



# Carroll County Board of Elections



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Carroll County Board of Elections  
Board Minutes  
February 18, 2026

## **Present**

### *Board*

Samuel Foster, President, in person  
Karen Donaldson, Vice-President, in person  
Mitch Edelman, Secretary, in person  
Gina Miller, Member, in person,  
Ben Watson, Member, virtual  
Jay Gullo, Attorney, virtual

### *Staff*

Erin Perrone, Election Director, in person  
Jennifer Bartholow, Deputy Director, in person  
Mia Faber, Election Program Supervisor, virtual

### *Public*

Gary Foote, Democratic Central Committee, in person  
Sallie Taylor, in person

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

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

## **Welcome**

Mr. Foster welcomed the members of the public who were in attendance, Mr. Foote and Ms. Taylor.

## **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 the January 21, 2026, meeting on a motion from Ms. Donaldson, seconded by Ms. Miller. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Correspondence**

Mr. Foster asked if there were any correspondence to share. Ms. Perrone shared a press release from SBE titled "*The Maryland State Administrator of Elections Addresses Mis/Disinformation of the 'Nationalization of Elections'.*"

### **Attorney Report**

Mr. Gullo discussed creating a pamphlet detailing the duties of the election board members. Topics would include job duties, open meetings and the public information act. This could be shared with MAEO as well as the public.

### **Election Director's Report**

#### *Public Information Requests*

- Imane Houman – voter who requested her own voting history for a school project – Requested 1/20/2026, Fulfilled 1/26/26

#### *Important Meetings and Events*

- January 29<sup>th</sup> - Erin, Jen & staff – Critical Data Oversight Training with SBE
- February 4<sup>th</sup> - Erin & Jen – Weekly Check-in with Katie
- February 11<sup>th</sup> – Erin & Jen – Weekly Check-in with Katie
- February 16<sup>th</sup> – Holiday – President's Day – Office Closed
- February 17<sup>th</sup> – Erin, Jen & Staff – MAEO Meeting
- February 19<sup>th</sup> – Erin & Jen – In-person Collaboration Meeting with SBE
- February 19<sup>th</sup> – State Board Meeting at 2 pm
- February 20<sup>th</sup> – “I Voted” Sticker Contest Winners Reception
- February 24<sup>th</sup> – Candidate Filing Deadline – Office open until 9 pm
- February 25<sup>th</sup> – Erin & Jen – Weekly Check-in with Katie
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Erin & Jen – Voter Registration Training & Election Judge Recruitment – Republican Central Committee – Westminster Senior Center at 6:30 pm
- March 4<sup>th</sup> – Mia – Voter Registration Training -virtual
- March 11<sup>th</sup> – Erin & Jen – Weekly Check-in with Katie
- March 11<sup>th</sup> – Jen – Mock Interviews at Liberty High School
- March 12<sup>th</sup> – Erin & Jen – Voter Information Session at Carroll Community College
- March 18<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting
- March 19<sup>th</sup> – Erin & Jen – Collaboration Meeting with SBE

#### *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 01/31/2026	DEM	REP	UNA & OTHER	TOTAL
Active Voters	32,908	64,264	34,213	131,385
Inactive Voters	1,514	2,966	1,941	6,421
TOTAL	34,422	67,230	36,154	137,806

*Volunteer Registration Training*

- February 6<sup>th</sup> – Mia – virtual volunteer registration training for Alpha Kappa Alpha – 33 people attended

*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
02/12/2026	15,470	15,356	114	58	15,412	13,776	1,690	2	0	2

*Election Judges*

- County paperwork
- Election Judge Parity Report
- Training will begin on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

*IT/Warehouse*

- Practice Risk Limiting Audit (RLA)
- Quarterly charging
- Packing supplies for election judges

*Voter Outreach Events*

- High School Lunch Program

*Legislation*

- Handout of current election bills

*Personnel*

- Performance Evaluation Program (PEPs) – submitted by the deadline

*County Government*

- FY27 Budget – No update

*2026 Board Meetings*

- March 18, 2026 – Potential: Heather DeWees – Swearing of Board of Canvassers
- April 15, 2026 - Heather DeWees – Swearing of 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 recurring campaign contribution to Maryland State Delegate Dayana Bergman for \$10.80 per month.

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

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

#### **Adjournment and Closed Session**

The motion for adjournment was made at 10:35 am by Ms. Donaldson and seconded by Mr. Edelman. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Foster proposed that the Board go into a closed session for a confidential voter request. The motion was made at 10:39 am by Ms. Donaldson and seconded by Mr. Edelman. The motion passed unanimously.

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 protect the privacy or reputation of individuals with respect to a matter that is not related to public business.