

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, August 24, 2022**  
**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

**APPROVED**

**Board Members:**

Nahid Khozeimeh, President  
Diane Nash Dillon, Vice President (virtual)  
David A. Naimon, Secretary  
Dr. Elisse W. Barnes (virtual)  
Alexander Vincent (virtual)

**Board Attorney:**

Kevin Karpinski (virtual)

**Staff:**

Alysoun McLaughlin, Acting Director  
Janet Ross, Acting Deputy Director  
Boris Brajkovic, Voter Services Manager  
Michelle Gonda, Vote by Mail Specialist  
Lisa Merino-Dean, Administrative Specialist

Audio video of the meeting may be found on YouTube at the link below: <https://youtu.be/uWnOT19tPdE>

**[00:13] Convene Board Meeting and Declare Quorum Present**

Mrs. Khozeimeh convened the meeting at 4:00pm.

**[00:57] Re-Certify 2022 Primary Gubernatorial Election**

Mr. Naimon moved to accept the results of the manual recount of the ballots for Mr. Marc Elrich and Mr. David Blair in the Democratic primary for County Executive, and to re-certify the 2022 Primary Gubernatorial Election. Ms. Dillon seconded the motion.

Mr. Naimon asked the staff to explain what had changed since the original certification. Mr. Karpinski explained that ballots were manually counted over 4 days by 40-50 teams (80-100 people) for the County Executive race, counting only the votes for Mr. Blair and Mr. Elrich.

Vote totals can change in a manual recount because ballots are reviewed by humans instead of a machine. When voters overvote (select more than one candidate when only one candidate may be nominated), undervote (select no candidate or make marks outside the oval area), the scanner does not count the vote for any candidate in that particular race. In a manual recount, canvass teams refer ballots to the Board when the voter intent is not clear. For example, a voter might select no candidate, but circle a name or put a checkmark next to it. A voter might fill in one oval, cross it out and fill in another. When ballots are referred, Board members review and discuss them to determine voter intent, if possible.

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The manual recount resulted in 10 additional votes for Mr. Blair and 7 for Mr. Elrich. More details about the results are available on the website – [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org).

Board members expressed appreciation to the staff for their excellent work, to their colleagues for working together on the recount, to the candidates and campaigns, and to all others involved.

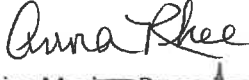
[13:44] The motion was passed unanimously.

**[14:30] Adjournment**

Ms. Dillon moved to adjourn. Dr. Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lisa Merino-Dean (LMD)  
Administrative Specialist II  
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Nahid Khozeimeh,  
Board President