

## Montgomery County Board of Elections Election Director's Report – April 2025

### **Notice and Distribution of Materials**

The Agenda for the April 21, 2025, Board meeting was posted on the Board of Elections website and shared with the Board members on April 14, 2025.

The Director's Report, the Expenditure Tracking Report, and meeting materials were shared with the Board members and posted on the website on April 17, 2025.

On April 7, 2025, a Notification was sent to elected officials and interested citizens regarding the April 21, 2025, Board meeting at which the Board will consider and may vote to approve the ballot drop boxes locations for the 2026 Gubernatorial election cycle.

### **Voter Registration Statistics:**

The Voter Registration Monthly Statistical Report for March 2025 was distributed to the Board members on April 1, 2025, and published on the BOE's website. As of the end of March 2025, there were 704,677 active registered voters in Montgomery County and 42,359 inactive voters, for a total voter count of 747,036.

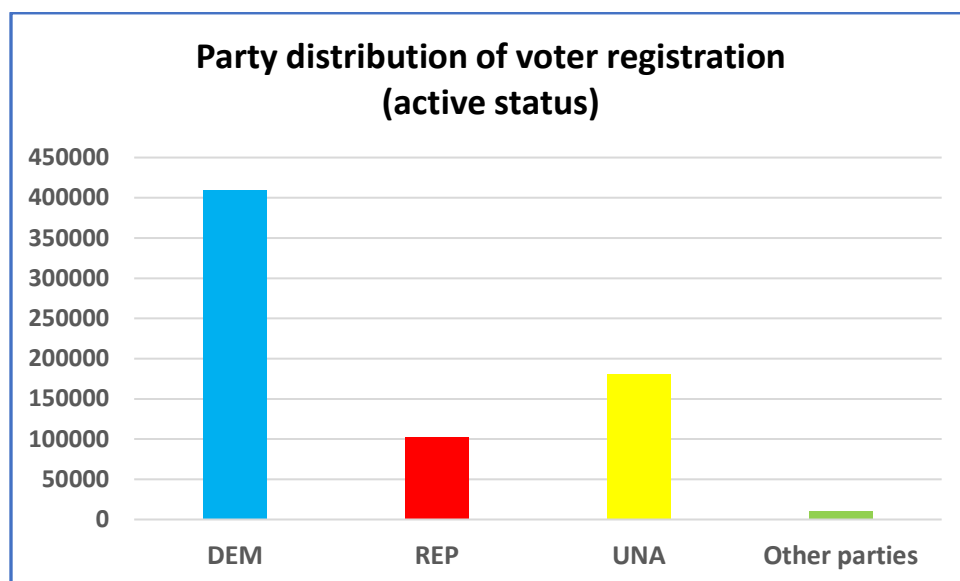
### **Voter Registration – Active Voters Status:**

DEM: 409,937

REP: 102,773

UNA: 180,962

Other Parties: 11,005



## **SBE**

The Maryland State Board of Elections is expected to consider and vote on the Obituary Policy at the meeting scheduled for April 29, 2025.

## **Personnel**

### **Permanent positions:**

The Department is interviewing candidates for the Nursing Home and Vote by Mail Ballot Canvassing Specialist. Anticipated hiring date is May 2025.

The Recruitment, Training and Outreach Manager II position has been advertised, and onboarding of the selected candidate is anticipated in June.

### **Temporary positions:**

The BOE Team currently has only one temporary employee assisting with the required assessments of the polling places for the 2026 Gubernatorial Elections.

## **Budget**

The shared Expenditure Tracking Report reflects the approved Fiscal Year 2025 Budget, the Department's last month's spending, and the up-to-date spending for fiscal year 2025. The current projections indicate that BOE will finish the FY25 fiscal year with a surplus, while the final account is contingent on the anticipated SBE invoices for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of FY25, and chargebacks for the state-wide projects.

## **Sections' Activities**

### **Board of Elections voter communication efforts**

The Staff is continually assessing the communication efforts and adjusting the utilized platforms to achieve the widest possible audience. In 2020, the Board launched MoCo Votes app and introduced various texting options to assist voters to register to vote, request a mail in ballot, locate an Early Voting site or a drop box, or sign up to serve as an election judge. The post 2024 election review revealed that our voters prefer information provided on social media and our website, while the texting option is the dominant voter assistance tool. Therefore, the Team has opened an account on another social media platform Bluesky while we will discontinue MoCo Vote app due to limited usage.

### **Voter Services**

The Voter Registration team continues its daily processing of paper and electronic voter registration requests, and list maintenance activities. The Voter Registration Team has processed all backlog while simultaneously processing all incoming records provided directly by the voters or received from DHMH, AOC, Jury Commission, Courts or through ERIC.

Voter Services supports Montgomery County localities in implementation of their municipal elections by providing the list of registered voters and the precinct registers. We have received the below dates for scheduled municipal elections.

<b>MUNICIPALITY</b>	<b>ELECTION DATE</b>
Drummond	05/05
Garrett Park	05/05
Glen Echo	05/05
Laytonsville	05/05
Chevy Chase Section 5	05/06
Chevy Chase View	05/06
Martin's Addition	05/06
North Chevy Chase	05/06
Town of Chevy Chase	05/06
Washington Grove	05/10
Friendship Heights	05/12
Brookeville	05/13
Somerset	05/13
Chevy Chase Village	05/17
Kensington	06/02

The Vote By Mail team continues to process electronic and paper applications for Mail In Ballots. Additionally, communication with Nursing Homes throughout the county is taking place to ensure all new residents have the opportunity to both register to vote and/or apply for mail in ballots to be prepared for the 2026 Primary. The Team is working with Health and Human Services Department to expand the outreach to Adult Medical Day Centers, Assisted Living Programs, and Long-Term Care Facilities in Montgomery County

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The team is also assisting candidates with the processing of their filing paperwork. The below table indicates the number of candidates who filed to be on Montgomery County ballots in the 2026 Gubernatorial Primary Election.

<b>OFFICE</b>	<b># of CANDIDATES</b>
<b>Governor</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Congressional District 4</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Congressional District 6</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Congressional District 8</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>State Senator District 16</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>State Senate District 20</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Legislative District 16</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Legislative District 20</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>County Executive</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Councilmanic 006</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>State's Attorney</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Clerk of the Circuit Court</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Register of Wills</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Sheriff</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Democratic Central Committee</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>

### **IT Section**

The IT warehouse staff completed PEM (Post Election maintenance) on April 11th. The staff is working on the state equipment inventory project.

IT Manager is working with the Technology and Enterprise Business Solutions (TEBS) department and a vendor contracted by TEBS on the replacement of the Election Resource Management System (ERMS). Development of the three modules within ERMS, Polling Place, Future Vote and Election Judge, is completed. TEBS, the vendor and IT Manager are currently developing a comprehensive integration test plan. The integration testing will test the three modules together to ensure the modules function as expected and work as a unified application. The IT Manager and selected members of the IT Staff are continuing to attend Website Accessibility trainings led by the website division of TEBS. The BOE website team is continuing

to work with TEBS on the county's Web 2.0 Redesign Project. This project will move all county websites to an upgraded platform.

### **Operations Section**

The Operations Team has concluded shredding of all remaining unvoted ballots, outdated forms, signs, and posters from the 2024 election cycle. The team has completed the initial presort of returned materials from the 2024 General Election and has started incorporating all materials back into the overall warehouse inventory for final counts. Voted ballots are in the process of being repalletized and archived for document retention. Staff is in the process of analyzing 2024 voter turnout, and supply inventory to be used in preparation for the 2026 ballot and supply orders.

### **Recruitment, Training and Outreach Section**

The Recruitment Team continues to process election worker application and assist volunteers as needed. The Recruitment Team is evaluating the current internal processes and programs for possible improvements to lead to a more efficient, volunteer friendly process that would enhance the overall experience.

Recruiters are supporting outreach events by representing the Board of Elections at community events, local colleges, and high schools.

The Training Specialist is revising the Election Worker position descriptions for the website, reviewing and editing the State Election Judge Manual and polling place forms as part of a SBE Workgroup, analyzing Help Desk, Roamer Reports and other data to improve training content and exploring possible new features for the Online Supplement Training Course.

Recruitment, Training and Outreach will participate in the integration testing of the new ERMS system in the upcoming weeks.

### **Meetings / Events**

The Biennial meeting of the Maryland's local Board of Elections is scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in Ocean City.

Maryland Association of Election Officials annual conference is scheduled for May 6 through May 9, 2025, also in Ocean City Maryland.