



# Frederick County Board of Elections

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## MINUTES of the August 6, 2025, Meeting of The Frederick County Board of Elections

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m., in person and virtually, by Board President Mary Costello.

### PRESENT:

Mary Costello, President  
Nathaniel C.W. Wilson, Vice President  
Michael Sowell, Board Member  
Daniel B. Loftus, Board Counsel  
Barbara Wagner, Election Director  
Anthony Gutierrez, Deputy Director  
Tom Coogan, Election Program Manager II  
Marc Welch, Special Projects Manager  
Jeremy Levin, Election Program Manager I  
Brian Blakesley, Election IT Specialist  
William Guzman, Election Program Assistant I  
Diane Zepp, Election Program Assistant II

Kelly Foster, Self  
Dale Livingston, Self  
Fiona Livingston, Self  
Kat Harper, Self  
Winston Mann, Self  
Shelley M Aloj, FCRCC  
Stephen Slater, Self  
Demetrios Vlassopoulos, Self  
Robert Callahan, Self  
Mari Lee, FCDCC

Virtual:  
Shirley McDonald, Secretary  
Ted Neeves, Board Member

### ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No additions

### APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Mr. Sowell made a motion to accept July 9, 2025, minutes as presented. Mr. Wilson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

No report.

### BOARD COUNSEL REPORT

Mr. Loftus reported on 2 lawsuits: The De la Roca lawsuit motion to dismiss was granted but an appeal has been filed with the 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit. The Attorney General has filed a motion to dismiss the Bryson case.

# ELECTION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

August 2025

## Announcements and Important Meetings

- In accordance with the new E.L. 2-208, we have begun the new Board meeting Recording and Archiving process.

### 1. Voter Registration

#### VOTER REGISTRATION STATISTICS REPORT

As of  
8/6/2025

TOTAL ACTIVE + PENDING:		209,597	-	-
<u>PARTY</u>	<u>ACTIVE</u>	<u>PENDING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
DEM	79,513	40	79,553	37.96%
REP	69,825	27	69,852	33.33%
LIB	1,108	2	1,110	0.53%
UNA	56,821	51	56,872	27.13%
OTHERS - TOTAL	2,206	4	2,210	1.05%
<u>TOTAL</u>	209,473	124	209,597	100.00%

#### VOTER REGISTRATION TRANSACTIONS REPORT

July 2025

Additions to County Registration	1038
Subtractions from County Active Status	671
Party Affiliation Changes	329
Address Changes within Jurisdiction	865
Name Changes	470

- Pending status – identification has not been able to be verified by either MVA or the Social Security Administration.

#### CURRENT PENDING VOTERS

As of 8/6/2025

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Number</u>
Confirmation Mail process	2
ID Not Provided	13
ID Not Verified	98

Incomplete Application	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>124</b>

## **2. Administration & Reception Division**

We are onboarding 1 new employee this month and continue to support the VR division in batch management and candidate filing as well as undertaking incoming and outgoing mailing procedures.

## **3. Voting Systems Division**

The Voting System Division is current with the routine charging cycle of the year for all DS200 scanners and Ballot Marking Devices (BMDs) to ensure optimal battery performance for upcoming elections. The third routine charging cycle of the year for all Electronic Pollbooks will begin in August.

The Voting System Division has been working on supporting the documentation required for the presentation of our Polling Place Plan. These documents are required by SBE for their eventual consideration and approval.

## **4. Voter Registration Division**

Completed July ERIC, COP Audit, DHMH Report, and AOC Report  
Completed the Quarterly AOC, DHMH, Century Club Fuzzy list, and Jury list.  
Staff is reviewing and updating SOPs as needed.  
MAEO VR meeting scheduled for August 12.

## **5. Mail-In Ballot / Official Ballot Drop Boxes Section**

Election Center Webinar on Mail-in Ballots scheduled for August 12.  
MAEO MIB meeting scheduled for August 21.

## **6. Election Judge Division**

The office has an upcoming outreach event at Frederick's "In the Streets" on September 13. We expect a large turnout again this year at this popular event.

Last month we conducted two other outreach/recruitment events. On July 12, we hosted the first "Election Worker Appreciation Night" at the Frederick Keys Baseball Stadium. On July 19, 2025, we were honored to be a part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Veterans Appreciation Event hosted by the Frederick Health Village. Both events were well attended.

Our next monthly Voter Registration Distribution (VRD) training course is scheduled for Wed, August 27 at 2 p.m. Currently we have approximately 10 people who have signed up to attend. We will also be conducting a training course for the Frederick County

League of Women Voters. Interested people can use the online portal on our website to sign up for a future training session.

We continue to process interest letters from prospective Election Judges for the 2026 elections as well as gathering information on our returning Judges and their availability. Now is the perfect time to contact us about serving as an Election Judge for the 2026 Gubernatorial elections.

## **7. GIS and Special Projects**

The 2026 Election Plan project is underway with MOUs, site surveys and data updates ongoing.

The 2025 Street File Cleanup project launched on August 1, 2025. This project seeks to review and update street files to ensure address accuracy and verify residential status. The project involves reviewing street file records that touch or cross county boundaries, precinct boundaries, and the Pennsylvania state boundary. The project is scheduled to be completed by October 31, 2025.

Work continues on the implementation of new GIS election management tools by County GIS. These tools will help improve processes and data collection for election operations, results and outreach.

The division continues to provide networking and technical support for office operations.

## **8. Building Management**

To maintain a high level of staff safety, we are continuing to run emergency drills.

With all new staff integrated into the County COOP Plan, we're preparing to conduct training sessions to highlight its significance.

Preparations are underway for the relocation of our mailroom to a new, more secure location, ensuring a safer environment for mail processing.

Recently staff participated in packing 500 bags in connection with "Blessings in a Backpack". A video was shown to give insight to the event.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Swearing-In of new Board of Elections staff – the Board President swore-in one new staff member.
- B. 2026 Polling Place Plan – The Director and the Election Supervisor presented her proposed 2026 Election Plan including her recommendations for the 5 Early Voting Centers, the Election Day polling places and the Ballot Drop Box locations. Information on ways to give public testimony on the proposed plan was presented and will be posted on our website

soon.

#### **DISCLOSURES**

No disclosures.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled Board meeting will be Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at 8490 Progress Drive.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Per the board's by-laws, public comment is allowed after the request has been approved by the Board President. And*

Kelly Foster, Winston Mann, and Kat Harper spoke during public comment.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the open meetings by Mr. Sowell and seconded by Mr. Wilson. Motion passed unanimously at 2:36 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m. by Mrs. Costello.

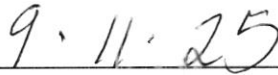
#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Zepp, Election Program Assistant II.

Approved by:

  
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Mary Costello, Board President

  
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Date