

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

Approved 3/19/2015

February 12, 2015

POST-CERTIFICATION MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

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

LBE Staff:	Andrew Bailey, Board Counsel
	Katie A. Brown, Director
	Rena' M. Waggoner, Deputy Director
	Ruie Marie Lavoie, Administrative Officer

Absent:	Timothy Hickman, Substitute	Democrat
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DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began at 11:07 am on the 12th day of February, 2015 at the office of the Baltimore County Board of Elections on the 3rd floor of the Bloomsbury Community Center located 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, the Clerk of the Court for Baltimore County, administered and recorded the oath of each member of the Board of Canvassers on November 6, 2014. Substitute members of the Board of Elections were also sworn-in on the same day.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS

Katie Brown noted that the public notice of this canvass was provided and that the notice was provided by written notice on the Agenda for the Board meeting and by posting written notice in the lobby of the office of the Board of Election and on the Baltimore County website.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ruie Lavoie presented the minutes from the Post-Certification Canvass held on December 11, 2014. There were no changes or additions to the Minutes. Leronia Josey made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Joseph Karey seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

CANVASSING

Overview of Canvass Process

Katie Brown explained the rules concerning public observation of the canvass, provided an overview of the canvassing process, and noted that the rules were posted in the canvass room. Katie Brown explained the process to provide information to the Board of Canvassers or challenge a decision of the Board.

Canvassing of Absentee Ballots

Katie Brown reported that 4 absentee ballots were received after the certification of the election. Leronia Josey made a motion to reject the 4 absentee ballots as being untimely. Joseph Karey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CANVASSING STATISTICS

Katie Brown reported that 4 absentee ballots were presented for canvassing and 4 absentee ballots were rejected for being untimely. Katie Brown submitted the following statistics for rejected absentee and provisional ballots.

State Absentee Ballots - Rejection Reason	# of Ballots				TOTAL
	Abs 1	Abs 2	12/11/15	Today	
Ballot was late for election	0	69	7	4	79
No signature on oath	10	1			
Identifying mark on ballot	2	2			4
Regular ballot received & rejected FWAB		1			1
Envelope did not contain a ballot	3				3
Surrendered at the Polls	2	3			5
Voted more than one ballot	1	1			2
Ballot Undeliverable		63			63
Incorrect Ballot/Board Action	1				1

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Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots – Rejection Reason	# of Ballots			
	Abs 1	Abs 2	Today	Total
State absentee ballot was received		1		1
No absentee ballot application		2		2

Provisional Ballots – Rejection Reasons	# of Ballots
Applicant is not registered to vote	271
Applicant returned a voted absentee ballot or already voted	19
No signature on application	8
Applicant not eligible to receive a provisional ballot	7
Identification or DL# or SS# was not timely received	5
Incomplete information was provided on application	16
Identification was received but did not satisfy the identification requirements	2
No evidence to support alleged voting unit malfunction	7
Identifying mark on the ballot	5
Voter Underage	9

NEXT BOARD OF CANVASSERS' MEETING

If additional absentee ballots are received, the Board of Canvassers will convene after the next meeting of the Baltimore County Board of Elections. The next meeting will take place on March 19, 2015 at 9:45 am in the office of the Baltimore County Board of Elections located on the 3rd floor of the Bloomsbury Community Center at 106 Bloomsbury Avenue in Catonsville, Maryland.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 am.