Montgomery County Board of Elections

Election Director's Report – October 2025

Notice and Distribution of Materials

The Agenda for October 20, 2025, Board meeting was posted on the Board of Elections' website on October 13, 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 October 16, 2025.

On October 6, 2025, a Notification was sent to elected officials and interested citizens regarding October 20, 2025, Board meeting.

Voter Registration Statistics:

The Voter Registration Monthly Statistical Report for September 2025 was published on the BOE's website and distributed to the Board members. As of the end of September 2025, there were 704,067 active registered voters in Montgomery County and 50,488 inactive voters, for a total voter count of 754,535.
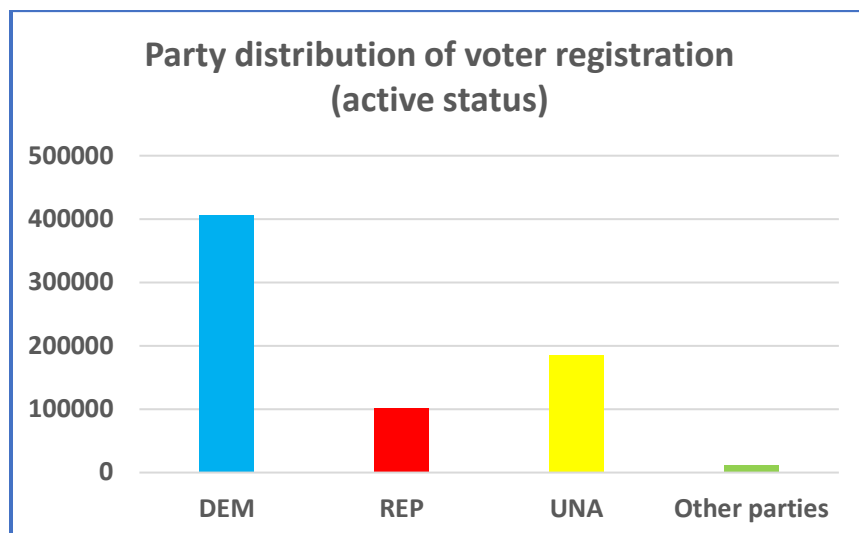
Voter Registration – Active Voters Status:

DEM: 406,497
REP: 101,619
UNA: 184,871
Other Parties: 11,060

State Board of Elections

SBE launched a contest for high school seniors to register at least 90% of their senior class eligible students for the 2026 Elections. The announcement came on September 16, National Voter Registration Day, and it says that every high school that achieves the 90% registration rate of eligible senior students will be recognized with an award in May 2026 (as per SBE, one-third of high school seniors are not currently registered). A portal to register the high school is available at Annual High School Voter Registration Contest.

Personnel

Permanent positions:

The Department has posted the advertisement for Voter Education and Training Specialist (Program Specialist I, Grade 18) position, with the hiring process expected to be completed in early December.

In addition, the Department selected a candidate to fill the Office Service Coordinator – Mail In Voting and Candidate Filing position in the Voter Services Section. The selected candidate will start on October 20, 2025.

Temporary positions:

The Board of Elections Team currently has two temporary employees on site, assisting with the required assessments of the polling places for the 2026 Gubernatorial Elections and with the preparation of training documents and outreach until a new Voter Education and Training Specialist is hired.

Other temporary employees have been 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 review of the first quarter expenditures indicates per plan spending.

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). Additionally, they are helping support our many outreach events.

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	4
Lieutenant Governor	4
Comptroller	1
Attorney General	1
Congressional District 4	2
Congressional District 6	4
Congressional District 8	2
State Senator Senatorial District 9	1
State Senator Senatorial District 16	1
State Senator Senatorial District 17	1
State Senator Senatorial District 18	1
State Senator Senatorial District 20	1
State Senator Senatorial District 39	1
House of Delegates Legislative District 9A	2
House of Delegates Legislative District 16	4
House of Delegates Legislative District 17	3
House of Delegates Legislative District 18	3
House of Delegates Legislative District 20	3
House of Delegates Legislative District 39	5
Judge of the Circuit Court Judicial District 6	1
County Executive	4
County Council At Large	5

County Council Councilmanic 1	2
County Council Councilmanic 2	1
County Council Councilmanic 3	1
County Council Councilmanic 4	1
County Council Councilmanic 6	1
County Council Councilmanic 7	2
State's Attorney	1
Clerk of the Circuit Court	1
Register of Wills	0
Sheriff	2
Democratic Central Committee 14	1
Democratic Central Committee 15	1
TOTAL	**68**

Voting System & Information Technology Section

The Voting System and Information Technology (VS&IT) staff have initiated testing of the primary pollbook batteries, as directed by the State Board of Elections (SBE).

The 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 October. Data conversion from the existing ERMS system will begin in late October.

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

Elections Operations Section

The Operations Team continues shredding election related materials to allow space for continued archiving of 2024 documents and voted ballots. 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. Recruitment team continues to support Outreach throughout the County.

As the Voter Education and Training Specialist position is currently vacant, the Manager and a temporary employee are updating of the Election Judges' Manual and developing training materials.

Meetings / Events

The Montgomery County Board of Elections hosted an Open House and tours of its building on Monday, October 13, 2025. The Open House was attended by 223 residents, who provided very positive feedback, appreciating the effort and information about election administration in both election and non-election years. The tours included presentations relating to how the Board and staff are structured, voter services (including candidate filing, voter registration, mail-in and provisional ballots, and a demonstration of the mail-in ballot sorting equipment), outreach, recruitment and training of election workers, the IT warehouse (including a demonstration of ballot-scanning equipment), the operations warehouse, and the new training and canvass center.