



Washington County Board of Elections

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

February 10, 2026
17718 Virginia Avenue
Hagerstown, MD 21740
240-313-2050

Present:

Board:

Tammy Downin, President
Kandace Carpenter, Vice President
Donna Brightman, Board Secretary
Nancy Armstrong, Assistant Secretary
Peter E. Perini, Sr. Member
Brian Kane, Board Attorney

Staff:

Barry Jackson, Election Deputy Director II
Teresa Morningstar, Deputy Director II
Cory Green, Election Program Supervisor I
Sara Deal, Election Program Specialist I

Absent:

Guest:

Patrick Leone
Cathy Poropatic

President Tammy Downin called the meeting to order at 3:08pm at the Washington County Election Center, 17718 Virginia Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

Declaration of Quorum Present:

President Tammy Downin declared that a quorum was present.

Approval of Draft Agenda:

Donna Brightman moved to approve the Draft Agenda as presented. The first change was to add I. under correspondence Maryland State Board of Elections Press Release from February 6, 2026 Kandace Carpenter seconded, and the agenda was unanimously accepted as amended at 3:11pm.

Approval of Executive Session Minutes:

Donna Brightman made a motion to approve the January 13, 2026 Executive Minutes. Nancy Armstrong seconded, and the motion passed unanimously at 3:12pm.

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Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes:

Donna Brightman made a motion to approve the January 13, 2026 Regular Session Minutes as submitted. Nancy Armstrong seconded, and the motion passed unanimously at 3:12pm.

Correspondence:

I. Maryland State Board of Elections Press Release
Discussion ensued and there was a consensus that the local board of elections has very limited authority regarding actions that take place outside of the polling place as long as the actions are outside the electioneering zone and are peaceful.

Reports:

- I. Election Director – Barry Jackson delivered his report to the Board, which can be viewed in the Board Packet, as well as the video recording of the meeting, both of which are available at <https://www.washco-mdelections.org/past-minutes>.
- II. Attorney – Brian Kane had no report.

Unfinished Business:

I. FY27 Proposed Budget
One major change occurred in the contracted purchase services section of the budget due to SBE informing local boards that the new pollbooks and voting systems will be purchased in that budget year.

New Business:

I. Discussion of Board Meeting Minutes
Discussion ensued regarding past minutes; the board recommended the minutes be shorter and less detailed.

Members Remarks:

Nancy Armstrong would like the PEP review for the director to be known well in advance so the board can plan accordingly.

Tammy Downin would like the current by-laws to be distributed to all members.

Peter E. Perini, Sr., would like to help with the recruitment of election judges.

Guest Remarks:

Cathy Poropatic reported that a grant was just approved for a little over \$3,658.80 to be used for election security and was curious what the funds may be used for.

Scheduling of Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting of the Washington County Board of Elections will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 3:00pm The location is Washington County Election Center, 17718 Virginia Avenue, Hagerstown, MD; as pursuant to the Bylaws of the Washington County Board of Elections, Article 3, Section 3.3(A) 8.

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Distributed Information:

Board Packet

Future Events:

Adjournment:


Tammy Downin called for a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting, Kandace Carpenter made the motion and Peter E. Perini, Sr. seconded. The motion passed and the Regular Meeting concluded at 4:56pm.

Compiled by Cory Green
Election Program Supervisor I

Respectfully Submitted,

 3/10/26

Tammy Downin, President Date

 3-10-26

Donna Brightman, Secretary Date