

**Baltimore County Board of Canvassers
106 Bloomsbury Avenue
Catonsville, Maryland 21228**

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July 2, 2014 - Provisional Canvass

ATTENDEES:

Board of Canvassers:	Bruce Harris, President	Democrat
	Leronia Josey, Vice President	Democrat
	Joseph Karey, Secretary	Republican
	Jeanne Turnock, Substitute	Republican
	Timothy Hickman, Substitute	Democrat

Staff:

- Andrew Bailey, Board Counsel
- Katie A. Brown, Director
- Rena' M. Waggoner, Deputy Director
- Denard Allen, Election Office Clerk
- Danna Archie-Williams, Election Supervisor II
- Olaoluwa Bello, Election Data Application Specialist
- Lawrence Cleavenger, Canvasser
- Erin Dechowitz, Canvasser
- Beatrice DePaola, Canvasser
- Glynn Faith, Canvasser
- Warnick Graves, Canvasser
- Tiffany Guthrie, Election Supervisor
- Ruie Marie Lavoie, Administrative Officer
- Joi Matthews, Data Entry Operator
- Diana Moran, Election Supervisor II
- Thomas Moran, Election Supervisor
- John O'Hara, Canvasser
- Roy Smith, Election Office Clerk
- Jeffrey Stevens, Election Information System Specialist
- Nancy Stratton, Administrative Officer II
- Matilda Suesse, Election Office Clerk
- Sandra Turner, Election Data Application Specialist
- Rita Walczyk Evans, Election Data Application Specialist
- John Wales, Election Data Application Specialist

Public:

- Tony Campbell
- Carroll Forrester, Jr.
- Al Friedman
- George Harman
- Jay Jalisi
- Lauren Loricchio
- Marguerite Shipley
- Fatima Smith

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Public, continued: Daniel Young
Pat Young

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began at 10:02 am on Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at the Baltimore County Board of Elections office located in the Bloomsbury Community Center at 106 Bloomsbury Avenue in Catonsville, Maryland. 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

James McCormick, Clerk of the Court for Baltimore County administered and recorded the oath of each member of the Board of Canvassers on June 9, 2014. Substitute members of the Board of Elections were also sworn-in on the same day. Bruce Harris administered and recorded the oath of all Baltimore County Election Staff on June 26, 2014 and July 2, 2014.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS

At its meeting on June 26, 2014, the Board of Canvassers elected Bruce Harris as Chairman of the Board of Canvassers and Joseph Karey as Secretary.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS

Katie Brown noted that the public notice of the Provisional Canvass was provided and that the notice was provided by posting in the lobby of the office of the Board of Elections and posted on the election website.

VERIFICATION OF OPTICAL SCAN VOTING UNIT(S)

Katie Brown presented documents to the Board of Canvassers showing that the optical scan voting units being used in the canvass successfully passed Logic and Accuracy Testing on June 9, 2014 and June 10, 2014. Jeffrey Stevens reported that the memory cards created for this canvass were placed in the optical scan voting units and sealed. Jeffrey Stevens provided the Board of Canvassers with the results from the Logic and Accuracy Testing. Ruie Lavoie noted the following information from Logic and Accuracy Testing documentation for each optical scan voting unit being used in the canvass:

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Optical Scan Voting Unit Serial Numbers	Seal Numbers	Tamper Tape Numbers
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Ruie Lavoie verified the seals on the optical scan voting units were intact, and recorded the optical scan voting units' serial numbers and seal numbers.

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Ruie Lavoie noted that the voting units' serial numbers and seal numbers from Logic and Accuracy Testing matched the voting units' serial numbers and seal numbers before the canvass began.

The Board of Canvassers confirmed that the count(s) on the voting units were zero. The Board of Canvassers posted one copy of the Zero Report from the voting units on the wall by the entrance of the room where canvassing occurred. Jeffrey Stevens printed a second copy of the Zero Report, which remained attached to the voting units. The Board of Canvassers signed the Zero Report attached to the voting unit. The Board of Canvassers also confirmed that the ballot boxes were empty.

CANVASSING

Overview of Canvass Process

Katie Brown explained the rules concerning public observation of the canvass and provided an overview of the canvassing process.

Katie Brown explained that each provisional ballot application was reviewed prior to canvassing to determine the voter's eligibility to vote in this election and the voter's correct ballot style. At this canvass, the provisional ballot applications will be presented to the Board of Canvassers with a recommendation. The recommendations will be to:

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 is because the voter voted in the wrong precinct.
3. Reject provisional ballot application – recommend not counting the provisional ballot.

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

Katie Brown explained that absentee ballots are distributed to the ballot processing teams in batches. Each team reviews the envelope first to determine whether it was timely received. For timely received ballots, each team opens the flap on the envelope and determines whether the voter signed the oath. After verifying that the oath is signed, each team opens the envelopes. With the envelope face down, each team removes the ballot, taking care that the envelope stays face down. After removing all of the ballots in the batch, the ballot envelopes are set aside. Each team reviews the ballots for compliance and tabulating acceptability. Those timely ballots that are in compliance and can be read by the voting unit are referred to the Board of Canvassers for acceptance.

All other ballots are placed in a plain envelope, with the team number, or other information identifying the group or unit to which the ballot belongs, and the reason(s) for the referral to the Board of Canvassers written on the envelope. The envelope with the ballots inside is referred to the Board of Canvassers.

The Board of Canvassers rules on whether to accept or unanimously reject the referred ballots. Katie Brown 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.

Team	Names of Bi-Partisan Ballot Processing Team Members
Team #1	Glynn Faith (Democrat) and Beatrice DePaola (Republican)
Team #2	Charleen Tooten (Democrat) and Larry Cleavenger (Republican)
Team #3	Thomas Moran (Democrat) and John O'Hara (Republican)
Team #4	Erin Dechowicz (Democrat) and Warnick Graves (Republican)

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Team	Names of Bi-Partisan Duplicating Team Members
Team #1	Timothy Hickman (Democrat) and Rita Walczyk Evans (Republican)
Team #2	Nancy Stratton (Democrat) and Tiffaney Guthrie (Republican)
Team #3	Leronia Josey (Democrat) and Jeanne Turnock (Republican)
Team #4	Sandra Turner (Democrat) and Joi Matthews (Republican)
Team # 5	Erin Dechowitz (Democrat) and Warnick Graves (Republican)
Team #6	Mathilda Suesse (Democrat) and Olaoluwa Bello (Unaffiliated)
Team # 7	John Wales (Unaffiliated) and Diana Moran (Republican)

Team	Names of Optical Scan Operating Team Members
Team #1	Roy Smith (Republican) and Andrew Bailey (Democrat)

Canvassing of Absentee Ballots

Diana Moran distributed the absentee ballots to canvassing teams to review for timeliness and signatures. Diana Moran presented 257 absentee ballots with the recommendation to accept the absentee ballots. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and voted to accept the ballots. There was one envelope containing a specimen ballot. The Board unanimously voted to reject the absentee ballot.

Canvassing of Provisional Ballots

Katie Brown reported that provisional ballots were cast. To preserve the secrecy of the ballot for this canvasses, Katie Brown explained that five absentee ballots of each ballot style were held back for this provisional canvass and will be counted with the provisional ballots. 2,215 provisional ballots and 257 absentee ballots were presented for canvassing at this canvass.

Leronia Josey made a motion to begin presenting provisional ballot applications. Joseph Karey seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

1. Danna Archie-Williams presented 611 provisional ballots with the recommendation to accept them 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 cast in the correct precinct where that voter currently resides. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and accept and count the provisional ballots in full.
2. Lenice Austin presented 331 provisional ballots with the recommendation to accept them in part. The recommendation was based on the fact that staff had confirmed that each provisional application was submitted by a registered voter and the

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- provisional ballot was cast in the wrong precinct. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation, and the ballots were referred to the duplicating teams.
3. Danna Archie-Williams presented 38 provisional ballots with the 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 ballots.
 4. Danna Archie-Williams presented 34 provisional ballots with the 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 ballots.
 5. Danna Archie-Williams presented 83 provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the applicant voted the wrong primary ballot. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballots.
 6. Danna Archie-Williams presented 5 provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the voter failed to sign the provisional ballot application. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballots.
 7. Danna Archie-Williams presented 1075 provisional ballots with the 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 ballots.
 8. Danna Archie-Williams presented 2 provisional ballots with the 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 ballots.
 9. Danna Archie-Williams presented 25 provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the applicant provided incomplete information on the provisional ballot application. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballots.
 10. Danna Archie-Williams presented 2 provisional ballots with the 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 ballots.
 11. Danna Archie-Williams presented 8 provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because there was no provisional ballot in the envelope. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballots.
 12. Danna Archie-Williams presented 1 provisional ballot with the recommendation to reject because the applicant was underage and not eligible to vote. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballots.
 13. The canvassing teams presented 1 absentee ballot with the recommendation to reject because the ballots had an identifying mark. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballot.

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Printing Canvass Results

After scanning all accepted in full and accepted in part provisional ballots and all accepted absentee ballots, Jeffrey Stevens 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 provisional ballots and accepted absentee ballots equaled the number of ballots counted by the optical scan voting units.

The Board of Canvassers signed the Election Results Report and posted a second copy of the report on wall by the entrance to the canvassing room located at the office of the Baltimore County Board of Elections.

RELEASE OF UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

Bruce Harris announced the results from the provisional canvass. Bruce Harris announced the following statistics from the provisional canvass:

Provisional Canvass Statistics	Number of Ballots
Total Ballots Presented at Provisional Canvass	2472
Total Provisional Ballots Presented	2215
Total Absentee Ballots Presented	257
Total Accepted Ballots	1198
Accepted in Full Provisional Ballots	611
Accepted in Part Provisional Ballots	331
Accepted Absentee Ballots	256
Total Rejected Ballots	1274
Rejected Provisional Ballots	1273
Rejected Absentee Ballots	1

Katie Brown announced that provisional voters can find out if their provisional ballots were counted and if not, the reason why it was not counted by visiting the State Board of Elections' website or by calling the State Board at 1.800.222.8683.

NEXT BOARD OF CANVASSERS' MEETING

The Board of Canvassers will meet on Monday, July 7, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. to canvass all remaining ballots.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:24 pm.

Approved this 14th day of August, 2014.