

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

Notice and Distribution of Materials

The Agenda for the May 19, 2025, Board meeting was posted on the Board of Elections' website and shared with the Board members on May 12, 2025.

The Director's Report, Expenditure Tracking Report, and meeting materials were shared with the Board members and posted on the website on May 15, 2025.

On May 5, 2025, a Notification was sent to elected officials and interested citizens regarding the May 19, 2025, Board meeting at which the Board will consider locations of the Election Day polling places for the 2026 Gubernatorial election cycle.

Voter Registration Statistics:

The Voter Registration Monthly Statistical Report for April 2025 was distributed to the Board members on May 1, 2025, and published on the BOE's website. As of the end of April 2025, there were 704,893 active registered voters in Montgomery County and 43,271 inactive voters, for a total voter count of 748,164.

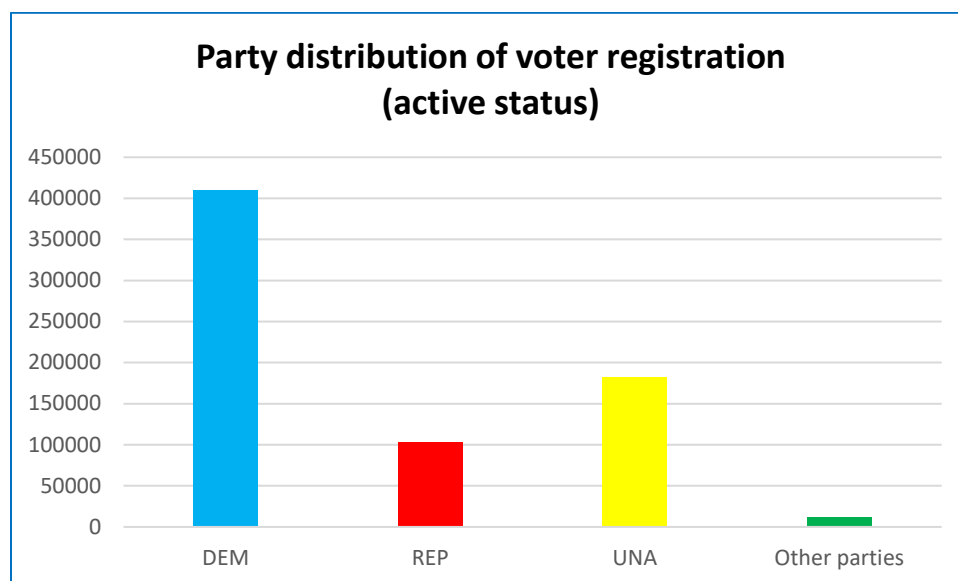
Voter Registration – Active Voters Status:

DEM: 409,571

REP: 102,687

UNA: 181,601

Other Parties: 11,034



State Board of Elections

On April 29, 2025, the Maryland State Board of Elections considered and approved two policies:

- SBE Policy 2025-01: Line Management for Voters Who Need Assistance. This policy encompasses processes already conducted by Montgomery County BOE and it relates to assistance in terms of providing seating area for elderly and disabled voters at polling places, and a *place-holder process* in lines at polling places.
- SBE Policy 2025-02: Obituary Policy which is an instruction from the State Administrator related to removing from the statewide voter registration list information about a voter who is no longer eligible due to death. This policy states that the only permissible sources to be used for an obituary are a newspaper, a printout of a newspaper website with the url, or a printout of the funeral home website with the url. All other source material regarding the death of a voter, such as Ancestry.com or Legacy.com, may not be used for list maintenance purposes.

Personnel

Permanent positions:

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

The Department will shortly commence interviews for the Outreach, Recruitment, and Training Manager II position. Onboarding of the selected candidate is anticipated in June 2025.

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 spending from last month, 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 accounting is contingent on anticipated SBE invoices for the 4th quarter of FY25.

Sections' Activities

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 continues to process all records provided directly by the voters or received from DHMH, AOC, Jury Commission, Courts or through ERIC. Additionally, the team has completed processing of the list of Obituaries provided by a Montgomery County voter.

Voter Services supports Montgomery County localities in implementation of their municipal elections by providing a list of registered voters and precinct registers. We have received the below dates for scheduled municipal elections in 2025.

MUNICIPALITY	ELECTION DATE
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 register to vote and/or apply for mail in ballots in preparation for the 2026 Gubernatorial Primary Election. The Team is working with the

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Department of Health and Human Services to expand outreach to Adult Medical Day Centers, Assisted Living Programs, and Long-Term Care Facilities throughout Montgomery County.

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

OFFICE	# of CANDIDATES
Governor / Lieutenant Governor	2
Congressional District 6	1
Congressional District 8	1
State Senator District 16	1
State Senate District 20	1
Legislative District 16	1
Legislative District 18	1
Legislative District 20	3
County Executive	1
Councilmanic 006	1
State's Attorney	1
Clerk of the Circuit Court	1
Register of Wills	1
Sheriff	1
Democratic Central Committee	1
TOTAL	18

Voting System & Information Technology Section

The Voting System & Information Technology staff continues to work on the state equipment inventory project. The project is expected to be completed in the next two weeks.

The Voting System & Information Technology Manager continues to work 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). TEBS, the vendor and VS&IT Manager are continuing the development of a comprehensive integration test plan for the Board of Elections staff to test the new system. The integration testing will test the three modules together to ensure the modules function as expected and work as a unified application.

The VS&IT Manager and BOE website team have completed the Website Accessibility trainings led by the website division of TEBS. The BOE website team continues 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

Operations continues to archive the 2024 general election ballots and supporting documents. All 2024 VACs have been consolidated and will be stored for the legally mandated 3-year period. 2022 election materials are being prepared for destruction now that the legal hold has been lifted. The team is conducting initial assessment of the polling place locations for the 2026 Gubernatorial election cycle.

Outreach, Recruitment & Training

The Recruitment Team continues to process election worker applications and assist volunteers as needed. The team is actively evaluating internal processes and programs in an effort to identify areas of improvements. This will lead to a more efficient process and enhance the overall election worker experience. As part of this effort, the team has conducted a thorough review of position descriptions and service stipends in preparation for the 2026 Election Cycle.

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

The Training Specialist continues to review the State Election Judge Manual and polling place forms as part of a SBE Workgroup. Additionally, the Training Specialist is reviewing features for the Online Supplemental Training Course.

Meetings / Events

June 4, 2025: The team will join other local boards, colleagues from the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and Election Group representatives for a tabletop exercise.