

## Montgomery County Board of Elections Election Director's Report – February 2026

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

The Agenda for February 2, 2026, Board meeting was shared with the Board members and posted on the Board of Elections' website on January 27, 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 January 29, 2026.

### **Voter Registration Statistics:**

The Voter Registration Monthly Statistical Report for December 2025 was published on the BOE's website and distributed to the Board members on January 2, 2026. As of the end of December 2025, there were 702,218 active registered voters in Montgomery County and 53,796 inactive voters, for a total voter count of 756,014.

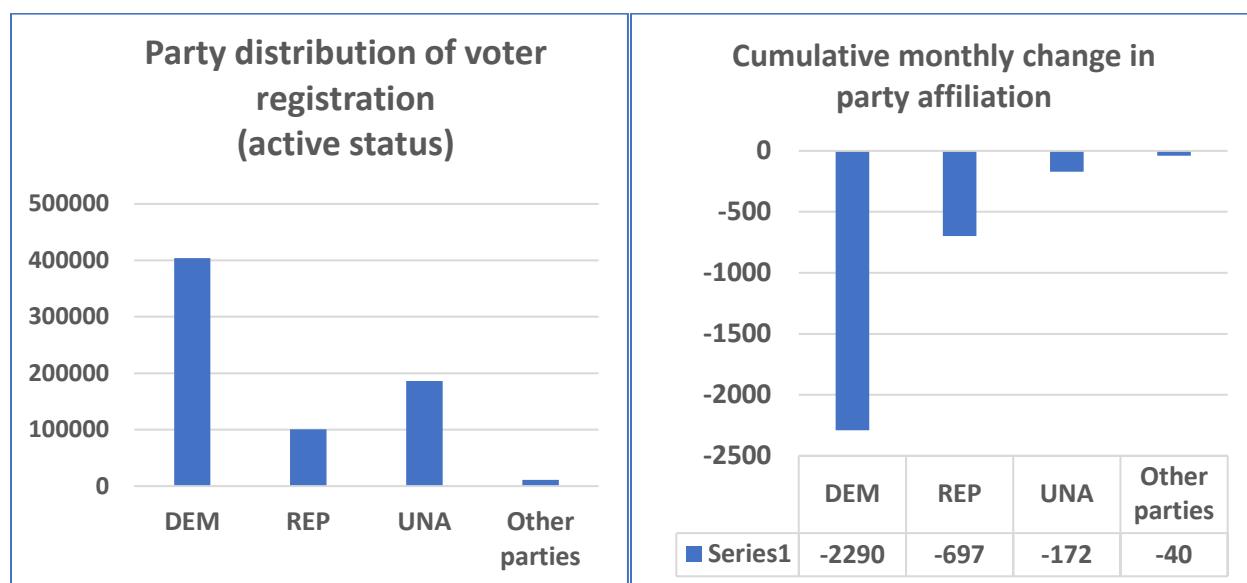
### **Voter Registration – Active Voters Status:**

DEM: 406,847

REP: 100,766

UNA: 186,530

Other Parties: 11,075



### **State Board of Elections**

The Board of Public Works approved the new pollbooks solution at its session on December 3, 2025. New pollbooks, from Tenex Software Solutions, Tampa FL, are scheduled to be used for the 2028 election. For more information, please see pages 121 and 122 [2025-Dec-3-Agenda.pdf](#)

On December 18, 2025, the State Board of Election unanimously approved the Montgomery County Election Plan for the 2026 election cycle.

On January 22, 2025, the State Election Administrator announced jurisdictions that need to provide additional language assistance as per Election Law 15.5-101. The additional languages identified for Montgomery County include Amharic, Chinese, Spanish and Vietnamese.

Also on January 22, 2026, the State Board of Elections approved *Policy 2025-04 Election Judge Parity Reporting*. The Policy refers to Election Law Article §10-201, which mandates that Election Director assign election judges to achieve parity to the extent practicable at each polling place. The Policy requires Election Director to provide a vacancy report (which includes the polling place and party breakdown by election judge type) monthly to the Board, beginning in February 2026.

### **Personnel**

#### **Permanent positions:**

The Department has completed interviews for the Voter Education and Training Specialist (Program Specialist I, Grade 18), and the Manager of Outreach, Recruitment and Training (Manager II, Grade 25). The onboarding process is expected to be completed in February 2026.

#### **Temporary positions:**

The Board of Elections Team currently has three temporary employees on site, assisting with the preparation of the polling places for the 2026 Gubernatorial Elections, training documents, outreach activities, and voter registration activities.

Other temporary employees have been engaged based on operational needs when outreach efforts cannot be supported only with BOE's internal resources.

The ad for Election Aide II positions has been posted in the reporting period. The staff is conducting interviews to hire temporary team members for the 2026 Gubernatorial election cycle. Our goal is to start onboarding returning and new temporary staff in early February of 2026.

### **Budget**

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

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## **Communication**

In accordance with Election Law 9-311.1, the staff will send letters to 2,171 voters who were on the permanent vote-by-mail list but did not utilize this voting option in two consecutive general elections. These letters, prepared by the State Board of Elections, notify voters of their removal from the permanent vote-by-mail list. Importantly, this removal does not affect voters' registration status or their right to request a vote-by-mail ballot for the 2026 election and any future elections.

## **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 continues its outreach and coordination efforts with Nursing Home and Assisted living facilities in preparation for the visits which will be scheduled in the runup to the Primary election.

Additionally, the team processes paperwork for the candidates filing to run for county offices in the 2026 Gubernatorial Primary. The Candidate Filing deadline is Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 9pm.

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
Representative in Congress Congressional District 4	4

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<b>Representative in Congress Congressional District 6</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Representative in Congress Congressional District 8</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>State Senator Senatorial District 9</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>State Senator Senatorial District 14</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>State Senator Senatorial District 15</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>State Senator Senatorial District 16</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>State Senator Senatorial District 17</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>State Senator Senatorial District 18</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>State Senator Senatorial District 19</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>State Senator Senatorial District 20</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>State Senator Senatorial District 39</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>House of Delegates Legislative District 9A</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>House of Delegates Legislative District 14</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>House of Delegates Legislative District 15</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>House of Delegates Legislative District 16</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>House of Delegates Legislative District 17</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>House of Delegates Legislative District 18</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>House of Delegates Legislative District 19</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>House of Delegates Legislative District 20</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>House of Delegates Legislative District 39</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Judge of the Circuit Court Judicial District 6</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>County Executive</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>County Council At Large</b>	<b>13</b>

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<b>County Council Councilmanic 1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>County Council Councilmanic 2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>County Council Councilmanic 3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>County Council Councilmanic 4</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>County Council Councilmanic 5</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>County Council Councilmanic 6</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>County Council Councilmanic 7</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>State's Attorney</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Clerk of the Circuit Court</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Register of Wills</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Sheriff</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Republican Central Committee At Large</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Republican Central Committee 9A</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Republican Central Committee 14</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Republican Central Committee 15</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Republican Central Committee 16</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Republican Central Committee 17</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Republican Central Committee 18</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Republican Central Committee 19</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Republican Central Committee 20</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Republican Central Committee 39</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Democratic Central Committee At Large</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Democratic Central Committee 9A</b>	<b>0</b>

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<b>Democratic Central Committee 14</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Democratic Central Committee 15</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Democratic Central Committee 16</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Democratic Central Committee 17</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Democratic Central Committee 18</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Democratic Central Committee 19</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Democratic Central Committee 20</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Democratic Central Committee 39</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Board of Education At Large</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Board of Education District 1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Board of Education District 3</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Board of Education District 5</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>129</b>

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

The Voting System and Information Technology (VS&IT) staff have completed charging the voting equipment batteries as instructed by the State Board of Elections (SBE). The staff has begun preparations for the 2026 primary election and will start the annual inventory of all state-owned equipment.

The VS&IT Manager is collaborating with the Technology and Enterprise Business Solutions (TEBS) team to complete the data conversion from the current Election Resource Management System (ERMS). This process, along with the implementation of the new system, is expected to be done by the first week of February.

Additionally, the website team is reviewing existing documents and information on the site to update any items that are not in compliance with the new US DOJ rule under Title II ADA and the County's Web Accessibility Guidelines.

### **Elections Operations Section**

Elections Operations team continues preparation and documentation of the 2024 Presidential General elections voted ballots, as well as Voting Voter Authority Cards (VAC) boxes for long-term storage and retention.

Warehouse shelving has been cleared to support future operational needs, and preparations have begun for the next scheduled shred date in late March to maintain records retention compliance.

Ongoing supply ordering and receiving continue, and a preliminary analysis for the 2026 ballot order has been initiated.

Staff are also supporting interdepartmental hiring efforts and have started interviews for positions within Elections Operations Section.

### **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.

On January 17, 2026, the team conducted a mock Election Judge Voting Operations Training session with participation of six experienced election judges to evaluate the training materials and solicit feedback. The team is in the process of updating the training materials for the upcoming Election Judges training courses, which are scheduled to begin in mid-March.

### **Meetings / Events**

Staff attended the Joint Election Official Liaison Conference (JEOLC) conference, organized by Election Center on January 8 and 9, 2026. The conference offered an opportunity to interact with colleagues across the nation, hear presentations from various agencies with the United States Postmaster General as the keynote speaker.

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On January 22, 2026, staff organized a presentation of our mailing practices to the United States Postal Inspectors. The visit was coordinated with the State Board of Elections and included Deputy State Election Administrator.

Also on January 22, 2026, the Board of Elections organized a tour of its building and presentation of its operations for the media representatives from Montgomery County. Representatives of six media outlets attended the event.