Right Side (Bottom):	Right Side (Bottom):	Right Side (Bottom):
16-226863	16-226863	16-226863	16-226863



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The Board of Canvassers confirmed that the counts on the ballot scanners were zero. The Board of Canvassers posted one copy of the Zero Report from the ballot scanners on the outside door to the Training Room. A second copy of the Zero Report, which remained attached to the ballot scanners, was printed. The Board of Canvassers signed the Zero Report attached to the ballot scanners.

### BALLOT SCANNING PARTICIPANTS

Andre Johnson Joy Ehidiamhen Tim Gartrell Scott Moore (ES&S Observer)

Bryan Geyer Justin Kolani William Wall

Darlington Brima Leo Thompson John Spiers (SBE Observer)
Janet Ross Lisa Jones Corey Heng (ES&S Observer)
Jerry Quarshie Sean Syed Glen Tilley (ES&S Observer)

### **CANVASSING**

## **Overview of Canvass Process**

James Shalleck, President of the Board of Elections and Chair of the Board of Canvassers, provided an introduction to the canvass teams. Margaret Jurgensen, Election Director, explained the rules concerning public observation of the canvass, provided a reminder to the canvass teams of the procedures for processing absentee ballots, and noted that the rules were posted in the canvass room.

### **Printing Canvass Results**

There were 4,278 ballots presented for review by the canvass teams. The canvass teams reviewed the ballots to determine whether they met the requirements of State law and further that the ballots could be tabulated by the scanner. The ballots were thereafter provided to the scanning team. If the canvass team believed that a ballot may need to be rejected, the ballot was referred to the Canvassers for a determination.

After scanning all accepted absentee ballots, staff locked the ballot scanners and printed an Election Results Report. The Board of Canvassers confirmed the number of ballots counted by the ballot scanners. The Board of Canvassers signed the Voting Results Report and posted a second copy of the report outside the canvass room.



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### **RELEASE OF UNOFFICIAL RESULTS**

Absentee 2 Canvass Statistics	Number of Ballots
Total Absentee Ballots Presented at 2 <sup>nd</sup> Absentee Canvass	15,398
Accepted Ballots	14,639
Rejected Ballots	759

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Absentee Canvass Reject Breakdown

Board Action	2	
Identification of DL# or SS# was not timely received	11	
Identifying Mark on Ballot	0	
Late for election	624	
No signature	90	
Voted more than one ballot	32	
Total ABS Rejected Canvass 2	759	

### **NEXT BOARD OF CANVASSERS' MEETING**

On November 26, 2018, the Board of Canvassers met to certify the election results. Ms. Jurgensen provided an overview of the audit results and findings. The Board thereafter unanimously voted to certify the election and to have the Chair and Secretary sign the certification documents.