



Carroll County Board of Elections



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Carroll County Board of Elections Board Minutes August 20, 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

Jay Gullo, Attorney, not present

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

Public

Gary Foote, Carroll County Democratic Central Committee

Cheryl Steinbacher, League of Woman Voters, Carroll County

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.

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 June 18, 2025, meeting on a motion from, Mr. Edelman seconded by Ms. Donaldson. The motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

Mr. Foster asked if there were any correspondence to share. There were no correspondences to share.

Attorney Report

Mr. Gullo did not attend the meeting and did not provide a report to share.

Election Director's Report

Public Information Requests

- Nothing to report

Important Meetings and Events

- July 15th – MAEO Meeting in Howard County
- August 19th – MAEO Meeting in Dorchester County
- August 21st – Erin & Jen – SBE/LBE Collaboration Meeting
- August 28th – Budget Office Visit to New Space
- September 1st – Labor Day – Office Closed
- September 16th – MAEO Meeting in Saint Mary's County

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

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 7/31/2025	DEM	REP	UNA & OTHER	TOTAL
Active Voters	33,187	64,712	33,810	131,709
Inactive Voters	1,302	2,523	1,589	5,414
TOTAL	34,489	67,235	35,399	137,123

IT/Warehouse

- Quarterly charging of voting equipment
- Working on moving to the new warehouse
- Preparing for the 2026 elections

Voter Outreach Events

- Westminster Pride Festival – Saturday, July 26th
- 4H & FFA Fair – Friday, July 25th through Thursday, July 31st
- Aging Your Way Expo – Wednesday, September 10th
- Westminster Fallfest - TBD

Personnel

- Election Director Evaluation by State Administrator, Jared DeMarinis will be conducted in November or December during a closed session with the board.
- Personal Evaluation Performances were completed on time for all staff members.

Budget/County

- Office Move Update
 - Thursday, July 3rd – Approval to purchase furniture
 - Working with the county to procure the state certified moving company.
 - **GOAL:** Move the week of September 22nd
 - Details will be provided for the board members to tour the new facility on August 28, 2025.

2025 Board Meetings

- September 17, 2025
- October 15, 2025 - ****Early voting centers, polling places, and ballot drop box approval****
- November 19, 2025
- December 17, 2025

2026 Board Meetings

- January 21, 2026
- February 18, 2026
- March 18, 2026
- April 15, 2026
- 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 – Wednesday, November 12, 2026
- MIB Canvass 2 & Certification – Friday, November 13, 2026

Unfinished Business

There is no unfinished business.

New Business

After having a meeting with the Ethics Board, Mr. Watson shared that financial disclosures are to be completed annually. He reminded the board members that have not completed

the paperwork to please do so.

Mr. Watson brought to the boards attention that a family member is involved in the campaign of a Carroll County candidate. Mr. Watson has met with the Ethics Board. The Ethics Board will discuss and advise what situations could present a conflict of interest. If any of the scenarios present themselves during a board decision, Mr. Watson may have to recuse himself from voting as advised by the Ethics Board.

Disclosure of Campaign Contributions

There are currently no campaign contributions to share.

Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 10 am.

Adjournment

The motion for adjournment was made at 10:21 am by Mr. Watson. Ms. Donaldson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.