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

Notice and Distribution of Materials

The Agenda for September 8, 2025, Board meeting was posted on the Board of Elections' website on September 2, 2025.

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 September 4, 2025.

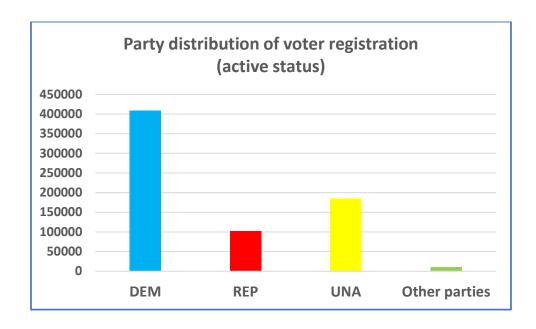
Voter Registration Statistics:

The Voter Registration Monthly Statistical Report for August 2025 was published on the BOE's website and distributed to the Board members on September 3, 2025. As of the end of August 2025, there were 706,097 active registered voters in Montgomery County and 46,953 inactive voters, for a total voter count of 753,050.

Voter Registration – Active Voters Status:

DEM: 408,388 REP: 102,059 UNA: 184,574

Other Parties: 11,076



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State Board of Elections:

At the Maryland State Board of Elections (SBE) meeting on August 28, 2025, the State Elections Administrator presented five (5) departmental bills that SBE is working on for the 2026 General Assembly legislative session. These bills include:

- Early Voting Bus Stops
- Election Administration Career Path
- Oversight of Campaign Finance Management
- Align Fair Campaign Financing Fund Distribution Dates for Gubernatorial and County Candidates
- Update Fine for Noncompliance with Inaugural Committee Reporting Requirement.

Summaries of the bills are available at SBE Departmental Legislation Proposals

<u>Personnel</u>

Permanent positions:

The Department is interviewing for an Office Service Coordinator – Mail In Voting and Candidate Filing position that is currently vacant in the Voter Services Section. Completion of the recruitment process for this position is anticipated in September 2025. The advertisement for the vacant Voter Education and Training Specialist is expected to be published in the week of September 8, 2025. Completion of the recruitment process for this position is anticipated in October 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. A temporary employee will be onboarded to assist with the preparation of training documents and outreach until a new Voter Education and Training Specialist is hired. Other temporary employees might be engaged based on operational needs when outreach efforts cannot be supported only with BOE's internal resources.

Budget

The shared Expenditure Tracking Report reflects the approved Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. The limited changes are reflective of the new fiscal year which started on July 1, 2025.

Facility

Staff is pleased to announce that BOE has assumed the space in the building that was previously used by Bar-T. This new 'Training and Canvass' space of 8,350 square feet will be a multipurpose area that is designed to accommodate canvass sessions for future elections or simultaneously organize multiple election workers training sessions.

In preparation for the 2026 election cycle, BOE will be resurfacing the entry area to the building in order to address the settled sidewalk and potential ADA non-compliance. Therefore, the Board of Elections facility will be closed to the public on Friday, September 12, 2025, due to construction.

Sections' Activities

Voter Services

The Voter Registration team continues its daily processing of paper and electronic voter registration applications. The Team processes all records provided through List Maintenance activities, which include processing incoming records provided directly by the voters and/or received from DHMH, AOC, Jury Commission, Courts and ERIC (the Electronic Registration Information Center).

The Vote By Mail team participated in Outreach events to assist in Recruitment efforts for the Nursing Home and Canvass programs. Additionally, they continue to process paperwork for the candidates filing to run for county offices in the 2026 Gubernatorial Primary.

Candidate filing records change daily. Therefore, for the up to date information, please utilize the State website 2026 Candidate Listing

OFFICE	# of CANDIDATES
Governor	3
Lieutenant Governor	3
Attorney General	1
Congressional District 4	2
Congressional District 6	3
Congressional District 8	1
State Senator Senatorial District 16	1
State Senator Senatorial District 17	1
State Senator Senatorial District 20	1
House of Delegates Legislative District 9A	2

House of Delegates Legislative District 16	3
House of Delegates Legislative District 17	3
House of Delegates Legislative District 18	2
House of Delegates Legislative District 20	3
Judge of the Circuit Court Judicial District 6	1
County Executive	3
County Council At Large	2
County Council Councilmanic 1	2
County Council Councilmanic 3	1
County Council Councilmanic 4	1
County Council Councilmanic 6	1
County Council Councilmanic 7	1
State's Attorney	1
Clerk of the Circuit Court	1
Register of Wills	0
Sheriff	2
Democratic Central Committee 15	1
TOTAL	46

Voting System & Information Technology Section

The Voting System & Information Technology staff has completed the quarterly charging of the ballot marking devices as required by SBE. The staff is working with ES&S staff to complete scheduled maintenance of ballot marking devices. This project will be completed this month.

The Voting System & Information Technology (VS&IT) Manager continues to perform integration testing of the Election Resource Management System (ERMS) along with the BOE staff. The integration testing will continue through the month of September. Data conversion from the existing ERMS system will begin in October.

The BOE website team continues to work with TEBS on the county's Web 2.0 Redesign Project.

Elections Operations Section

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The Elections Operations Team continues shredding documents from the 2020 and 2022 election cycles, helping to optimize warehouse space. The repalletizing and archiving of voted ballots from the 2024 election continues. The additional space created by document disposal is supporting this effort.

Staff continue evaluating polling locations to ensure accessibility for the 2026 election cycle.

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 continues to process election worker applications and assist volunteers as needed. In collaboration with the VS&IT Manager, the ORT Team is testing the new ERMS system. The Team continues to provide periodic communication to almost 10,000 voters in our database who have either served as election workers before or expressed interest in serving in the 2026 election cycle. Recruitment team continues to support Outreach events by representing the Board of Elections at community events.

As the Voter Education and Training Specialist position is currently vacant, the Manager and the team are covering the work with the SBE Workgroup focused on updating Election Judges' Manual.

Meetings / Events

On August 26, 2025, a six-member delegation of staffers from the US Senate Rules Committee visited the Montgomery County Board of Elections, together with the Executive Director of National Associations of State Elections Directors, Maryland State Elections Administrator and Deputy. Staff provided a tour of the facility and briefed guests on Montgomery County, our election process, transparency of our operations and warehouse capacity.