



# Carroll County Board of Elections



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## AGENDA\*

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1135 Business Parkway South, Suite 60, Westminster  
Wednesday, January 21, 2026  
10:00 am

- I. Call Meeting to Order and Declaration of Quorum
- II. Welcome
- III. Additions to the Agenda
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - a. December 17, 2025 – Open Meeting
- V. Correspondence
- VI. Attorney Report
- VII. Election Directors' Report
- VIII. Unfinished Business
- IX. New Business
- X. Disclosure of Campaign Contributions
- XI. Adjournment – Open Meeting
- XII. Closed Meeting

*\*This Agenda is subject to change*

**Closed Meeting:** A portion of the meeting will be closed in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Title 10, Subtitle 5, section §3-305(b), to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction.

**Public Participation:** Members of the public may address the Board. Pursuant to §3.2B of the Board's bylaws, public participation at a meeting must be pre-scheduled and pre-approved by the President. To request approval to speak at a board meeting, contact Erin Perrone at 410-386-2081 or by email [erine.perrone@maryland.gov](mailto:erine.perrone@maryland.gov) no later than 5 pm the day before the meeting.



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## Election Directors' Report Wednesday, January 21, 2026

### Public Information Requests

- Nothing to Report

### Important Meetings and Events

- December 18<sup>th</sup> – Erin & Jen – SBE/LBE Collaboration Meeting
- December 18<sup>th</sup> – State Board Meeting – our election plan was approved!
- December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve – Federal Holiday – Office closed
- December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day – State Holiday – Office closed
- December 26<sup>th</sup> – Federal Holiday – Office closed
- January 1<sup>st</sup> – New Years Day – Office closed
- January 15<sup>th</sup> – Erin & Jen – SBE/LBE Collaboration Meeting
- January 20<sup>th</sup> – Erin & staff – MAEO Meeting
- January 20<sup>th</sup> – Erin & Jen – Budget Meeting with Lexi
- January 21<sup>st</sup> – Monthly Board Meeting
- January 21<sup>st</sup> – Erin & Jen – Speaking Engagement at Lineboro Lions Club
- January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Erin & some staff – Teambuilding Exercise with Howard County
- January 22<sup>nd</sup> – State Board Meeting at 1 pm

### Candidate Filing – 2026 Gubernatorial Election

- Encourage candidates to make an appointment via our website
- Deadline to file is Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 9 pm
- Candidates who have filed can be found on SBE's website at [https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2026/Primary\\_candidates/index.html](https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2026/Primary_candidates/index.html)

### Voter Registration

- Monthly statistical reports are available on our website. The link to the reports is <https://elections.carrollcountymd.gov/monthlyStats.aspx>.
- Day to day electronic batches and processing mail

As of 01/05/2026	DEM	REP	UNA & OTHER	TOTAL
Active Voters	32,916	64,293	34,093	131,302
Inactive Voters	1,527	3,005	1,962	6,494
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34,443</b>	<b>67,298</b>	<b>36,055</b>	<b>137,796</b>

### Volunteer Registration Training

- January 7<sup>th</sup> – Mia – virtual volunteer registration training for Rho Xi Omega

## Mail-in Ballots

### 2026 Gubernatorial Primary Election

Date	Total MIBs	Domestic	UOCAVA	Non-Perm MIBs	Perm MIBs	Mailed	Web Delivery	In Person	Agent	Large Print
12/31/2025	17,298	17,201	97	2,875	14,423	15,474	1,821	0	0	3

## Election Judges

- Working with County HR for paperwork
- Training will begin on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

## IT/Warehouse

- Pollbook training database for election judges
- Quarterly charging of voting equipment
- Preparing forms and supplies for election judges

## Voter Outreach Events

- Nothing to report

## Legislation

- General Assembly – session began on Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>
- Handout of current election bills

## Personnel

- Performance Evaluation Program (PEPs)

## County Government

- FY27 Budget – Meeting with Budget Analyst

## 2026 Board Meetings

- February 18, 2026
- March 18, 2026
- April 15, 2026
- May 20, 2026

## 2026 Gubernatorial Elections – Important Dates

- Pre-Election Day MIB Canvass – Monday, June 1, 2026
- Primary Advanced Deadline to Register – Tuesday, June 2, 2026
- Primary Early Voting – Thursday, June 11 through Thursday, June 18, 2026
- Primary Election – Tuesday, June 23, 2026
- MIB Canvass 1 – Thursday, June 25, 2026
- Provisional Canvass – Wednesday, July 1, 2026
- MIB Canvass 2 & Certification – Monday, July 6, 2026
- Pre-Election Day MIB Canvass – Tuesday, October 13, 2026
- General Advanced Deadline to Register – Tuesday, October 13, 2026
- General Early Voting – Thursday, October 22 through Thursday, October 29, 2026
- General Election – Tuesday, November 3, 2026
- MIB Canvass 1 – Thursday, November 5, 2026
- Provisional Canvass – Thursday, November 12, 2026
- MIB Canvass 2 & Certification – Friday, November 13, 2026

Bill/Chapter (Cross/Chapter)	Title	Sponsor
<a href="#">SB0005</a> ( <a href="#">HB0050</a> )	General Assembly - Special Election to Fill a Vacancy in Office	Senator Kagan
<a href="#">SB0141</a> ( <a href="#">HB0145</a> )	Election Law - Election Misinformation, Election Disinformation, and Deepfakes	Senator Hester
<a href="#">HB0207</a>	Election Law - Certificate of Candidacy for Congressional Offices - Stock Trading Activities (Congressional Stock Trading Transparency Act)	Delegate Vogel
<a href="#">HB0260</a> ( <a href="#">SB0011</a> )	Public Financing Act - Fair Campaign Financing Fund - Distributions	Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee
<a href="#">HB0265</a> ( <a href="#">SB0091</a> )	State Board of Elections - Address Confidentiality Program - Designation of Contact Person	Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee
<a href="#">HB0075</a>	Video Lottery Operations - Prohibitions on Campaign Contributions - Parity Act	Delegate Cardin
<a href="#">HB0044</a> ( <a href="#">SB0029</a> )	Election Law - Petitions and Ballot Questions - Contents, Plain Language Requirement, and Procedures	Delegate Feldmark
<a href="#">HB0050</a> ( <a href="#">SB0005</a> )	General Assembly - Special Election to Fill a Vacancy in Office	Delegate Foley
<a href="#">HB0052</a> ( <a href="#">SB0089</a> )	Election Law - Incarcerated Individuals - Voter Hotline and Voting Eligibility (Voting Rights for All Act)	Delegate Wilkins
<a href="#">HB0056</a>	Districting - Single-Member Districts and Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment Convention	Delegate Bouchat
<a href="#">HB0101</a>	Public Broadcasters - Debate for Candidates for Statewide Office - Required Participants	Delegate Simmons
<a href="#">HB0115</a> ( <a href="#">SB0241</a> )	Election Law - Individuals Released From State Correctional Facilities - Automatic Restoration of Voter Registration	Delegate Wilkins
<a href="#">HB0145</a> ( <a href="#">SB0141</a> )	Election Law - Election Misinformation, Election Disinformation, and Deepfakes	Delegate Feldmark
<a href="#">HB0150</a>	Circuit Court Judges - Selection and Retention Elections	Delegate Cardin
<a href="#">HB0156</a> ( <a href="#">SB0132</a> )	Election Law - Affiliating With a Party and Voting - Unaffiliated Voters	Delegate Fair
<a href="#">HB0157</a> ( <a href="#">SB0065</a> )	Election Law - Campaign Finance - Exploratory Committees	Delegate Palakovich Carr

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<a href="#">HB0182</a> ( <a href="#">SB0237</a> )	Election Law - Presidential Electors - Selection and Voting	Delegate Stein
<a href="#">HB0219</a>	Maryland Voting Rights Act of 2026 - Voter Intimidation and Suppression	Delegate Smith
<a href="#">HB0221</a>	Election Law - Primary Elections - Change of Political Party Affiliation	Delegate Bouchat
<a href="#">HB0263</a> ( <a href="#">SB0100</a> )	Election Law - Early Voting Centers - Bus Stops	Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee
<a href="#">HB0267</a> ( <a href="#">SB0153</a> )	Election Law - Campaign Finance Entities - Oversight and Control of Campaign Funds	Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee
<a href="#">SB0011</a> ( <a href="#">HB0260</a> )	Public Financing Act - Fair Campaign Financing Fund - Distributions	Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
<a href="#">SB0029</a> ( <a href="#">HB0044</a> )	Election Law - Petitions and Ballot Questions - Contents, Plain Language Requirement, and Procedures	Senator Kagan
<a href="#">SB0065</a> ( <a href="#">HB0157</a> )	Election Law - Campaign Finance - Exploratory Committees	Senator Kagan
<a href="#">SB0073</a>	Election Law - Polling Place Procedures - Voting by Elderly Voters and Voters With Disabilities (Accessible and Expedited Voting Act of Maryland)	Senator Ellis
<a href="#">SB0089</a> ( <a href="#">HB0052</a> )	Election Law - Incarcerated Individuals - Voter Hotline and Voting Eligibility (Voting Rights for All Act)	Senator Muse
<a href="#">SB0091</a> ( <a href="#">HB0265</a> )	State Board of Elections - Address Confidentiality Program - Designation of Contact Person	Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
<a href="#">SB0100</a> ( <a href="#">HB0263</a> )	Election Law - Early Voting Centers - Bus Stops	Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
<a href="#">SB0104</a>	Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Appportionment Commission (Fair Districts for Maryland Act)	Senator Hershey
<a href="#">SB0132</a> ( <a href="#">HB0156</a> )	Election Law - Affiliating With a Party and Voting - Unaffiliated Voters	Senator Kagan
<a href="#">SB0153</a> ( <a href="#">HB0267</a> )	Election Law - Campaign Finance Entities - Oversight and Control of Campaign Funds	Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

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<a href="#">SB0236</a>	Election Law - Cerification of Election-Supporting Technology - Regulations, Review, and Evaluation	Senator Kagan
<a href="#">SB0237</a> ( <a href="#">HB0182</a> )	Election Law - Presidential Electors - Selection and Voting	Senator Kagan
<a href="#">SB0241</a> ( <a href="#">HB0115</a> )	Election Law - Individuals Relased From State Correctional Facilities - Automatic Restoration of Voter Registration	Senator Augustine
<a href="#">SB0255</a>	Voting Rights Act of 2026 - Counties and Municipal Corporations	Senator Sydnor



**Jared DeMarinis**  
State Administrator

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Deputy Administrator

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**Jim Shalleck**, Vice Chairman  
**Diane Butler**  
**Victoria Jackson-Stanley**

## Maryland State Board of Elections Reassures Voters that Mail-in Voting is a Secure and Convenient Option for Casting Your Vote

**ANNAPOLIS, MD (January 14, 2026)** - Amidst new United States Postal Services (USPS) policy changes, the Maryland State Board of Elections (SBE) wants to remind voters that mail-in voting remains a safe, convenient and effective way to vote.

USPS proposed a new rule, Postmarks and Postal Possession, [90 FR 38716](#), effective December 25, 2025. This new language was intended to provide clarity on postmarks and their relationship to the date of mailing. The rule advises that, due to postal operations, the postmark date does not always correspond to the date on which the Postal Service first accepted possession.

“I urge every voter who wants to cast a mail-in ballot with USPS to act early or to utilize one of our 286 ballot drop boxes. Ballot drop boxes are located throughout the State to ensure equal access for all voters. Each ballot drop box is routinely emptied, well lit, and under surveillance to ensure safety and prevent any tampering.” said Jared DeMarinis, State Administrator of Elections. “Mail-in voting remains a secure and convenient option for casting your vote. Remember that the State Board of Elections is the trusted source of information for elections and mail-in voting. Please don’t let the new rule on postmarks disenfranchise you, make a plan for voting.”

Mail-in ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by or before 8 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, June 23. If returned by hand, ballots must be dropped at a ballot drop box or local board of elections by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23.

To receive a mail-in ballot by mail, your request must be received (not just mailed) by June 16. The deadline to request a web delivery mail-in ballot is June 19. Visit SBE’s mail-in ballot [webpage](#) for more information on how to request a ballot.

For registered voters who do not want to cast a mail-in ballot, there are two other ways to vote in the upcoming election: vote early in-person or vote on Election Day.

**Vote Early In-Person:** Early voting begins Thursday, June 11 and runs through Thursday, June 18. Early voting centers are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Find the list of early voting centers [here](#).

**Vote on Election Day:** To find your Election Day polling place, visit SBE’s [Find My Polling Place portal](#). Election Day polling places will be open June 23 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Please remember** to rely on your state and local government election officials as your trusted sources for election information. Visit SBE's [website](#), follow SBE on social media, or contact your local elections office for accurate election information. Report any suspicious information to SBE's disinformation [portal](#).

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