

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Virtual Attendance Board Members:

David A. Naimon, President

Daniel A. Koroma, Vice President

Amoretta (Amie) M. Hoeber, Secretary

Keyna I. Anyiam, Board Member

Alexander Vincent, Board Member

Margie C. Delao, Substitute Member

Lawrence J. Halloran, Substitute Member

Virtual Attendance Board Attorney:

Kevin Karpinski

In-Person Staff Attendance:

Boris Brajkovic, Election Director

Julia Douglass, Lead Trainer

Philip Jackson, Outreach, Recruitment, and Training Manager

Aishah Mills-Pherigo, Election Worker Recruitment Coordinator

Sandra Prudenti, Voter Services Manager

Janet Ross, Voting System and IT Manager

Mindy Williams, Elections Operations Manager

Gilberto Zelaya, Outreach Coordinator/Public Information Officer

A video of the meeting may be found on YouTube at the link below:

<https://youtu.be/iCm39EdQzul?si=TNTQrBA01MJyfiW>

Convene Board of Elections Meeting (0:03)

Mr. Naimon called the meeting of the Board of Elections to order and declared a quorum present at 3:00 p.m.

President's Remarks (00:22)

Mr. Naimon recognized Ms. Anyiam and Mr. Vincent, who both celebrated birthdays following the May Board Meeting, as well as Mr. Koroma, who will be celebrating his birthday in the upcoming week. Mr. Naimon also noted that he anticipates that the August 4, 2025, Board Meeting will be an in-person meeting, held at the Board of Elections' office in Gaithersburg.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda (2:37)

No additions or changes to the agenda were requested.

Disclosure of Campaign Contributions and Fundraiser Attendance (2:46)

No disclosures were made.

Public Comments (3:03)

No public comments were submitted.

Election Director's Report (3:55)

The Election Director's Report can be found [here](#).

Mr. Brajkovic announced and congratulated Ms. Jennifer Daley on her new position as the Nursing Homes and Vote-By-Mail Canvassing Specialist. Additionally, Mr. Brajkovic announced and welcomed Mr. Philip Jackson to his role as the Outreach, Recruitment, and Training Manager.

Mr. Brajkovic updated the Board that one of the remaining quarterly bills from the State Board of Elections has been received, processed, and is reflected in the May Expenditure Report. Additionally, Mr. Brajkovic reported that he still anticipates that the department will be in a surplus at the end of Fiscal Year 2025, including the remaining bill from the State Board of Elections for the fourth quarter.

Mr. Brajkovic added that the Voter Services section is working with municipalities that are conducting elections this year by providing them with voter registration lists upon request. A full list of 2025 municipal elections and election dates can be found in the Director's Report available on the website under the meeting documents for this Board Meeting and linked above.

Mr. Brajkovic informed the Board that, according to a letter from the Department of Justice, the Board of Elections and all other County Agencies are working on a website update project to meet the new ADA requirements and standards.

Mr. Brajkovic reported that on June 4, 2025, a representative from a Montgomery County's partner region in South Korea visited the Montgomery County Board of Elections to learn more about our election administration process. This visit included a tour of the facility and a presentation on current practices used by the Board of Elections.

Additionally, Mr. Brajkovic and the Management team visited the Baltimore County Board of Elections to participate in an Emergency Management tabletop exercise to collaborate on strategies to ensure readiness in the event of any emergencies arising during an election.

Board Attorney's Report (14:41)

Kevin Karpinski, Board Attorney, reported that recently the Montgomery County Board of Canvassers, as well as several other Maryland local Boards of Canvassers, received an Open Meetings Act Complaint, on the grounds that the canvass minutes were not being posted on the Board of Elections' website. Mr. Karpinski added that a response to the complaint, arguing that there has not been a violation, has been filed with the Open Meetings Compliance Board. Additionally, canvass minutes, as well as all livestream recordings of the 2024 elections canvass sessions, have been posted on the Board of Elections' website in a continued effort to promote transparency in Montgomery County elections. Mr. Karpinski anticipates that a decision will be made before the August Board meeting regarding the response that was filed to the complaint.

Mr. Karpinski updated the Board on the recent decision from the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, which blocked several provisions of President Trump's Executive Order 14248, "Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections." Several States, including the State of Maryland, joined the State of Massachusetts in the Lawsuit against President Trump's Executive Order 14248. Mr. Karpinski anticipates that this case will reach the Supreme Court quickly, and there will be a definitive decision on which provisions of the Executive Order, if any, will apply to the State of Maryland for the 2026 Election Cycle.

Website Update (21:14)

Mr. Brajkovic informed the Board that the Board of Elections' website usage continues to reflect normal usage in a non-election year following the 2024 Election Cycle. Website Statistics can be found [here](#).

Outreach Update (22:16)

The list of outreach events for May through July 2025 can be found [here](#).

Dr. Zelaya informed the Board that following the end of the school year, staff has been busy participating in various community events and festivals for their summer outreach activities. Dr. Zelaya encourages the public to contact the Board of Elections with any inquiries requesting our participation in a community event.

Mr. Naimon asked Dr. Zelaya for clarification on what constitutes a virtual outreach event. Dr. Zelaya informed the Board that a virtual outreach event is largely tailored to the request of the organization that is holding the event, including presentations on how to vote in Montgomery County, information on how to become an election worker, and information on becoming a trained voter registrar.

Old Business (29:57)**Proposal of Election Day Polling Place Locations for the 2026 Election Cycle – Further Discussion and Board Action**

Mr. Brajkovic and Ms. Williams' presentation of the staff proposal for Election Day Polling Places changes for the 2026 election cycle can be found [here](#).

Mr. Brajkovic indicated that per SB259 from the 2025 General Assembly Legislative Session, which will take effect on July 1, local boards of elections will be required to submit a comprehensive election plan to the State Board of Elections for approval. This election plan will consist of the proposed drop box locations, election day polling places, and early voting centers approved by the local board of elections. Mr. Brajkovic added that if approved by the Board, the presented list of election day polling place locations will constitute the second part of the holistic Election Plan for the 2026 Gubernatorial Election Cycle.

Mr. Brajkovic informed the Board that the staff's polling place change proposal for precinct 12-01 was no longer viable due to the proposed location no longer being able to hold Election Day activities. Mr. Brajkovic added that a new proposal for the relocation of 12-01 will be presented to the Board at the August Board Meeting.

Ms. Williams reviewed all of the proposed polling place changes that were presented at the May Board Meeting. The proposed changes are as follows:

1. Precinct 01-07, previously held at Damascus Library & Senior Center, will be consolidated into Laytonsville Elementary School, currently housing precincts 01-01 and 12-06.
2. Precinct 02-06, previously held at Hallie Wells Middle School, will be moved to Snowden Farm Elementary School to be within the assigned precinct.
3. Precinct 02-12, previously held at Snowden Farm Elementary School, will be moved to Hallie Wells Middle School to be within the assigned precinct.
4. Precinct 10-09, previously held at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School, will be temporarily consolidated into Seven Locks Elementary School, currently housing precinct 10-03, due to construction at Our Lady of Mercy.
5. Precinct 13-07, previously held at the IMAAM Center, will be moved to Woodlin Elementary School as school construction was completed.
6. Precinct 13-50, previously held at Sligo Creek ES, will be moved to Silver Spring International Middle School, which is located in the same building, to improve accessibility and increase parking.
7. Precinct 13-13, previously held at Highland View Elementary School, will be temporarily consolidated into Silver Spring International Middle School, also housing precinct 13-50.

Mr. Vincent asked if the Board will need to notify the State Board of Elections and the State Administrator of Elections that precinct 12-01 will need to be relocated, despite not having a proposed polling place location for that precinct yet. Mr. Brajkovic responded that because of the staff and the Board are working far ahead of schedule for the Election Plan, prospective polling place changes can be presented up until the deadline for the Election Plan in November, without needing to inform the State now of any changes.

Mr. Vincent asked for clarification on which polling place changes would be voted on today. Mr. Naimon stated that the Board would be voting on all polling place changes except the 12-01 polling place change.

Ms. Anyiam congratulated Mr. Brajkovic and Ms. Williams on planning ahead of the deadline for the Election Plan, effectively communicating with the community, and allowing the community to provide their input on the proposed polling place changes.

Ms. Hoeber asked about the status of Westland Middle School as a polling place, given the recent school closure due to a tree falling on the school building. Mr. Naimon responded that since the 2026 election is still a year away, it is assumed that the school will be fixed in time. Nevertheless, the staff will monitor the progress of any repairs to ensure that the polling place is operational for Election Day.

Mr. Vincent moved to accept the staff's proposal for polling place changes for precincts 01-07, 02-06, 02-12, 10-09, 13-07, 13-13, and 13-50. The motion was seconded by Ms. Delao and passed unanimously. Board action on the proposed polling place change of precinct 12-01 has been postponed to a future Board Meeting.

New Business (46:10)

Proposal of the Early Voting Sites for the 2026 Election Cycle – Discussion and Board Action (46:13)

The staff proposal for Early Voting sites for the 2026 Election Cycle is available [here](#).

Mr. Brajkovic informed the Board that the staff proposal for Early Voting sites for the 2026 Election Cycle is the third component of the Election Plan that would be submitted to the State Board of Elections for final approval. Mr. Brajkovic added that the proposal presentation was posted on the Board of Elections' website two weeks before the meeting.

Ms. Williams presented the staff proposal for Early Voting sites for the 2026 Election Cycle, which consists of the same 14 Early Voting sites and the same 3 Early Voting alternate site used during the 2024 Election Cycle. The proposed Early Voting sites for the 2026 Election Cycle are as follows:

- Activity Center at Bohrer Park
506 S. Frederick Ave., Gaithersburg, MD 20877
- Bauer Drive Community Recreation Center
14625 Bauer Dr., Rockville, MD 20853
- Damascus Community Recreation Center
25520 Oak Dr., Damascus, MD 20872
- Germantown Community Recreation Center
18905 Kingsview Rd., Germantown, MD 20874
- Isiah "Ike" Leggett Executive Office Building
101 Monroe St., Rockville, MD 20850

- Jane E. Lawton Community Recreation Center
4301 Willow Ln., Chevy Chase, MD 20815
- Marilyn J. Praisner Community Recreation Center
14906 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, MD 20866
- Mid-County Community Recreation Center
2004 Queensguard Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20906
- Nancy H. Dacek N. Potomac Community Recreation Center
13850 Travilah Rd., Rockville, MD 20850
- Potomac Community Recreation Center
11315 Falls Rd., Potomac, MD 20854
- Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department
17921 Brooke Rd., Sandy Spring, MD 20860
- Silver Spring Civic Building
One Veterans Pl., Silver Spring, MD 20910
- Wheaton Library & Community Recreation Center
11701 Georgia Ave., Wheaton, MD 20902
- White Oak Community Recreation Center
1700 April Ln., Silver Spring, MD 20904

Alternate Early Voting sites:

- East County Community Recreation Center
3310 Gateshead Manor Way, Silver Spring, MD 20904
- Longwood Community Recreation Center
19300 Georgia Avenue, Brookeville, MD 20833
- Upper County Community Recreation Center
8201 Emory Grove Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Mr. Naimon began the Board discussion, mentioning that he appreciates the continued split use of the Social Halls and Gyms of White Oak Community Recreation Center and Wheaton Library & Community Recreation Center to be respectful of the needs of our partnering agency of the Montgomery County Department of Recreation. Mr. Naimon also appreciates the continuity of the staff proposal of the use of the same 14 Early Voting centers as used in the 2024 Election Cycle. Mr. Naimon added that Maryland Law requires Montgomery County to have 13 Early Voting locations and allows one additional Early Voting location per a mutual agreement with the Board of Elections, the County Executive, and the County Council. Mr. Naimon thanked the County Executive and the County Council for supporting the Board of Elections' request for the use of one additional Early Voting location during the 2022 and 2024 Election Cycles and asked for that same support in the 2026 election cycle.

Ms. Hoeber emphasized the difference between Early Voting Centers and Election Day Polling Places, as Montgomery County voters can choose to vote at any Early Voting Center in the county, yet not voting at their assigned polling place on Election Day will cause the voter to need to vote a provisional ballot.

Mr. Koroma added that the staff and the Board are actively trying to make the voting process more accessible by maximizing the number of locations available to Montgomery County voters.

Mr. Vincent asked if the Board would need to request additional funding from the County Council for the use of a fourteenth Early Voting Center. Mr. Brajkovic responded that these funds were already planned as part of the Board of Elections' Fiscal Year 2026 budget, and no additional funding is needed for one additional Early Voting Center.

Mr. Koroma moved to accept the staff proposal of the use of the same 14 Early Voting Centers and 3 Alternate Early Voting Centers for the 2026 Election Cycle. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hoeber and passed unanimously.

Request to the County Executive and County Council for the Approval of a 14th Early Voting Site (1:13:00)

Ms. Hoeber moved that the Board of Elections request that the County Executive and the County Council agree to reestablish a fourteenth Early Voting site. The motion was seconded by Ms. Anyiam and passed unanimously.

Future Action Items (1:13:33)

- Staff will follow up with MCPS and Westland Middle School staff regarding the condition of the building.
- The new staff proposal for the polling place change of precinct 12-01 is anticipated to be presented at the August Board Meeting.

Approval of Minutes (1:14:42)

Ms. Hoeber moved to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting on May 19, 2025, as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vincent and passed unanimously.

Future Meetings (1:15:35)

All meetings begin at 3:00 P.M. unless otherwise indicated. Dates are subject to change.

- Monday, August 4, 2025
In-person, located at the Montgomery County Board of Elections, 18753 N. Frederick Ave. Ste. 210, Gaithersburg, MD 20879. Livestream of the Board Meeting will also be available; details can be found at the Board of Elections' website, 777Vote.org.
- Monday, September 15, 2025
- Monday, October 20, 2025

Adjournment (1:16:33)

Mr. Naimon adjourned the Board of Elections meeting at 4:16 p.m.

Approved by the Board,

Board President's signature appears on the original document

David A. Naimon
Board President