

## **Montgomery County Board of Elections**

### **Election Director's Report – April 2026**

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

The Agenda for the April 20, 2026, Board meeting was shared with the Board members and posted on the Board of Elections' website on April 13, 2026.

The Director's Report, Expenditure Tracking Report, and meeting materials were shared with the Board members and posted on the Board of Elections' website on April 16, 2026.

#### **Voter Registration Statistics:**

The Voter Registration Monthly Statistical Report for March 2026 was published on the BOE's website and distributed to the Board members on April 1, 2026. As of the end of March 2026, there were 703,797 active registered voters in Montgomery County and 54,445 inactive voters, for a total voter count of 758,242.

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

DEM: 403,912

REP: 100,040

UNA: 188,746

Other Parties: 11,099

#### **Cumulative party registration change:**

DEM: 518

REP: -211

UNA: 915

Other Parties: 21

#### **State Board of Elections**

The Maryland State Board of Elections held public demonstrations of a voting system under consideration for the 2028 election cycle. As part of the certification process, SBE hosted

three (3) days of in-person public demonstrations of the accessible ballot marking device and precinct-based tabulator developed by Election Systems & Software, LLC (ES&S). The demonstration allowed the public to ask questions and submit comments regarding the proposed voting system's functionality, ease of use, and overall experience. Staff and Board members observed this public demonstration on March 24, 2026, in Rockville.

## **Personnel**

### **Permanent positions:**

Candidates have been selected for the Outreach, Recruitment and Training Manager and the Polling Place Specialist position within Election Operations. The target start date for both candidates is May 4 upon their completion of the onboarding process with core HR.

### **Temporary positions:**

The Board of Elections Team is gradually increasing the number of Election Aide's. The Department currently has 38 temporary employees on site, with majority engaged in Recruitment (applications processing) and training of election judges. Additional temporary team members joined Voter Services in preparation for anticipated increase in data and requests processing, and Election Operations to assist with polling place preparations of election operational supplies.

## **Budget**

The shared Expenditure Tracking Report reflects the approved Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. The report indicates spending as per projections.

## **Sections' Activities**

### **Voter Services**

The Voter Services team has completed proofreading all ballots (including paper, Ballot Marking Device electronic display and audio) in preparation for the upcoming primary election, ensuring accuracy and clarity for voters. Meanwhile, the Voter Registration team continues to process both paper and electronic voter registration applications. In addition

to these ongoing tasks, the team is actively managing records received through List Maintenance activities. This includes processing information directly submitted by voters as well as records provided by external sources such as DHMH, AOC, the Jury Commission, the Courts, and the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC).

Furthermore, the team is preparing to distribute Pending Underage letters. These notifications will inform 5,651 individuals who will not reach the age of 18 by the time of the 2026 General Election that they are not eligible to participate in the Primary Election.

The Vote By Mail team remains actively engaged, reaching out to and coordinating with 54 nursing homes and assisted living facilities as they prepare for visits leading up to the Primary election. To ensure a smooth process, the team has already visited several locations to help eligible residents register and complete their Mail-In voting applications ahead of the scheduled election visits. Expanding their outreach, they have also contacted 18 Adult Day Care providers to streamline the registration and voting experience for participants. In addition to these efforts, the team is making preparations for Drop Box and Canvass logistics, and is in ongoing communication with prospective election workers to support these initiatives.

### **Voting System & Information Technology Section**

The Voting System and Information Technology (VS&IT) staff are currently preparing both the warehouse and documentation required for conducting Logic and Accuracy testing for the 2026 Gubernatorial Primary Election. The team is also in the process of completing the annual inventory audit of all state-owned equipment.

The VS&IT Manager continues to collaborate with the Technology and Enterprise Business Solutions (TEBS) team on the new Election Resource Management System (ERMS), focusing on identifying system software issues and developing necessary reports.

Furthermore, the website team is undertaking a thorough review of existing site documents and information to determine which items require remediation to comply with updated ADA standards established by the US Department of Justice under Title II, as well as the County's

Web Accessibility Guidelines. The compliance deadline for meeting these accessibility guidelines is April 24th.

### **Elections Operations Section**

Operations staff continue packing polling place supplies and conducting supply verifications. We are preparing the warehouse for ballot delivery and working with the Training Team to print finalized documents and forms. Drop box delivery routes have been assigned, and staff are preparing for delivery on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Drop Boxes will be available for voters to return voted mail in ballots as of May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, and the first scheduled pick up of returned mail in ballots by bipartisan teams is on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

### **Outreach, Recruitment & Training Section**

Outreach activities are ongoing throughout the County, including community and civic events (further details will be shared under the Outreach agenda item).

The Recruitment Team is actively reviewing applications from voters interested in serving as Election Workers and Election Judges for the upcoming Primary Election. The team is providing guidance to volunteers on utilizing the new EJ Connection Portal.

The training and staffing of Election Judges began in March 2026. The Recruitment Team is currently evaluating online training outcomes and assembling polling place rosters for both Election Day and Early Voting with trained workers.

- 3,721 prospective volunteers renewed or submitted their application.
- 1,490 volunteers completed in-person training
- 1,974 prospective volunteers have completed the online quiz.
- 248 have signed up to attend in-person training sessions by April 27, 2026

The Training Team advanced the election judge training program by finalizing updates to all five training classes, including revised materials for the Provisional, Same Day Registration, and Chief classes. Staff completed five weeks of instruction at the Training and Canvass Center and three additional weeks at off-site locations in Silver Spring and Wheaton. The

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team also refined trainer assignments, classroom readiness procedures, and supply management, while using ongoing class evaluation to strengthen delivery and improve operational readiness across sites.