

Baltimore City Board of Canvassers  
417 E. Fayette St. Room 129  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202  
November 8, 2018 – 1<sup>st</sup> Absentee Canvass Minutes

ATTENDEES:

Board of Canvassers: Deitra L. Redmond, Chairman, Democrat; Eleanor Wang, President, Republican; Sidney Shelton, Secretary, Republican; Lawrence Cager, Vice President, Democrat

LBE Staff: Anne MacNeille, Board Attorney; Armstead Jones, Director; Abigail Goldman, Deputy Director; Tabatha Lipinski, Samuel McAfee, Rochelle Lucas, Kevin Norrington, Tracey Chapman, Brittney Johnson, Darlene Lovelace, Lucy Singleton, Glen Muir, Eric McKnight, Kenneth Moore, Phyliss Morgan, Sally Nelson, Darien Foster, Sean Pumphrey, Mike Thompson, Shawn Larson, Jerod Fauntleroy, Mildred Easterling, Wendy Paige, Kelly Norton

Public: N/A

Absent: Frankie Powell, Member, Republican

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT**

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began at 10:24 A.M. on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 417 E. Fayette Street, Room 129, Benton Office Building, Baltimore, Maryland 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**

Marilyn Bentley, the Clerk of the Court for Baltimore City, administered and recorded the oath of Lawrence Cager on October 12, 2018, Frankie Powell on October 14, 2018, and Deitra L. Redmond, Eleanor Wang, and Sidney Shelton on October 19, 2018.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS**

At a meeting on October 19, 2018 at 10:45 A.M., upon motion of Eleanor Wang elected Deitra L. Redmond as Chairman of the Board of Canvassers and Sidney Shelton second the motion. Upon motion of Eleanor Wang elected Sidney Shelton as Secretary of the Board of Canvassers and Deitra L. Redmond second the motion.

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS**

Armstead Jones noted that public notice of the first absentee canvass was provided and that the notice was provided on the Baltimore City Board of Elections website, social media, and the office door.

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## **VERIFICATION OF BALLOT SCANNER(S)**

Samuel McAfee 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 19, 2018. Samuel McAfee reported that the memory card created for this canvass was placed in the ballot scanner and sealed. Samuel McAfee provided the Board of Canvassers with the results from the Logic and Accuracy Testing. Armstead Jones noted the following information from Logic and Accuracy Testing documentation for each ballot scanner being used in the canvass:

Ballot Scanner Serial Number(s)	Seal Number(s)
DS8514090136	0011738
	0011102
	011958
	0012928

Samuel McAfee noted that the ballot scanner serial number and seal number from Logic and Accuracy Testing matched the ballot scanner serial number and seal number 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 the canvass occurred. Samuel McAfee 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. The Board of Canvassers also confirmed that the ballot boxes were empty.

## **CANVASSING**

### Overview of Canvass Process

Armstead Jones 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. 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.

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

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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 mail tray with the team number and the reason for the referral written on the mail tray. The mail 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.

Samuel McAfee explained that, to verify the accuracy of the voting system, some absentee ballots will be hand counted and the results of that hand count will be compared against the results from the voting system. The number of absentee ballots to be hand counted is at least 1% of the number of absentee ballots cast in the 2014 General Election. For this election, 38 absentee ballots will be hand counted. The first absentee ballots to be reviewed and counted will be the absentee ballots randomly selected for this audit. Once these ballots are scanned, results will be printed and the results and the ballots will be stored for the manual audit. The manual audit will be conducted no later than 120 days after the general election. Samuel McAfee 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	Rochelle Lucas and Kevin Norrington
Team #2	Tracey Chapman and Brittney Johnson
Team #3	Darlene Lovelace and Lucy Singleton
Team #4	Glen Muir and Eric McKnight
Team #5	Kenneth Moore and Phyllis Morgan
Team #6	Sally Nelson and Darien Foster
Team #7	Sean Pumphrey and Mike Thompson

Team	Names of Bi-Partisan Duplicating Team Members
Team #1	Mildred Easterling and Wendy Paige

Team	Names of Ballot Scanner Operating Team Members
Team #1	Samuel McAfee, Tabatha Lipinski and Ivan McAfee
Team #2	Jerod Fauntleroy and Shawn Larson

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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. 5,876 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.

The Board of Canvassers recessed the meeting at 7:50 P.M. and will reconvene the meeting on November 9, 2018 at 8:00 A.M. Samuel 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
DS8514090136	0012706	3020
	0012896	
	0012867	
	0012877	

The Board of Canvassers reconvened its meeting on November 9, 2018 at 8:00 A.M. Armstead Jones explained the rules concerning public observation of canvass and canvassing process. Samuel 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 8, 2018.

Eleanor Wang made a motion to resume accepting and approving the opening and tabulation of the ballots. Sidney Shelton seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Printing Canvass Results

After scanning all accepted absentee ballots, Samuel 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 the canvass occurred.

**RELEASE OF UNOFFICIAL RESULTS**

Deitra L. Redmond announced the results from the first absentee canvass. Deitra L. Redmond announced the following statistics from the first absentee canvass:

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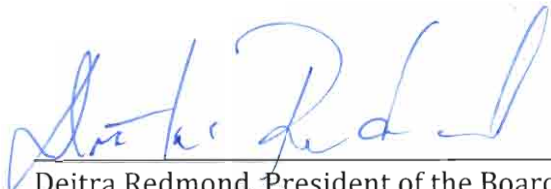
Absentee 1 Canvass Statistics	Number of Ballots
Total Absentee Ballots Presented at 1 <sup>st</sup> Absentee Canvass	5876
Accepted Ballots	5851
Rejected Ballots	25

**NEXT BOARD OF CANVASSERS' MEETING**


The Board of Canvassers will meet on Wednesday, November 14, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. to canvass provisional ballots.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

  
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Deitra Redmond, President of the Board of Canvassers

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Sidney Shelton, Secretary of the Board of Canvassers

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**ATTENDEES:**

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Public: N/A

Absent: Lawrence Cager, Vice President, Democrat

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT**

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began at 10:05 A.M. on Friday, November 16, 2018 at 417 E. Fayette Street, Room 129, Benton Office Building, Baltimore, Maryland 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**

Marilyn Bentley, the Clerk of the Court for Baltimore City, administered and recorded the oath of Lawrence Cager on October 12, 2018, Frankie Powell on October 14, 2018, and Deitra L. Redmond, Eleanor Wang, and Sidney Shelton on October 19, 2018.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS**

At a meeting on October 19, 2018 at 10:45 A.M., upon motion of Eleanor Wang elected Deitra L. Redmond as Chairman of the Board of Canvassers and Sidney Shelton second the motion. Upon motion of Eleanor Wang elected Sidney Shelton as Secretary of the Board of Canvassers and Deitra L. Redmond second the motion.

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS**

Armstead Jones noted that public notice of the second absentee canvass was provided and that the notice was provided on the Baltimore City Board of Elections website, social media, and the office door.

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DS81517110330	0033988
	0012867
	0012877
DS8514090136	0033183
	0011958
	0012928

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### **CANVASSING**

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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 mail tray with the team number and the reason for the referral to the Board of Canvassers written on the mail tray. The mail tray with the ballots inside is referred to the Board of Canvassers.

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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. 1,784 absentee ballots were presented for canvassing at this canvass.



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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, Samuel McAfee locked the ballot scanner and printed a Voting Results Report. The Board of Canvassers confirmed that the number of accepted ballots equaled 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 on the wall where the canvass occurred.

#### **RELEASE OF UNOFFICIAL RESULTS**

Deitra L. Redmond announced the results from the second absentee canvass. Deitra L. Redmond 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	1,784
Total Absentee Ballots Presented	1,784
Total Accepted Ballots	1,677
Accepted Absentee Ballots	1,677
Accepted in Full Provisional Ballots [ <i>if applicable</i> ]	N/A
Total Rejected Ballots	107
Rejected Absentee Ballots	107

#### **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.

Samuel McAfee 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. Samuel McAfee 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 Wang made a motion to accept the

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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. Abigail Goldman confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

Armstead Jones 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. Aureilia Jones confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

Armstead Jones explained that a sample of accepted provisional ballots were reviewed to determine whether the provisional voter was registered to vote at the time of the election, voted the ballot for the precinct in which the voter resides, and all other applicable criteria were met. A sample of partially accepted provisional ballots was also reviewed to confirm that a voter was registered to vote at the time of the election, did not vote the ballot for the precinct in which the voter resides, and all other applicable criteria were met. Staff also reviewed a sample of rejected provisional ballots to confirm that the voter was not registered to vote at the time of the election or the voter's ballot was rejected for another valid reason. Wendy Paige confirmed that all of the numbers matched.

### **CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS**

Armstead Jones explained that the post-election verifications and audits had discrepancies were less than the vote margin of any contest on the ballot in that precinct and Armstead Jones 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 Baltimore City Gubernatorial General Election, 2018. Sidney Shelton seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Eleanor Wang made a motion authorizing Deitra L. Redmond, Chairman and Sidney Shelton, Secretary of the board of canvassers, respectively, to sign the canvass sheets on November 19, 2018. Frankie Powell seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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**NEXT BOARD OF CANVASSERS' MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. at Baltimore City Board of Elections, 417 E. Fayette St, Room 129, Baltimore, Md. 21202.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

  
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Deitra Redmond, President of the Board of Canvassers

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Sidney Shelton, Secretary of the Board of Canvassers

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November 14 & 15, 2018 – Provisional Canvass Minutes

**ATTENDEES:**

Board of Canvassers: Eleanor Wand, President (R); Sidney Shelton, Secretary (R); Frankie Powell, Member (R); and Lawrence Cager, Vice President (D)

LBE Staff: Anne MacNeille, Board Attorney; Armstead Jones, Director; Abigail Goldman, Deputy Director; Ray Hall, Tabatha Lipinski, Samuel McAfee, Rochelle Lucas, Kevin Norrington, Tracey Chapman, Brittney Johnson, Darlene Lovelace, Lucy Singleton, Glen Muir, Eric McKnight, Phyllis Morgan, Sally Nelson, Cora Berry, Sean Pumphrey, Mike Thompson, Maria Johnson, Shawn Larson, Jerod Fauntleroy, Mildred Easterling, Wendy Paige, and Kelly Norton

Public: N/A

Absent: Deitra L. Redmond, Chairman (D)

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT**

The meeting of the Board of Canvassers began at 10am on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at the Benton Office Building, Rm 129; 417 E. Fayette St., 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**

Marilyn Bentley, the Clerk of the Court for Baltimore City, administered and recorded the oath of Lawrence Cager on October 12, 2018, Frankie Power on October 14, 2018, and Deitra L. Redmond, Sidney Shelton, and Eleanor Wang on October 19, 2018.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS**

At its meeting on October 19, 2018 at 10:45am, the Board of Canvassers elected Deitra L. Redmond as Chairman of the Board of Canvassers and Sidney Shelton as Secretary.

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS**

Armstead Jones, Election Director, noted that the public notice of the provisional canvass was provided and that the notice was provided by the Baltimore City Board of Elections website, social media, and posting on office door.

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

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Ballot Scanner Serial Numbers	Seal Numbers
DS8514090136	0011738 (left)
	0011102(right top)
	0011958 (middle)
	0012928 (bottom)

Ballot Scanner Serial Numbers	Seal Numbers
DS8517110330	0012882 (left)
	0012975 (right top)
	0012867 (middle)
	0012877 (bottom)

Staff verified that the seals on the ballot scanners were intact, and recorded the ballot scanners’ serial numbers and seal numbers.

Ballot Scanner Serial Numbers	Seal Numbers
DS8514090136	0012630 (left)
	0011384 (right top)
	0011958 (middle)
	0012928 (bottom)

Ballot Scanner Serial Numbers	Seal Numbers
DS8517110330	0012882 (left)
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Staff noted that the ballot scanners' serial numbers and seal numbers from Logic and Accuracy Testing matched the ballot scanners' serial numbers and seal numbers before the canvass began.

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 wall. Staff printed a second copy of the Zero Report, which remained attached to the ballot scanners. The Board of Canvassers signed the Zero Report attached to the ballot scanners.

## **CANVASSING**

### Overview of Canvass Process

Staff 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.

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.
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. The flap covering the oath has not been opened before canvassing: The teams then opens the flap on the envelope and determines whether the voter signed the oath. (Note: Absentee ballots sent from office have flap on the envelope). 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.

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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, ballot style, 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 that, to verify the accuracy of the voting system, some provisional ballots will be hand counted and the results of that hand count will be compared against the results from the voting system. The number of provisional ballots to be hand counted is at least 1% of the number of provisional ballots cast in the 2014 General Election. For this election, 47 provisional ballots will be hand counted. The first provisional ballot applications to be reviewed and ballots counted will be the absentee ballots randomly selected for this audit. Once these ballots are scanned, results will be printed and the results and the ballots will be stored for the manual audit. The manual audit will be conducted no later than 120 days after the general election.

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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### Canvassing of Provisional Ballots

Staff reported that 8365 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. 8365 provisional ballots and 68 absentee ballots were presented for canvassing at this canvass.

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

1. Staff presented 4928 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 2708 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 575 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. Staff presented 7 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. Staff presented 15 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.
6. Staff presented 3 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.
7. Staff presented 8 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.
8. Staff presented 26 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.
9. Staff presented 6 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.



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10. Staff presented 83 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.
11. Staff presented 6 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 ballots.

Canvassing of Absentee Ballots

The staff distributed the absentee ballots to canvassing teams to review for timeliness and signatures. The staff presented 67 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 1 absentee ballot with the recommendation to reject.

The Board of Canvassers recessed the meeting at 5:45pm and will reconvene the meeting on November 15, 2018 at 8:30am. Staff recorded the public count, turned the optical scan voting units off, and affixed a seal.

Ballot Scanner Serial Numbers	Seal Numbers
DS8514090136	0012630 (left)
5000 (ballots cast)	0011384 (right top)
	0011958 (middle)
	0012928 (bottom)

Ballot Scanner Serial Numbers	Seal Numbers
DS8517110330	0012882 (left)
5000 (ballots cast)	0012975 (right top)
	0012867 (middle)
	0012877 (bottom)

The Board of Canvassers reconvened its meeting on November 15, 2018 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 14, 2018.

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Frankie Powell made a motion to resume the canvass of provisional ballots. Sidney Shelton 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 ballot scanners 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 scanners. The Board of Canvassers signed the Voting Results Report and posted a second copy of the report on a wall in room where canvassing occurred.

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**RELEASE OF UNOFFICIAL RESULTS**

Eleanor Wang announced the results from the provisional canvass. She announced the following statistics from the provisional canvass:

Provisional Canvass Statistics	Number of Ballots
Total Ballots Presented at Provisional Canvass	8433
Total Provisional Ballots Presented	8365
Total Absentee Ballots Presented	68
Total Accepted Ballots	7703
Accepted in Full Provisional Ballots	4928
Accepted in Part Provisional Ballots	2708
Accepted Absentee Ballots	67
Total Rejected Ballots	730
Rejected Provisional Ballots	729
Rejected Absentee Ballots	1

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 16, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. to canvass all remaining ballots.


**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.

  
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Deitra Redmond, President of the Board of Canvassers

  
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Date

  
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Sidney Shelton, Secretary of the Board of Canvassers

  
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Date

**November 6, 2018**

**ATTENDEES:**

Board of Canvassers: Sidney Shelton, Secretary (R), Eleanor Wang, Board (R) Lawrence Cager, Board (D),

LBE Staff: Ann MacNeille (*Board attorney*), Sam McAfee, Ivan McAfee, Jerod Fauntleroy, Sean Pumphrey, Michael Thompson

Public: Election Judges: Sidney Twiggs, Lynette Richardson, James Richardson, Sylvia Twiggs

Declaration of Quorum: The meeting began at 2:09 pm at the Board of Elections Warehouse, 301 N. Franklinton Road, Baltimore, MD 21223. A quorum of the Board of Canvassers was present including one member who is a registered voter of the principal and minority party.

Election of Officers: The Board, upon motion of Eleanor Wang, seconded by Lawrence Cager, unanimously elected Deitra Redmond President. Upon motion by Eleanor Wang and seconded by Lawrence Cager, the Board unanimously elected Sidney Shelton Secretary.

Confirmation of Oath: The President confirmed the Members took the Oath of member of the Board of Canvassers on October 19th, 2018 as administered by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Baltimore City. Mr. Cager was sworn in on October 12<sup>th</sup> at the Clerk of the Circuit Courts office.

Guidelines: The president noted that the early voting canvas public notice was on the Board of Elections website and social media as well as posted on their office door.

Verification of Ballot scanner: Mr. McAfee explained the process for verifying and sealing scanners and the seals were removed from the seven early voting scanners. Staff noted the following information from the scanning unit integrity report.

Judges approved the tapes, placement of tapes and memory sticks into envelopes for each of the early voting sites. The Board and judges observed the placement of envelopes into the transfer box to be transferred to the Board of Elections office by Mr. Sam McAfee. The transfer box was sealed by Mr. McAfee by seal number 0012636.

The Board observed this process for:

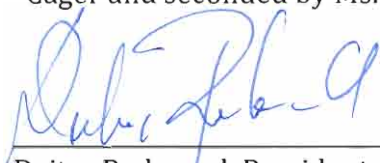
Site 1:	4 tapes	4 memory sticks
Site 2:	4 tapes	4 memory sticks

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Site 3:	3 tapes	3 memory sticks
Site 4:	4 tapes	4 memory sticks
Site 5:	3 tapes	3 memory sticks
Site 6:	3 tapes	3 memory sticks
Site 7:	3 tapes	3 memory sticks

The Board observed the resealing of the scanner units and Mr. McAfee and the transfer box to the City Board of Elections main office.

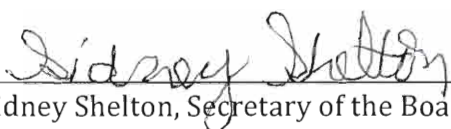
Adjournment: A motion was made at 3:23 pm to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Lawrence Cager and seconded by Ms. Sidney Shelton. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn.



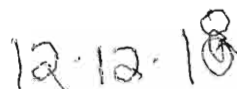
Deitra Redmond, President of the Board of Canvassers



Date



Sidney Shelton, Secretary of the Board of Canvassers



Date

