

Montgomery County Board of Elections

Election Director's Report – March 2026

Notice and Distribution of Materials

The Agenda for March 16, 2026, Board meeting was shared with the Board members and posted on the Board of Elections' website on March 9, 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 March 12, 2026.

Voter Registration Statistics:

The Voter Registration Monthly Statistical Report for February 2026 was published on the BOE's website and distributed to the Board members on March 3, 2026. As of the end of February 2026, there were 702,554 active registered voters in Montgomery County and 55,170 inactive voters, for a total voter count of 757,724.

Voter Registration – Active Voters Status:

DEM: 403,394

REP: 100,251

UNA: 187,831

Other Parties: 11,078

Cumulative party registration change:

DEM: -3,453

REP: -515

UNA: 1,301

Other Parties: -3

State Board of Elections

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.

On February 19, 2026, the State Board of Elections approved the Montgomery County Board of Elections' request to provide supplemental language assistance. The request was based on the proposal to publish on our website French and Korean translation of the Voter Guide for the 2026 Primary Elections, in addition to English, Spanish, Amharic, Chinese and Vietnamese versions of the Voter Guide.

Personnel

Permanent positions:

The Department has completed hiring of Jared Ford for the position of the Voter Education and Training Specialist (Program Specialist I, Grade 18). The Department is currently interviewing for the position of Manager of Outreach, Recruitment and Training (Manager II, Grade 25). The onboarding process is expected to be completed in March 2026.

Temporary positions:

The Board of Elections Team is gradually increasing the number of onboarded temporary team members at the Election Aide II positions. The Department currently has 32 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 level 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 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 continue to outreach and coordinate with 54 large Nursing Home and Assisted living facilities in preparation for the visits which will be scheduled in the runup to the Primary election. The team has visited 3 facilities so far and has 3 more scheduled in the upcoming weeks to assist with registering eligible residents and completing their Mail-In voting applications ahead of our election visits.

Additionally, the team processed paperwork for 143 (133 currently active) candidates filing to run for county offices in the 2026 Gubernatorial Primary. The Candidate Filing deadline was Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 9pm.

Please utilize the State website [2026 Candidate Listing](#) for the final list of State and local candidates on the 2026 Primary ballots.

Voting System & Information Technology Section

The Voting System and Information Technology (VS&IT) staff is continuing preparations for the 2026 primary election and conducting the annual inventory of all state-owned equipment.

The VS&IT Manager continues working with the Technology and Enterprise Business Solutions (TEBS) team on the new Election Resource Management System (ERMS). The system was launched to the public on March 5th.

Additionally, the website team is continuing to conduct a comprehensive review of current site documents and information to identify those that require remediation in order 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.

Elections Operations Section

The Operations Team is working to finalize the ballot order and have begun submission of print jobs for polling place signage and forms. In addition, the team continues preparing and organizing operational supplies to support Early Voting and Election Day activities.

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).

On March 4, 2026, the Recruitment Team sent out 31, 493 emails to prospective volunteers who either previously served or expressed interest in serving as election workers for the 2026 Gubernatorial Primary election.

Since kick-off,

- 1,392 prospective volunteers renewed or submitted their application.
- 413 prospective volunteers have completed the online quiz.
- 222 have signed up to attend in-person training sessions by March 29, 2024.

The Training Team completed several key milestones in preparation for the upcoming election judge training cycle. Staff finalized updates to the Voting Operations (VOP) and Closing (CLSR) class curriculum and materials and successfully conducted a two-week Train-the-Trainers program onboarding 18 trainers. Training classes begin at the Board of Elections Training & Canvass (TCC) site on March 16th. The first offsite training will be held at the Silver Spring Civic Building beginning on March 30th.