



# Carroll County Board of Elections



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Carroll County Board of Elections  
Board Minutes  
January 21, 2026

## **Present**

### *Board*

Samuel Foster, President, in person  
Karen Donaldson, Vice-President, in person  
Mitch Edelman, Secretary, in person  
Gina Miller, Member, in person

### *Staff*

Erin Perrone, Election Director, in person  
Jennifer Bartholow, Deputy Director, in person  
Kimberly Bullock-Jones, Election Program Supervisor II, virtual  
Mia Faber, Election Program Supervisor, virtual  
Isaac Nogueron, Election Program Specialist II, virtual  
Chrissy Winer, Election Program Specialist II, virtual

### *Public*

Corynne Courpas, Carroll County Democratic Central Committee, in person  
Cheryl Steinbacher, League of Woman Voters, Carroll County, in person

### *Absent*

Ben Watson, Member  
Jay Gullo, Attorney

## **Call to Order & Declaration of Quorum**

Mr. Foster called the meeting to order at 10:02 am and declared a quorum was present. Mr. Watson was absent.

## **Welcome**

Mr. Foster welcomed the members of the public who were in attendance, Ms. Courpas and Ms. Steinbacher.

## **Additions to the Agenda**

Mr. Foster asked if there were any additions to the agenda. There were no additions to the agenda.

## **Approval of Minutes**

The Board approved the minutes from December 17, 2025, meeting on a motion from Mr. Edelman, seconded by Ms. Donaldson. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Correspondence**

Mr. Foster asked if there were any correspondence to share. Ms. Perrone shared a press

release from SBE titled *“Maryland State Board of Elections Reassures Voters that Mail-In Voting is a secure and convenient Option for Casting Your Vote.”*

### **Attorney Report**

There was no Attorney Report in Mr. Gullo’s absence.

### **Election Director’s Report**

#### *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 Linesboro 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

<b>As of 01/05/2026</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>REP</b>	<b>UNA &amp; OTHER</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Active Voters</b>	32,916	64,293	34,093	131,302
<b>Inactive Voters</b>	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. 68 people

signed up for the event and 49 returned the paperwork for the certificate of completion.

### *Mail-in Ballots*

#### **2026 Gubernatorial Primary Election**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Total MIBs</b>	<b>Domestic</b>	<b>UOCAVA</b>	<b>Non-Perm MIBs</b>	<b>Perm MIBs</b>	<b>Mailed</b>	<b>Web Delivery</b>	<b>In Person</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Large Print</b>
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 – nothing highlighted to focus on yet
- MAEO proposed 2 bills

### *Personnel*

- Performance Evaluation Program (PEPs)
- “I Voted” Sticker contest

### *County Government*

- FY27 Budget – Meeting with Budget Analyst
- Signs on Route 97 side of the building

### *2026 Board Meetings*

- February 18, 2026
- March 18, 2026
- April 15, 2026 – swear in Board of Canvassers
- 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

### **Unfinished Business**

There is no unfinished business.

### **New Business**

There is no new business.

### **Disclosure of Campaign Contributions**

Ms. Miller disclosed a campaign contribution to Maryland State Delegate Dayana Berman for \$50.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting scheduled is Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 10 am.

### **Adjournment and Closed Session**

The motion for adjournment was made at 10:24 am by Mr. Edelman and seconded by Ms. Donaldson. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Foster proposed that the Board go into a closed session for an employee review.

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