



**JUNE 19, 2018**  
**PRIMARY ELECTION**  
**AFTER-ACTION REPORT**

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## I. INTRODUCTION

D.C. Official Code §1-1001.05(K) and 3 DCMR § 817 mandate that, within 90 days following a general election, the District of Columbia Board of Elections (“BOE” or “Board”) must publish on its website an after-action report containing certain data and information concerning the election. Although it is not required to do so, BOE has consistently provided an after-action report after primary and special elections as well. Accordingly, BOE presents this after-action report (“the Report”) on the June 19, 2018 Primary Election (“the Election”).

## II. D.C. OFFICIAL CODE §1-1001.05(K)/ 3 DCMR § 817 DATA

### A. Ballot Data

#### 1. Total number of votes cast and counted, broken down by type of ballot, including the number of spoiled and special ballots that were not counted:

- a. **Total Number of Ballots Cast:** 89,513
- b. **Total Number of Ballots Cast on Election Day:** 70,025
- c. **Total Number of Ballots Cast during Early Voting:** 14,492
- d. **Total Number of Absentee and Provisional Ballots Cast:** 4,996
- e. **Number of Spoiled Ballots Not Counted:** 1,285
- f. **Number of Special Ballots Not Counted:** 730 (698 on Election Day, and 32 during Early Voting)

### B. Registration Activity Data

#### 1. The Number of Persons Registered:

- a. **More than 21 days preceding the election, broken down by party, ward, and precinct:** There were 476,163 registered voters as of May 29, 2018. [Registered Voters as of 052918](#)
- b. **Between 21 days preceding the election and Election Day:** There were 1593 new registrations between May 30, 2018 and June 18, 2018, including 1,003 early voting same day registrations.
- c. **On Election Day:** There were 1,641 same day registrants on Election Day.

### C. Election Worker Data

1. The number of polling place officials by precinct, broken down by position title: [2018 PE Precinct Staffing List](#)
2. Performance Measurement Data of Polling Place Officials: [2018 PE Election Worker Performance Indicators](#)
3. Synopsis of issues identified in Precinct Captain or Area Representative logs

The Board reviews Precinct Captain's Notebooks (used to detail problems encountered on Election Day), tracks issues reported to the Call Center/Help Desk by phone on Election Day, and holds post-election debriefing sessions to solicit feedback from the Precinct Captains. Area Representatives also record their observations for purposes of Board review and analysis. Some issues reported by Precinct Captains and Area Representatives are specific to the individual polling place or specific workers, but common issues and problems that occurred/were mentioned included the following:

- Spotty Wi-Fi connectivity (used in support of the Poll Pads used for voter check-in), all instances of which were quickly resolved
- Difficulty reaching the Call Center/Help Desk on Election Day morning
- Understaffing at precincts with eight (8) or fewer workers
- Election workers experienced difficulties recalling their position-associated tasks on Election Day morning due to length of time between training and Election Day

Precinct Captains offered the following suggestions to improve the election administration process:

- Amend Polling Place Operations Manual to include table of contents, tabs, and more pictures and descriptions of signage
- Make Voter Guides available at each polling place for those voters who are not aware of which contests and candidates are on the ballot
- Combine Early Voting training with Precinct Captain training, as most Precinct Captains work Early Voting as well
- Incorporate cross-training for election worker positions
- Pair new election workers with veteran election workers
- Encourage all workers to be flexible and open to learning how to perform other roles so that they can be switched into understaffed roles as necessary
- Inform Precinct Captains in advance that there will be election workers with disabilities on staff so that accommodations may be made and work assignments adjusted accordingly, if necessary

**D. Election Night Reporting Data**

1. **Copies of Any Unofficial Summary Reports Generated by BOE on Election Night:**

[Summary Report #1](#)

[Summary Report #2](#)

[Summary Report #3](#)

[Summary Report #4](#)

[Summary Report #5](#)

[Certified Election Results](#)