

Baltimore City Board of Canvassers  
417 E. Fayette St., Room 129  
Baltimore, MD 21202

November 10, 2016, November 11, 2016, and November 12, 2016- 1<sup>st</sup> Absentee Canvass  
Minutes

**ATTENDEES:**

Board of Canvassers: Sidney Shelton, Chairman (Republican); Eleanor K. Wang, Member  
(Republican); Deitra Redmond, Secretary of the  
Board(Democrat);Lawrence C. Cager, Jr., Democrat; Frankie L.  
Powell,(Republican)

LBE Staff: Armstead B. Crawley Jones, Sr.,Election Director III; Abigail Goldman,  
Election Deputy Director III; Anne MacNeille,Board Attorney; Mildred  
Easterling; Rochelle Lucas; Kenneth Moore;Tamara Harvey; Patricia  
Smith; Ray Hall; Sally Nelson; Aureilla Jones; Kevin Norrington; Tracey  
Chapman; Vernell Lucas; Darlene Lovelace; Jackie Rogers; Kelly Norton;  
Hakima Shaulis; Terri Marciszewski; Lisa Stanley; Shawn Larson; Jerod  
Fautleroy; Sam McAfee; Terry Meyers; Tabatha Meyers; Ivan McAfee;  
Joan McAfee.

*ESS Staff: Stephon Jones; Jasmine Marshall; Antonio Casillo-Cove.*

SBE Staff: Beverly Drummond; Desvin Gabbidon, Russell Hicks; Mary Cramer  
Wagner; Thomas J. Feehan Jr., Duane Powell.

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT**

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 10, 2016  
at 417 E. Fayette Street, Room 129, Benton Office Bldg., Baltimore, Md. 21202. 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**

Denise McCready, the clerk of the court for Baltimore City administered and recorded the oath  
of each member of the Board of Canvassers on October 21, 2016. Substitute members of the  
Board of Elections were also sworn-in on the same day.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Eleanor Wang made a motion that Deitra Redmond serve as Secretary of the Board of  
Canvassers. Lawrence C. Cager, Jr. seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS**

Armstead Jones noted that public notice of the first absentee canvass was provided and that the notice was provided by LBE's website, Facebook, and Twitter.

**VERIFICATION OF BALLOT SCANNER(S)**

Jerod Fauntleroy presented documents to the Board of Canvassers showing that the ballot scanner being used in the canvass successfully passed Logic and Accuracy Testing on October 24, 2016. Jerod Fauntleroy reported that the memory card created for this canvass was placed in the ballot scanner and sealed. Jerod Fauntleroy provided the Board of Canvassers with the results from the Logic and Accuracy Testing. Jerod Fauntleroy noted the following information from Logic and Accuracy Testing documentation for each ballot scanner being used in the canvass:

<b>Ballot Scanner Serial Number(s)</b>	<b>Seal Number(s)</b>
D58514090136	0011506
	0011522
	0012850
	0012910

Shawn Larson verified that the seals on the ballot scanner were intact, and recorded the optical scan ballot scanner's serial number and seal numbers.

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Shawn Larson noted that the ballot scanner serial number and seal numbers from Logic and Accuracy Testing matched the ballot scanner serial number and seal numbers before the canvass began.

The Board of Canvassers confirmed that the count on the ballot scanner was zero. The Board of Canvassers posted one copy of the Zero Report from the ballot scanner on the wall where

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canvassing occurred. Jerod Fauntleroy printed a second copy of the Zero Report, which remained attached to the ballot scanner. The Board of Canvassers signed the Zero Report attached to the ballot scanner.

## **CANVASSING**

### Overview of Canvass Process

For timely received ballots, each team 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.

Ballots that were marked using the online ballot marking wizard are duplicated and verified by a ballot duplication team. The election official responsible for ballot duplication uses a barcode reader to read the barcode printed on the voter's ballot, prints a ballot that will have **the voter's selections marked, and refers the two ballots to a ballot verification team.** The ballot verification team compares the two ballots to ensure that the ballot printed during the canvass matches the ballot returned by the voter.

Those timely ballots that are in compliance and can be read by the ballot scanner are referred to the Board of Canvassers for acceptance. All other ballots are placed in a tray with the ballot style and the reason for the referral written on a sheet of paper. The tray 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.

Armstead Jones 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 below.

Team	Names of Bi-Partisan Ballot Processing Team Members
Team #1	Hakima Shaulis & Mildred Easterling
Team #2	Ray Hall & Aureilla Jones
Team #3	Tracey Chapman & Vernell Lucas
Team #4	Kelly Norton & Kenneth Moore
Team #5	Terri Marciszewski & Lisa Stanley

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Team #6	Darlene Lovelace & Kevin Norrington
Team #7	Rochelle Lucas & Jacqueline Rogers-Henry

Team	Names of Bi-Partisan Duplicating Team Members
Team #1	Tamara Harvey & Patricia Smith
Team #2	Joan McAfee & Terry Meyers
Team #3	Frankie L. Powell & Lawrence C. Cager, Jr.
Team #4	Eleanor K. Wang & Deitra Redmond

Team	Names of Ballot Scanner Operating Team Members
Team #1	Mary Cramer Wagner, Thomas J. Feehan, Jr & Duane Powell
Team #2	Shawn Larson & Russell Hicks

Canvassing of Absentee Ballots

Armstead Jones reported that, to preserve the secrecy of the ballot for the remaining canvasses, five absentee ballots of each ballot style were held back for the provisional canvass, and five ballots of each ballot style were held back for the second absentee canvass. 10,609 absentee ballots were presented for canvassing at this canvass.

Eleanor Wang made a motion to accept and approve the opening and tabulation of the ballots. Deitra Redmond seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board of Canvassers recessed the meeting at 8:00 pm and will reconvene the meeting on November 11, 2016 at 8:00 am. Shawn Larson recorded the public count, turned the optical scan ballot scanner off, and affixed a seal.

Ballot Scanner Serial Number(s)	Seal Number(s)	Public Count
D851409036	0011141	4694

The Board of Canvassers reconvened its meeting on November 11, 2016 at 8:00 am. Shawn Larson verified that the seal was intact and that the seal number matched the seal number attached and that the public count matched the public count recorded before the Board of Canvassers recessed on November, 10, 2016.

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Eleanor Wang made a motion to resume accepting and approving the opening and tabulation of the ballots. Deitra Redmond seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Canvassing of absentee ballots resumed.

The Board of Canvassers recessed the meeting at 8:00 pm and will reconvene the meeting on November 12, 2016 at 8:00 am Sam McAfee recorded the public count, turned the optical scan ballot scanner off, and affixed a seal.

Ballot Scanner Serial Number(s)	Seal Number(s)	Public Count
D58514090136	0011288	3882

The Board of Canvassers reconvened its meeting on November 12, 2016. Sam McAfee verified that the seal was intact and that the seal number matched the seal number attached and that the public count matched the public count recorded before the Board of Canvassers recessed on November 11, 2016.

Ballot Scanner Serial Number(s)	Seal Number(s)	Public Count
D58514090136	0011288	3882

Printing Canvass Results

After scanning all accepted absentee ballots, Sam, McAfee locked the ballot scanner and printed an Election Results Report. The Board of Canvassers confirmed that the number of accepted ballots equaled the number of ballots counted by the ballot scanner. The Board of Canvassers signed the Voting Results Report and posted a second copy of the report on the wall where canvassing occurred.

**RELEASE OF UNOFFICIAL RESULTS**

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Sidney Shelton announced the following statistics from the first absentee canvass:

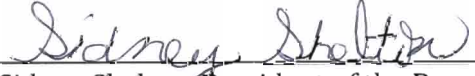
Absentee 1 Canvass Statistics	Number of Ballots
Total Absentee Ballots Presented at 1 <sup>st</sup> Absentee Canvass	10,609
Accepted Ballots	10,562
Rejected Ballots	47

#### NEXT BOARD OF CANVASSERS' MEETING

The Board of Canvassers will meet on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. to canvass provisional ballots.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

  
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Sidney Shelton, President of the Board of Canvassers

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Dietra Redmond, Secretary of the Board of Canvassers

2/23/17  
Date

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#### **ATTENDEES:**

Board of Canvassers: Sidney Shelton, Chairman of the Board (R), Deitra Redmond, Secretary  
D (R), Eleanor Wang , Board (R), and Lawrence Cager, Board Member (D).

LBE Staff: Ann Macneille (*Board attorney*) Armstead Jones (*Election director*),  
Abigail Goldman (*Deputy Director*), Rochelle Lucas, Sherill Dingle, Wendy  
Paige, Sherri Jackson, Aureilia Jones, Ray Hall, Patricia Smith, Darlene  
Lovelace Vernell Lucas-Taylor, Tracy Chapman, Sally Nelson, Tamara  
Harvey, Hakima Shaulis, Jerrod Fauntleroy, Shawn Larson, Kelly Norton,  
Sam McAfee, Millie Easterling, Ivan, Tabatha Myers, and Joan.

Members of Public: None

#### **DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT**

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began at 9am on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at [Rm. 129, Benton Office Bldg., 417 E. Fayette St, Baltimore, MD. 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**

Denise McCready, the Clerk of the Court for Baltimore City, administered and recorded the oath of each member of the Board of Canvassers on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Substitute members of the Board of Elections were also sworn-in on the same day.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS**

At its meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016, the Board of Canvassers elected Sidney Shelton as Chairman of the Board of Canvassers and Deitra Redmond as Secretary.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS**

Armstead Jones noted that the public notice of the provisional canvass was provided and that the notice was provided by being posted on the door of the election office.

#### **VERIFICATION OF OPTICAL SCAN VOTING UNIT(S)**

Staff presented documents to the Board of Canvassers showing that the ballot scanner being used in the canvass successfully passed Logic and Accuracy Testing on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Staff reported that the memory devices(s) created for this canvass were placed in the ballot scanner and sealed. Staff provided the Board of Canvassers with the results from the Logic and



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Accuracy Testing. Staff noted the following information from Logic and Accuracy Testing documentation for each ballot scanner being used in the canvass:

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	0011522 (top right)
	0012850 (middle right)
	0012910 (bottom)

Staff verified that the seals on the ballot scanner was intact, and recorded the ballot scanner's serial number and seal numbers.

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	0012850 (middle right)
	0012910 (bottom)

Staff noted that the ballot scanner's serial number and seal numbers from Logic and Accuracy Testing matched the ballot scanner's serial number and seal numbers before the canvass began.

The Board of Canvassers confirmed that the count on the ballot scanner was zero. The Board of Canvassers posted one copy of the Zero Report from the ballot scanner on the counter. Staff printed a second copy of the Zero Report, which remained attached to the ballot scanner. The Board of Canvassers signed the Zero Report attached to the ballot scanner.

## **CANVASSING**

### Overview of Canvass Process

The Election Director provided an overview of the canvassing process with the Board, and noted that the rules were posted in the canvass room.

Staff 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.



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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.

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 ballot scanner, and the “accepted in part” ballots are referred to a duplicating team. The duplicating team will copy onto the voter’s correct ballot style the votes for the contests for which the provisional voter is eligible to vote.

Staff 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 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 ballot scanner 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.

Staff explained the process to provide information to the Board of Canvassers or challenge a decision of the Board.

#### Canvass Participants

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Team #4	Aureilia Jones and Kevin Norrington
Team #5	Tracey Chapman and Vernell Lucas
Team #6	Darlene Lovelace and Jackie Henry

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Team	Names of Bi-Partisan Duplicating Team Members
Team #1	Frankie Powell and Lawrence Cager
Team #2	Deitra Redmond and Sidney Shelton

Team	Names of Ballot Scanner Operating Team Members
Team #1	Sam Mcafee, Shawn Larson, Jerrod Fauntleroy
Team #2	

#### Canvassing of Provisional Ballots

The Election Director reported that 13502 provisional ballots were cast. To preserve the secrecy of the ballot for this canvasses, staff explained that five absentee ballots of each ballot style were held back for this provisional canvass and will be counted with the provisional ballots. 13502 provisional ballots and 140 absentee ballots were presented for canvassing at this canvass.

Lawrence Cager made a motion to begin presenting provisional ballot applications. Eleanor Wang seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

1. Staff presented 7509 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. Staff presented 4751 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 provisional ballot was cast in the wrong precinct. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation, and the ballots were referred to the duplicating team.
3. Staff presented 904 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 ballot(s).
4. Staff presented 54 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 ballot(s).
5. Staff presented 42 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 ballot(s).
6. Staff presented 2 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 ballot(s).
7. Staff presented 34 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 ballot(s).

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8. Staff presented 52 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 ballot(s).
9. Staff presented 1 provisional ballot with the recommendation to reject because the applicant provided identification but the identification provided did not satisfy the requirements. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballot.
10. Staff presented 128 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 ballot(s).
11. Staff presented 12 provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the applicant will not be or is not 18 years old or older by the general election. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballot(s).
12. Staff presented 13 provisional ballots with the recommendation to reject because the applicant did not provide proof of residency in time. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and reject the ballot(s).

#### Canvassing of Absentee Ballots

The staff distributed the absentee ballots to canvassing teams to review for timeliness and signatures. The staff presented 140 absentee ballots with the recommendation to accept the absentee ballots. The Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and voted to accept the ballots. The staff presented 0 absentee ballots with the recommendation to reject.

The Board of Canvassers recessed the meeting at 8pm and will reconvene the meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 8:30am. Staffs recorded the public count, turned the optical scan voting unit off, and affixed a seal.

Ballot Scanner Serial Number(s)	Seal Number(s)	Public Count
DS8514090136	0011494 (left side)	12083
	0011628 (top right)	
	0012850 (middle right)	
	0012910 (bottom)	

The Board of Canvassers reconvened its meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 8:30am. Staff explained the rules concerning public observation of canvass and canvassing process. Staff verified that the seals were intact and that the seal numbers matched the seal numbers attached and that the public count matched the public count recorded before the Board of Canvassers recessed on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

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Sidney Shelton made a motion to resume the canvass of provisional ballots. Lawrence Cager seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Canvassing of provisional ballots resumed.

The Board of Canvassers recessed the meeting at 8pm and will reconvene the meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 8:30am. Staff recorded the public count, turned the optical scan voting unit off, and affixed a seal.

Ballot Scanner Serial Number(s)	Seal Number(s)	Public Count
DS8514090136	0011968 (left side)	22746
	0011606 (top right)	
	0012850 (middle right)	
	0012910 (bottom)	

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Ballot Scanner Serial Number(s)	Seal Number(s)	Public Count
DS8514090136	0011968 (left side)	22746
	0011606 (top right)	
	0012850 (middle right)	
	0012910 (bottom)	

Eleanor Wang made a motion to resume the canvass of provisional ballots. Deitra Redmond seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Canvassing of provisional ballots resumed.

Printing Canvass Results

After scanning all accepted in full and accepted in part provisional ballots and all accepted absentee ballots, staff locked the voting unit and printed a Voting 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 ballot scanner. The Board of Canvassers signed the Voting Results Report and posted a second copy of the report on the counter in the room where the canvassing occurred.

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### RELEASE OF UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

Sidney Shelton, *Chairman of the Board of Canvassers* announced the following statistics from the provisional canvass:

Provisional Canvass Statistics	Number of Ballots
Total Ballots Presented at Provisional Canvass	13642
Total Provisional Ballots Presented	13502
Total Absentee Ballots Presented	140
Total Accepted Ballots	12400
Accepted in Full Provisional Ballots	7509
Accepted in Part Provisional Ballots	4751
Accepted Absentee Ballots	140
Total Rejected Ballots	1242
Rejected Provisional Ballots	1242
Rejected Absentee Ballots	0

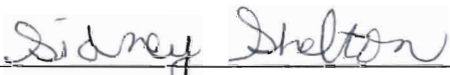
Staff announced that provisional voters can find out if their provisional ballots were counted and if not, the reason why it was not counted by visiting the State Board of Elections' website or by calling the State Board at 1-800-222-8683.

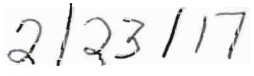
### NEXT BOARD OF CANVASSERS' MEETING


The Board of Canvassers will meet on *Friday*, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. to canvass all remaining ballots.

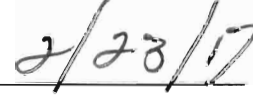
### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10am.

  
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Sidney Shelton, President of the Board of Canvassers

  
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Dietra Redmond, Secretary of the Board of Canvassers

  
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Date



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Absent: Frankie L. Powell, Member (Republican)

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT**

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began at 10:00am on Friday, November 18, 2016 at 417 E. Fayette Street, Room 129, Benton Office Bldg., Baltimore, Md. 21202. 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**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS**

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	0011747
	0011197

Shawn Larson explained the test deck verification process, verified that the seals on the **ballot scanner were intact, and recorded the ballot scanner's serial number and seal numbers.**

Ballot Scanner Serial Number(s)	Seal Number(s)
D58514090136	0011506
	0011522
	0011747
	0011197

Shawn Larson noted that the ballot scanner serial number and seal numbers from Logic and Accuracy Testing matched the ballot scanner serial number and seal numbers before the canvass began.

The Board of Canvassers confirmed that the count on the ballot scanner was zero. The Board of Canvassers posted one copy of the Zero Report from the ballot scanner on the wall where canvassing occurred. Jerod Fauntleroy printed a second copy of the Zero Report, which remained attached to the ballot scanner. The Board of Canvassers signed the Zero Report attached to the ballot scanner.

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## **CANVASSING**

### Overview of Canvass Process

For timely received ballots, each team 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.

Ballots that were marked using the online ballot marking wizard are duplicated and verified by a ballot duplication team. The election official responsible for ballot duplication uses a barcode reader to read the barcode printed on the voter's ballot, prints a ballot that will have the voter's selections marked, and refers the two ballots to a ballot verification team. The ballot verification team compares the two ballots to ensure that the ballot printed during the canvass matches the ballot returned by the voter.

**Those timely ballots that are in compliance and can be read by the ballot scanner are** referred to the Board of Canvassers for acceptance. All other ballots are placed in a tray with the ballot style and the reason for the referral written on a sheet of paper. The tray 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.

Armstead Jones 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 ballot scanner operating teams are listed below.

Team	Names of Bi-Partisan Ballot Processing Team Members
Team #1	Hakima Shaulis & Mildred Easterling
Team #2	Ray Hall & Aureilla Jones
Team #3	Tracey Chapman & Vernell Lucas
Team #4	Kelly Norton & Kenneth Moore
Team #5	Terri Marciszewski & Lisa Stanley

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Team	Names of Bi-Partisan Duplicating Team Members
Team #1	Maria Johnson & Sherri Jackson
Team #2	Eleanor Wang & Deitra Redmond
Team #3	Lawrence Cager, Jr. & Sidney Shelton

Team	Names of Ballot Scanner Operating Team Members
Team #1	Jerod Fautleroy & Shawn Larson

Canvassing of Absentee Ballots

Armstead Jones reported that, to preserve the secrecy of the ballot, five absentee ballots of each ballot style were held back from the first absentee canvass and will be canvassed during this canvass. 1,390 absentee ballots were presented for canvassing at this canvass.

Eleanor Wang made a motion to accept and approve the opening and tabulation of the ballots. Sidney Shelton seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Printing Canvass Results

After scanning all accepted ballots, Sam McAfee locked the ballot scanner and printed an Voting Results Report. The Board of Canvassers confirmed that the number of accepted ballots equaled the number of ballots counted by the ballot scanner. The Board of Canvassers signed the Voting Results Report and posted a second copy of the report on the wall where canvassing occurred.

Sidney Shelton announced the following statistics from the second absentee canvass:

Absentee 2 Canvass Statistics	Number of Ballots
Total Ballots Presented at 2 <sup>nd</sup> Absentee Canvass	1,390
Total Absentee Ballots Presented	1,390
Total Provisional Ballots Presented <i>[if applicable]</i>	n/a
Total Accepted Ballots	1,202
Accepted Absentee Ballots	1,202
Accepted in Full Provisional Ballots <i>[if applicable]</i>	n/a
Accepted in Part Provisional Ballots <i>[if applicable]</i>	n/a
Total Rejected Ballots	188
Rejected Absentee Ballots	188
Rejected Provisional Ballots <i>[if applicable]</i>	n/a

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### **VERIFICATION OF VOTE COUNT**

Armstead Jones explained that staff conducted several post-election verifications and audits performed. Staff manually added the Voting Results Reports from each ballot scanner in the precincts previously randomly selected by the local board of elections and compared the manually added totals with the totals produced by the election database for those precincts. Armstead Jones confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

Armstead Jones explained that a similar verification was performed on each ballot scanner used for the first absentee canvass. Staff manually added the Voting Results Reports printed from each ballot scanner used for the first absentee canvass and compared the manually added totals to a report printed from the election database for the first absentee canvass. Armstead Jones confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

Armstead Jones presented the Board of Canvassers with the verification results, and the Board of Canvassers reviewed the results. Eleanor K. Wang made a motion to accept the verification results. Sidney Shelton seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **POST ELECTION AUDIT**

Armstead Jones explained that post-election audits were performed on certain precincts and absentee and provisional ballots. For the randomly selected precincts and any precinct where the difference between the number of voters checked-in to vote and ballots cast is 5 or more, staff compared the number of signed voter authority cards for each ballot scanner against the number of ballots cast. Armstead Jones confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

Abigail Goldman explained that staff reviewed a sample of accepted absentee ballots to determine if there was a timely absentee ballot request was on file and the absentee ballot was timely received. Staff also reviewed a sample of rejected absentee ballots to determine if the ballot was untimely received or was rejected for another valid reason. Mildred Easterling confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

### **CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS**

Armstead Jones explained that the post-election verifications and audits had discrepancies that were less than the vote margin of any contest on the ballot in that precinct and presented the Board of Canvassers with the election results. The Board of Canvassers reviewed the election results.

Eleanor Wang made a motion to certify the results of the 2016 Presidential General Election. Sidney Shelton seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.




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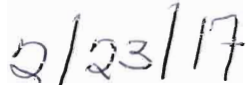
Board of Canvassers reconvened on November 29, 2016 at 10:29 am., at the Baltimore City Board of Elections warehouse on 301 N. Franklinton Rd. The meeting was called to order by Ms. Sidney Shelton.

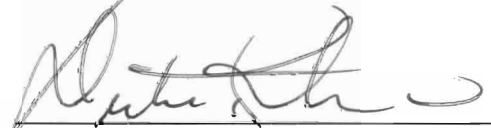
Attendance: Anne MacNeille, Ellie Wang, Sidney Shelton, Lawrence Cager, Frankie Powell, Abigail Goldman, Mildred Easterling, Kelly Norton, Sam McAfee, Russell Hicks, Jerod Fauntleroy, Shawn Larson, and Armstead Jones.


Mr. Armstead Jones provided a brief explanation of what occurred. Ms. Nikki Trella called Mr. Jones to inform him that Clear Ballot found 35 went through scanner as 2 pages. State Board of Elections informed us to reconvene the Board of Canvassers due to these findings.

The seven counties that currently use the DS850 for canvassing will be rescanning AB1, AB2, and Provisional also. Mr. Lawrence Cager stated that this is an equipment issue with the DS850's.

  
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Sidney Shelton, President of the Board of Canvassers

  
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Dietra Redmond, Secretary of the Board of Canvassers

  
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