



AGENDA

Washington County Board of Elections
March 10, 2026

Board Meeting to be held on **Tuesday, March 10, 2026** at 3:00PM. Meeting will be held in person but may also be attended virtually. Call in information is provided below.

Pursuant to Maryland Code Ann., Election Law Article, § 2-208, all meetings of the Washington County Board of Elections are livestreamed and recorded, and those recordings will be posted online and archived as required by law. Livestream broadcasts and recordings may consist of video, audio or any combination thereof. By participating in any meeting, you consent to be recorded.

Call Meeting to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:

Declaration of Quorum Present:

Record Those Present:

Approval of Draft Agenda:

Approval of Draft Minutes of February 10, 2026 regular session:

Correspondence:

Reports:

- I. Election Director
- II. Attorney

Unfinished Business:

- I. FY27 Proposed Budget
- II. Discussion of Board Meeting Minutes

New Business:

- I. Appointment of Election Judges

Members Remarks:

Guest Remarks:

Scheduling of Next Meeting:

Distributed Information:

Board Packet

Future Events:

Adjournment of Regular Session:

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 Barry Jackson at 240.313.2054 or by Email at barry.jackson@maryland.gov no later than 5 pm the day before the meeting.

Call In Instructions for the Meeting:

Join with Google Meet

meet.google.com/xij-qwer-aru

Dial-in: (US) +1 515-518-4107

PIN: 605 220 158#

Director's Report – March 10, 2026

A. Personnel –

1. Election Judges

a) Parity Report

(1) Need minimum 545 election judges, place as many as 679.

(2) 575 have completed the application process

(a) 246 Democrats

(b) 258 Republicans

(c) 59 Unaffiliated

(d) 12 Others.

b) Barry Jackson off work the week of March 15th.

B. Meetings:

1. SBE held a hybrid SBE/LBE Collaboration Meeting in Anne Arundel on February 19, 2026:

a) "Trigger" legislation being proposed in response to upcoming Supreme Court ruling.

b) Mail In Ballot Drop Boxes will be delivered around May 4th.

c) New Voting System awarded to ES&S.

(1) ExpressVote 3 Ballot Marking Device (BMD)

(2) DS300 Ballot Scanning Unit

d) Next Meeting: March 19, 2026, hybrid in Anne Arundel.

2. MAEO Meeting, virtually– March 17, 2026

3. Staff going to Carroll County LBE for team building/best practices meeting on March 13, 2026

4. DHS held a conference call with election officials around the country on February 25, 2026. The Deputy Assistant Director was asked about Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) patrols at polling places, and she said, "There will be no ICE presence at polling locations for this election."

C. Legislative Update: N/A

1. Some election related bills we're tracking:

a) HB0488 – Redistricting bill passed the House, stalled in the Senate.

b) HB0221 – Primary Elections-Change of Party Affiliation was referred to committee but has stalled.

c) SB0132/HB0156 – Unaffiliated voters may affiliate with a political party at Early Voting and vote a party ballot provisionally.

d) SB0029/HB0044 – Petitions and Ballot Questions-Plain Language. SB29 passed the Senate, on first reading in the House.

e) SB0073 – Voting by Elderly Voters and Voters with Disabilities. Hearing on 2/11, no movement since.

- f) SB0100/HB0263 – Early Voting Centers-Bus Stops. Both bills passed their chambers and crossed over to opposite chamber
- g) HB1069/SB0949 – “Trigger” bill to bifurcate our canvassing process between federal and state/local contests, depending on timeliness.

D. Voter Registration Activities and Statistics:

- 1. Registration Statistics for January 2026 were distributed to the Board.

E. Candidate Filings: Candidate Filing for 2026 Gubernatorial Election closed on February 24, 2026 at 9:00pm. There were 63 total filings, with 2 vacancies for Judge of the Orphans’ Court filled after the deadline by the Democratic Central Committee:

- 1. 17 for County Commissioner (6 Dem, 9 Rep)
- 2. 2 for Treasurer (Rep)
- 3. 2 for State’s Attorney (Rep)
- 4. 1 for Clerk of the Circuit Court
- 5. 1 for Register of Wills
- 6. 6 for Judge of the Orphans’ Court (3 Dem, 3 Rep)
- 7. 3 for Sheriff (1 Dem, 2 Rep)
- 8. 12 for Republican Central Committee
- 9. 12 for Democratic Central Committee (6 Female, 6 Male)
- 10. 7 for Board of Education

F. Voting System Activities:

- 1. Received 28 more pollbooks from Harford County for training. Received 14 more pollbook printers from SBE. 15 of the 28 pollbooks were missing CF Card covers, and all 14 pollbook printers were missing power cords.
- 2. Risk Limiting Audit (RLA) Training is ongoing.

G. Projects:

- 1. New Website
- 2. “I Voted” Sticker Contest
- 3. Election Management Software and Services
- 4. Election Operations Center – Alan Matheny from EMS is meeting with staff on Wednesday, March 11th.

FY27 Proposed Budget					
		FY26	FY27	Increase or	Explanation
Election Board Budget		Approved	Proposed	Decrease	Increase/Decrease
500005	Wages Part Time	506,790	507,025	235	Added RLA
500010	Wages-Overtime	1,550	1,500	-50	These numbers are from
500100	FICA	37,390	36,850	-540	County Estimates
500140	Workers Comp	5,000	5,000	0	
500155	Personnel Request	0	83,467	83,467	Requested Admin Assistant
Total Wages and Benefits		550,730	633,842	83,112	
505010	Advertising	4,400	5,150	750	Renewal of Website
505050	Dues & Subscriptions	1,970	1,794	-176	
505070	Food & Supplies	2,100	2,500	400	Meals for additional employees
505120	Licenses & Certifications	40	40	0	
505130	Small Office Equipment	2,120	570	-1,550	Only one new employee
505140	Office Supplies	6,370	6,017	-353	Only one new employee
505160	Personal Mileage	15,830	15,634	-196	
505170	Postage	52,290	60,353	8,063	Increase in postage and mailings to more registered voters
505180	Printing	29,840	27,200	-2,640	No "I Voted" stickers in FY27
505190	Professional Fees	14,000	10,000	-4,000	
505230	Travel Expenses	9,060	21,682	12,622	FY27 proposed closer to FY26 actuals
515000	Contracted/Purchased Services	1,861,990	2,063,782	201,792	\$997,675 for new pollbooks and voting equipment for 2028 (25% payable in FY27)
515180	Software	1,390	23,940	22,550	
520000	Training	2,300	6,795	4,495	MEOC training for staff
520040	SeminarConventions	2,660	5,059	2,399	Two MAEO Conferences in FY27
525000	Election Supplies	4,700	5,900	1,200	Election Judge Pins for General Election
526040	Equipment Maintenance	750	750	0	
535000	Rentals	17,370	13,367	-4,003	Decrease in Election Night Rentals
535055	Lease Payments	149,840	151,823	1,983	Lease for 2nd Copier
535060	Uniforms	1,600	1,600	0	
592040	Promotional Expenses	500	1,000	500	Increased amount for events
Total Operating Expenses		2,181,120	2,424,955	243,335	
599999	Controllable Assets	0	3,500	3,500	1 state computers for new employee
Capital Outlay		2,731,850	3,062,297	329,947	



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

State Administrator of Elections addresses recent statements regarding the role of the US Department of Homeland Security and elections

Annapolis, MD (February 18, 2026) — Recent high profile press statements have suggested the possibility of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) running elections in an attempt to cast doubts on election security and integrity by the States. Before any misinformation or disinformation takes hold from these statements, the State Administrator of Elections Jared DeMarinis issued the following statement to provide corrective information.

The law is clear: in the event of a state of emergency that interferes with the electoral process, the Governor of Maryland has the authority, not FEMA, to mandate any changes. FEMA cannot close polling places, alter the election date or change how or the manner we vote. Furthermore, if an emergency circumstance occurs but not a state of emergency, the State Board may petition the circuit court to take remedial actions in the public interest and to protect the integrity of the electoral process. Again, the authority rests with the State, not FEMA. The President, DHS or FEMA has no constitutional or statutory authority to take over Maryland's elections and electoral processes during a state of emergency or emergency circumstances.

Once again, Maryland's voter registration process and integrity have been called into question especially with regard to citizenship. As State Administrator of Elections, I want to reassure all Marylanders that the Maryland State Board of Elections (SBE) and our local election officials are unwavering in their commitment to maintaining an accurate, secure, and trustworthy voter registration list, fully compliant with both federal and State laws.

As State Administrator, I am legally charged with maintaining the accuracy and currency of the statewide voter registration list. This is a responsibility I do not take lightly. It is a privilege and honor to safeguard the right to vote. Public trust in the electoral process is paramount. It is the bedrock of our democracy and the foundation for any elected government.

*Voter registration list maintenance is not a static process. It is a daily effort with continuous updates and changes. In respect to citizenship updates, Maryland law sets forth two specific instances where SBE can act on information about potential noncitizens. The Administrative Office of the Court (AOC) sends SBE information about potential jurors who indicated they did not qualify for jury service because they were not a U.S. citizen, and SBE also accepts self-reporting directly from individuals. Before any individual is removed from the statewide voter registration list based on an AOC report, SBE verifies the information by sending a **written notification** to the individual requesting confirmation of their citizenship status.*

If information is received from a third party source regarding citizenship status of a registered voter, that information cannot be confirmed by SBE. Since SBE cannot take any administrative action to remove or cancel the individual based upon these third party reports, SBE forwards that information to the Office of the State Prosecutor (OSP) for further investigation.

Maryland's detailed and legally circumscribed process for removing a voter from the registration list is designed to be absolutely certain and remove any doubt in the cancellation. Without the necessary verification steps required by State law, election officials cannot cancel a voter registration record.

This office will not disenfranchise a voter based upon partial or unsubstantiated evidence. The right to vote is a sacred right that has been expanded through the sacrifices of many before us. Maryland does not want to erect artificial barriers in registering to vote or voting, nor does it want you to re-register to vote due to an improper or illegal cancellation. Remember voting is not an entitlement nor benefit program created or established by the government, but a constitutional right embedded in the principles of our nation's foundation, our Constitution and the Maryland Declaration of Rights.

Regarding the issue of SAVE (Systemic Alien Verification for Entitlements) and the possibility of mandating its use for verification of citizenship in the voter registration process, Maryland does not use the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services' (USCIS) SAVE database in the voter registration or list maintenance processes. SAVE isn't designed and purposed for voter registration nor to assist in maintaining voter roll accuracy. Additionally, Maryland law does not provide SAVE as a permissible means for list maintenance. Furthermore, the SAVE database has been reported to produce erroneous information about registered voters' citizenship. Using SAVE could disenfranchise qualified voters. This is contrary to the intent of Maryland law that ensures the maximum number of eligible individuals can register rather than disenfranchising eligible individuals with unnecessary burdens to exercising their constitutional right to vote.

The State Administrator and SBE staff oversee our cybersecurity defensive efforts against bad actors, not the federal government or CISA (Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency). Our security team is an integral part of our daily operations and public facing voter services ensuring the highest levels of awareness and preparedness. Periodic updates on our security posture are presented to the bipartisan State Board members. Moreover, SBE works closely and collaboratively with our State partners as well as other states for sharing alerts on possible cyberthreats. This collaboration does not impair nor undermine our independence and nonpartisan mission.

Finally, every eligible Marylander is the right person to vote. Their voice will determine who will govern our State. Elections from all the votes cast decide the right leaders for Maryland's future. And every vote cast is counted. As our Declaration of Rights states so distinctly and clearly: "the right of the People to participate in the Legislature is the best security of liberty and the foundation of all free Government; . . . and every citizen having the qualifications prescribed by the Constitution, ought to have the right of suffrage."

*As I stated before, Marylanders should feel confident in our election administration. Always verify the information you hear or see whether on social media, from a friend, or any other source with the trusted source of electoral information, the Maryland State Board of Elections. SBE ensures Marylanders can exercise their constitutional right in a **verified, open, transparent and empowering** manner that is safe and secure.*

For more information visit www.elections.maryland.gov .

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Monthly Statistical Report

Last Transaction Date From: 02/01/2026 To: 02/28/2026

ADDITIONS TO COUNTY REGISTRATION

METHOD	DEM	REP	GRN	WCP	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL	EXACT DUPE
By Mail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Confirmation Notice	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
ERIC Report	49	24	0	0	13	3	89	0
Motor Vehicle Administration	97	66	1	2	133	1	300	4
NVRA by Mail	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Online Mail In Request	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Online Voter Registration	5	4	1	0	0	0	10	0
Online Voter Update	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
Social Security Administration	3	0	0	0	1	0	4	0
State Designated Agencies	8	2	0	0	3	0	13	0
USPS Sticker	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
TOTAL	165	96	2	2	153	5	423	6

SUBTRACTIONS FROM COUNTY ACTIVE STATUS

REASON	DEM	REP	GRN	WCP	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL
Confirmation Mail Process-NVRA	98	159	0	0	85	4	346
Death Notice	44	76	0	0	16	2	138
Moved Out of State	3	5	0	0	3	0	11
Returned VNC	2	0	0	0	2	0	4
Voter Request	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Duplicate/Merged	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
County Transfer Out	53	26	0	0	34	0	113
TOTAL	202	268	0	0	141	6	617

AFFILIATION CHANGES

CHANGE	DEM	REP	GRN	WCP	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL
From	70	59	1	1	69	26	226
To	59	64	2	2	82	17	226
TOTAL	-11	5	1	1	13	-9	0

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CURRENT ACTIVE REGISTRATION

ACTIVITY	DEM	REP	GRN	WCP	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL
BEGINNING OF REPORT	30394	45200	148	132	25821	1650	103345
ADDITIONS (+)	165	96	2	2	153	5	423
REINSTATED (+)	10	10	0	0	15	0	35
CANCELLED (-)	-51	-83	0	0	-22	-2	-158
COUNTY TRANSFER OUT (-)	-53	-26	0	0	-34	0	-113
AFFILIATION CHANGES (+ OR -)	-11	5	1	1	13	-9	0
* INACTIVATED (-)	-98	-159	0	0	-85	-4	-346
* REACTIVATED (+)	16	14	0	0	14	3	47
END OF REPORT TOTALS	30372	45057	151	135	25875	1643	103233

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INACTIVE REGISTRATION SUBTRACTIONS FROM COUNTY INACTIVE STATUS

REASON	DEM	REP	GRN	WCP	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL
Confirmation Notice	1	3	0	0	0	0	4
Correction	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Death Notice	3	2	0	0	0	0	5
Failure to Vote	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
Motor Vehicle Administration	14	10	0	0	12	2	38
Moved Out of State	10	19	0	0	2	1	32
Non-Citizen	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Returned VNC	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
State Designated Agencies	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
Voter Notification Card	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Duplicate/Merged	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
County Transfer Out	4	3	0	0	7	0	14
TOTAL	35	41	0	0	24	4	104

CURRENT INACTIVE REGISTRATION

ACTIVITY	DEM	REP	GRN	WCP	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL
BEGINNING OF REPORT	2591	2899	18	17	2527	209	8261
* INACTIVATED (+)	98	159	0	0	85	4	346
*REACTIVATED (-)	-16	-14	0	0	-14	-3	-47
COUNTY TRANSFER OUT (-)	-4	-3	0	0	-7	0	-14
AFFILIATION CHANGES (+ OR -)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CANCELLED FROM INACTIVE (-)	-15	-24	0	0	-3	-1	-43
PENDING FROM INACTIVE (-)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL INACTIVE	2654	3017	18	17	2588	209	8503

TOTAL REGISTRATION RECORDS ACTIVE AND INACTIVE REGISTRATION

ACTIVITY	DEM	REP	GRN	WCP	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL
ACTIVE REGISTRATION	30372	45057	151	135	25875	1643	103233

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INACTIVE REGISTRATION	2654	3017	18	17	2588	209	8503
TOTAL RECORDS	33026	48074	169	152	28463	1852	111736

Address Changes Within Jurisdiction	<u>569</u>		
Address Changes Statewide	<u>33160</u>	Confirmation Mailings Sent	<u>538</u>
Name Changes	<u>369</u>	Confirmation Responses	<u>11</u>
Number of current Statewide voter registration application on hand	<u> </u>	Number of NVRA Agency voter registration Applications on hand	<u> </u>
Signature of person who prepared the report	<u> </u>	Date report completed	<u> </u>
Other = Those individuals designating affiliation with a party that is not established under Maryland Law.	<u> </u>	Unaffiliated = those individuals declining to affiliate with a party.	