



# Carroll County Board of Elections



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Carroll County Board of Elections  
Board Minutes  
March 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, in person  
Jay Gullo, Attorney, in person

### *Staff*

Erin Perrone, Election Director, in person  
Mia Faber, Election Program Supervisor, virtual  
Kimberly Bullock-Jones, Election Program Supervisor, virtual

### *Public*

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

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

Mr. Foster called the meeting to order at 10:39 am and declared a quorum was present.

## **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. Ms. Perrone stated that the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Heather DeWees, is present for the board members and board counsel to be sworn in as the Board of Canvassers.

## **Swearing in the Board of Canvassers**

At 10:42 am, Ms. DeWees conducted the swearing in of the board members and the board counsel.

## **Approval of Minutes**

The Board approved the minutes of the February 18, 2026, meeting on a motion from Mr. Watson, seconded by Ms. Donaldson. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Correspondence**

Mr. Foster asked if there were any correspondence to share. Ms. Perrone shared several press releases from the State Board of Elections (SBE) and a letter from the Maryland Republican Party. The press releases from SBE are titled “*Maryland State Board of Elections Holds Public Demonstrations of Voting System under Consideration for the 2028 Election Cycle*” and “*State Administrator of Elections addresses recent statements regarding the role of the US Department of Homeland Security and elections.*” The letter from the Maryland Republican Party pertains to “Republican Election Judge Applicants & Compliance with MD Code, Election Law §10-201 (Effective October 1, 2025) and Policy 2025-04.”

### **Attorney Report**

Mr. Gullo reported that there have not been any legal issues during the last month. In response to a question, Mr. Gullo stated that any training for the board will begin closer to the primary election.

### **Election Director’s Report**

#### *Public Information Requests*

- Nothing to report

#### *Important Meetings and Events*

- March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Erin – Voter Registration Training – Republican Club of Carroll County – Westminster Senior Center at 6:30 pm
- 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
- March 19<sup>th</sup> – Erin – Internal Election Directors Meeting with SBE
- March 25<sup>th</sup> – Erin & Jen – Weekly Check-in with Katie
- March 31<sup>st</sup> – Erin & Staff – Transportation Company Meeting
- April 1<sup>st</sup> – Erin & Jen – Weekly Check-in with Katie
- April 13<sup>th</sup> – General Assembly Ends
- April 15<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting

#### *Candidate Filing – 2026 Gubernatorial Election*

- Three important deadlines have passed:
  - Tuesday, 2/24 – Deadline to file for candidacy
  - Friday, 3/6 – Deadline to withdraw from candidacy
  - Tuesday, 3/10 – Deadline to fill a vacancy
- 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)
- Board of Education – “Collapsed Contest”

*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 02/28/2026	DEM	REP	UNA & OTHER	TOTAL
<b>Active Voters</b>	32,818	64,127	34,268	131,213
<b>Inactive Voters</b>	1,590	3,112	2,025	6,727
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34,408</b>	<b>67,239</b>	<b>36,293</b>	<b>137,940</b>

*Volunteer Registration Training*

- March 4<sup>th</sup> – Mia – virtual volunteer registration training for several groups – 30 people attended
- March 24<sup>th</sup> – NAACP
- April 16<sup>th</sup> – League of Women Voters of Carroll County

*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
03/11/2026	15,421	15,306	115	65	15,356	13,732	1,685	2	0	2
Change since previous month	-49	-50	+1	+7	-56	-44	-5	0	0	0

*Election Judges*

- Open House
- Process of assigning election judges
  - Notification of interest – our website, State’s website
  - County paperwork
  - Assigned
  - Send email for election judge to schedule a training class
- Election Judge Parity Report

*IT/Warehouse*

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

*Voter Outreach Events*

- Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – Manchester Valley High School
- Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – Francis Scott Key High School
- Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – South Carroll High School
- Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – Westminster High School
- Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – Liberty High School
- Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> – Winters Mill High School
- Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – Century High School

*Legislation*

- Handout of current election bills

*Personnel*

- Nothing to report

*County Government*

- Nothing to report

*2026 Board Meetings*

- April 15, 2026
- May 20, 2026
- June 17, 2026 - ?
- July 15, 2026
- August 19, 2026
- September 16, 2026
- October 21, 2026 - ?
- November 18, 2026
- December 16, 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
- Early Voting and MIB Pre-Election Day Canvass – Tuesday, June 23, 2026 @ 2 pm – Pick precincts for post-election verification and audits
- 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
- Early Voting and MIB Pre-Election Day Canvass – Tuesday, November 3, 2026 @ 2 pm

- Pick precincts for post-election verification and audits
- 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. Mr. Edelman disclosed a \$100.00 contribution to Corynne Courpas. Ms. Donaldson disclosed a \$90.00 contribution to the Republican Central Committee.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting scheduled is April 15, 2026, at 10 am.

### **Adjournment**

The motion for adjournment was made at 11:19 am by Mr. Watson and seconded by Mr. Edelman. The motion passed unanimously.