



Carroll County Board of Elections



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AGENDA*

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Public Entrance

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

10:00 am

- I. Call Meeting to Order and Declaration of Quorum
- II. Welcome
- III. Additions to the Agenda
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a. May 20, 2026 – Open Meeting
 - b. June 23, 2026 – Open Meeting
- V. Correspondence
- VI. Attorney Report
- VII. Election Directors' Report
- VIII. Unfinished Business
- IX. New Business
 - a. Discussion – Ballot Drop Box in Hampstead/Manchester Area
 - b. Discussion - Observation Area during Canvass
 - c. Discussion - Westminster Senior Center – Review of No Electioneering Zone
- X. Disclosure of Campaign Contributions
- XI. Adjournment

**This Agenda is subject to change*

Closed Meeting: A portion of the meeting will be closed in accordance with the 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.

Public Participation: Members of the public may address the Board. Pursuant to §3.2B of the Board's bylaws, public participation at a meeting must be pre-scheduled and pre-approved by the President. To request approval to speak at a board meeting, contact Erin Perrone at 410-386-2081 or by email erine.perrone@maryland.gov no later than 5 pm the day before the meeting.



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To: Election Stakeholders

From: Erin Perrone, Election Director

Re: Risk-Limiting Audit – 2026 Gubernatorial Primary Election

Election Law Article 11-309 of the *Annotated Code of Maryland* requires that election officials conduct a risk-limiting after each primary and general election.

The Carroll County Board of Elections will conduct the risk-limiting audit of the 2026 Gubernatorial Primary Election starting on Monday, July 20, 2026, at 9 am. This audit may take two days and will take place at the Carroll County Board of Elections, located at 1135 Business Parkway South, Suite #60, Westminster, MD. The audit is open to the public. Members of the public must follow the *Rules of Conduct for Post-Election Audit Observers* and elections officials' directions while observing the risk-limiting audit.

The Carroll County Board of Elections will manually tally a sample of votes cast for the Republican Governor contest and compare the results of the manual tally against the results from our voting system. This process will confirm the accuracy of reported results of the 2026 Gubernatorial Primary Election.

The State Board of Elections randomly selected the contest to be audited during this risk-limiting audit. After counties upload ballot spreadsheets into the open-source audit software tool that Maryland uses for risk-limiting audits – called Arlo – the State Administrator of Elections will generate a random 20-digit seed number during a livestreamed dice roll. The State Board of Elections will enter that seed number into the audit software, which will select a random list of ballot batches for local boards of elections to retrieve and hand-tally.

Members of the public will be permitted to review the final list of ballot batches chosen for audit by their identifying name or code numbers, and machine and hand counts of the votes in each chosen batch of ballots.



Rules of Conduct for Post-Election Risk-Limiting Audit Observers

Members of the public and media are encouraged to observe the Post-Election Risk-Limiting Audit process. During the audit, it is the responsibility of the local board of elections to maintain order and safeguard all records and documents. Please be mindful of the following rules of conduct for individuals observing the audit.

- ❖ Print your name on the sign-in sheet
- ❖ Direct all questions to the Election Director or his or her designee
- ❖ You may observe the audit teams sorting the ballots but must maintain a reasonable distance so as to not interfere with conducting the audit.
- ❖ Do **not** touch the ballots or other election documents
- ❖ Do **not** make excessive noises or cause distractions
- ❖ No food or drink are allowed in the auditing room
- ❖ Do **not** use cell phones or other audible devices in the auditing room
- ❖ If you have information that you believe should be considered by the Board of Elections, immediately notify the Election Director or his or her designee



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Election Directors' Report Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Public Information Requests

Nothing to report

Important Meetings and Events

- July 16th – Erin & Jen – Collaboration Meeting with SBE
- July 22nd – Deadline to complete Risk Limiting Audit (RLA)
- July 23rd – Statewide Certification of Results
- July 23rd – State Board Meeting at 2 pm
- August 19th – Board Meeting @ 10 am
- Mt. Airy Special Election in the fall

Voter Registration

- Monthly statistical reports are available on our website. The link to the reports is <https://elections.carrollcountymd.gov/monthlyStats.aspx>.

As of 06/30/2026	DEM	REP	UNA & OTHER	TOTAL
Active Voters	32,973	64,336	34,460	131,769
Inactive Voters	1,659	3,248	2,111	7,018
TOTAL	34,632	67,584	36,571	138,787

Volunteer Registration Virtual Training

Nothing to report

Mail-in Ballots

2026 Gubernatorial General Election

Date	Total MIBs	Domestic	UOCAVA	Non- Perm MIBs	Perm MIBs	Mailed	Print-at- Home	In Person	Agent	Large Print
07/08/2026	15,832	15,701	131	301	15,531	14,109	1,719	2	1	1

Election Judges

- Developing refresher training
- Developing refresher training schedule
- Providing election judge parity report

IT/Warehouse

- Cleaning up from the primary election
- Getting everything ready for the general election

Legislation

Nothing to report

Personnel

- Performance Evaluation Program (PEPs) – due in June for all employees
- Primary Lessons Learned

County Government

- Open Session of the Commissioners – Thursday, July 30th @ 10 am

2026 Gubernatorial Primary

- Certification – Monday, July 6th
- Primary Lessons Learned – Thursday, July 9th
- Recount – Deadline was Thursday, July 9th at 4:30 pm
- Risk-Limiting Audit – Monday, July 20th at 9 am

2026 Board Meetings

- 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 – 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 – Tuesday, November 3, 2026 after 8 pm
- MIB Canvass 1 – Thursday, November 5, 2026
- Provisional Canvass – Thursday, November 12, 2026
- MIB Canvass 2 & Certification – Friday, November 13, 2026