



Carroll County Board of Elections



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Carroll County Board of Elections
Board Minutes
April 15, 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, virtual

Staff

Erin Perrone, Election Director, in person
Jennifer Bartholow, Deputy Director, in person

Public

Corynne Courpas, Democratic Central Committee, in person
Cheryl Steinbacher, League of Women Voters Carroll County, in person
Ann Balcerzak, President, Howard County Board of Elections, joined virtually at 10:35 am

Call to Order & Declaration of Quorum

Mr. Foster called the meeting to order at 10:00 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. There were no additions to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of the March 18, 2026, meeting on a motion from Mr. Edelman, seconded by Mr. Watson. 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), a memorandum from the State Ethics Commission and a letter from the Maryland Republican Party. The press releases from SBE are titled:

- *"Maryland State Board of Elections Uses National Problem Gambling Awareness Month to Educate the Public on an Important Topic"*
- *"The Maryland State Board of Elections announces the launch of their voter resource*

phone app, Go Vote Maryland!"

- *"Maryland State Administrator Addresses President Donald Trump's Executive Order"*

The subject of the memorandum from the State Ethics Commission is *"Ethics Law Requirements for Board of Election Members."*

The letter from the Maryland Republican Party regarding "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. There will be a meeting May 12, 2026, for the Board of Elections attorneys. The board can submit any questions or concerns to Mr. Gullo to address at this meeting.

Election Director's Report

Public Information Requests

- Nothing to report

Important Meetings and Events

- April 13th – General Assembly Ends
- April 22nd – Erin & Jen - Weekly Check-in with Katie
- April 23rd – Erin & Jen - Hybrid Collaboration Meeting with SBE
- April 23rd – State Board Meeting at 2 pm
- April 29th – Erin & Jen – Weekly Check-in with Katie
- May 4th – Erin & Jen – Carroll County Democratic Club – Election Information Presentation – Westminster Library, Exploration Commons
- May 6th – Erin & Jen – Weekly Check-in with Katie
- May 13th – Erin & Jen – Weekly Check-in with Katie
- May 20th – Board Meeting at 10 am
- May 21st – Erin & Jen – Collaboration Meeting with SBE
- May 25th – State Holiday – Memorial Day – Office Closed

Candidate Filing – 2026 Gubernatorial Election

- Candidates who have filed can be found on SBE's website at https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2026/Primary_candidates/index.html
- Board of Education – "Collapsed Contest" – Postcard Mailing

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 03/31/2026	DEM	REP	UNA & OTHER	TOTAL
Active Voters	32,816	64,126	34,413	131,355
Inactive Voters	1,572	3,091	2,012	6,675
TOTAL	34,388	67,217	36,425	138,030

Volunteer Registration Training

- March 24th – NAACP – 8 participants
- April 16th – 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 Deliv ery	In Pers on	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
04/08/2026	15,358	15,240	118	77	15,281	13,681	1,674	2	0	2
Change since previous month	-63	-66	+3	+12	-75	-51	-11	0	0	0

Election Judges

- 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

- Ballot Proofing
- Preparing for Logic & Accuracy (L&A) of the voting equipment
- Transportation Meeting on 3/31

Voter Outreach Events

- Visits to all high schools are complete

Legislation

- Handout of current election bills

Personnel

- Nothing to report

County Government

- Livestream system installed

2026 Board Meetings

- 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 \$40 contribution in addition to the recurring campaign contribution to Maryland State Delegate Dayana Bergman for \$10.80 per month, \$50 contribution to Alison Rudolf, \$25 contribution to Aaron Goldsmith, \$50 to Corynne Courpas, \$100 to Gail Wickless. Ms. Donaldson disclosed a \$50.00 contribution to Board of Education candidate, Cleveland Friday.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting scheduled is May 20, 2026, at 10 am.

Adjournment

The motion for adjournment was made at 10:45 am by Mr. Watson and seconded by Mr. Edelman. The motion passed unanimously.