



Carroll County Board of Elections



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Carroll County Board of Elections Board Minutes May 21, 2025

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

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

Olivia Smith, Election Program Specialist I, virtual

Public

Corynne Courpas, Carroll County Democratic Central Committee

Guy Mickley, Election Director, Howard County Board of Elections/MAEO

Cheryl Steinbacher, League of Woman Voters, Carroll County

Absent

Jay Gullo, Attorney

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 was in attendance.

Additions to the Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes from the April 16, 2025, meeting on a motion from Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Edelman. The motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

Mr. Foster asked if there were any correspondence to share. Ms. Perrone stated that there

were a couple of correspondence to share. Ms. Perrone stated that she forwarded two emails received from the Deputy Administrator of the State Board of Elections, Katherine Berry, to the board. One email was titled “State Ethics and Secondary Employment for Board Members.” The other email was titled “Follow-up with your board members/counsel.”

Attorney Report

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

Election Director’s Report

Public Information Requests

Ms. Perrone stated that there were no new PIA requests since the April meeting.

Important Meetings and Events

- May 14th – Erin & Jen – New Building Progress Meeting
- May 15th – Erin & Jen – SBE/LBE Collaboration Meeting
- May 20th – Town of Manchester Municipal Election
- May 26th – Holiday – Memorial Day – Office Closed
- May 28th – Erin & Jen – New Building Progress Meeting
- June 11th – Erin & Jen – New Building Progress Meeting
- June 12th – Erin & Jen – SBE/LBE Collaboration Meeting
- June 18th – Board Meeting
- June 19th – Holiday – Juneteenth – Office Closed

Candidate Filing – 2026 Gubernatorial Election

- Encourage candidates to make an appointment via our website
- Candidates who have filed can be found on SBE’s website
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 4/30/2025	DEM	REP	UNA & OTHER	TOTAL
Active Voters	33,133	64,741	33,461	131,335
Inactive Voters	1,221	2,365	1,521	5,107
TOTAL	34,354	67,106	34,982	136,442

- In response to a question by Ms. Donaldson, Ms. Perrone explained that inactive voters are voters who we have received at least two pieces of returned mail from those voters. For example, if the voter is mailed a sample ballot and a voter notification card and both pieces of mail are returned to us by the USPS with a yellow

sticker, then that voter becomes inactive. If an inactive voter does not vote in two federal elections, then that voter can be cancelled.

IT/Warehouse

- Continuing to pack supplies for the move to the new space
- Preparing the 2020 and 2022 election materials to be shredded since litigation is complete

Personnel

- Nothing to report

Budget/County

- FY26 Budget – no updates to report.
- New building update - Ms. Perrone and Ms. Bartholow are still attending biweekly meetings with County staff and the construction company. The construction should be completed in early June. Ms. Perrone stated that she is working with County staff to determine a move date and the transportation company to facilitate the physical move.

2025 Board Meetings

- May 21, 2025
- June 18, 2025
- July 16, 2025
- August 20, 2025
- September 17, 2025
- October 15, 2025
- November 19, 2025
- December 17, 2025

2026 Gubernatorial Elections

- 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
- 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

Unfinished Business

There is no unfinished business.

New Business

Mr. Watson asked if the presentations from the SBE Biennial Conference or MAEO Conference were forwarded to the board. He expressed interest in the Risk Limiting Audit (RLA) presentation. Ms. Perrone stated that she will follow up with all the speakers and once their presentation is received, she will forward the presentations to the board. Mr. Watson offered his services when it's time to prepare for the RLA audit for the 2026 elections.

Disclosure of Campaign Contributions

There are currently no campaign contributions to share.

Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 10 am.

Adjournment and Closed Session

The motion for adjournment was made at 10:10 am by Mr. Watson. Ms. Donaldson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.