



GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2026

ATTENDING: Randy Glotfelty, Board Vice President
Charles Nolan, Board Member
James Moore, Board Secretary
Carla Tesar, Board Member
Steven D. Fratz, Election Director

ABSENT: Connie Meyers, Board President

4:00 PM: Vice President, Randy Glotfelty called the meeting to order and a quorum was determined.

AGENDA: Accepted with no changes or additions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the October 7, 2025 meeting were approved and accepted on a motion made by Chuck Nolan, seconded by James Moore, and made unanimous by Randy Glotfelty.

ELECTION DIRECTOR REPORT: From November 1, 2025 thru December 31, 2025 we have registered 127 and removed 163 voters. We are still over 21,000 registered voters.

Chuck Nolan was recognized by the County Commissioners for over 40 years of service to the House of Hope.

On November 20, 2025 Chrissy met with the Garrett County Republican Club and trained 22 voter registration distributors.

On December 4, 2025 Steve, Chrissy and Jan went to Frederick to attend a regional round table discussion which was hosted by Frederick Board of Elections.

The Election Judge Manual was submitted for approval on December 29, 2025.

Current to Date Candidates that have filed for election (filing ends February 24, 2026)

County Commissioner District 1: Larry S. Tichnell and Andrew "Harv" Harvey

District 2: Paul C. Edwards

District 3: Ryan S. Savage and Michael C. Smith

Clerk of Circuit Court: Bill Bittinger

Register of Wills: Rita L. Watson

State's Attorney: Christian Mash
Judge of Orphans' Court: Mary Jo Wolters and Jeffrey D. Murphy
Sheriff: Bryson Meyers
Board of Education District 1: Sadie M. Liller

The state will not automatically be sending out mail-in applications this year. It will be up to the voter to apply for a mail-in ballot.

Legislation is requiring every state and county board to do a Risk Limiting Audit after every election that will replace the manual audit.

The State Board of Elections website (www.elections.maryland.gov) has been updated.

OLD BUSINESS: The Election Plan was approved on December 17, 2025 by the State Board of Elections.

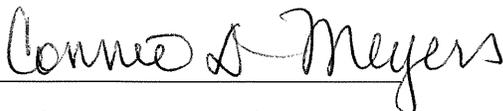
Confirmation for the facilities, days and times for Election Judge Training was received. It will be held in March at 6:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE: The commissioner district sizes are all close in numbers under the guidelines from the 2020 census. We are currently on target for where it should be at this time for all election districts.

The state will be implementing an Employee Handbook which will need to be signed by each employee.

ADJOURNMENT: Chuck Nolan made a motion that the February board meeting be cancelled and rescheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. Seconded by James Moore and made unanimous by Randy Glotfelty.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31p.m. with a motion made by Chuck Nolan, seconded by James Moore and made unanimous by Randy Glotfelty.



Connie Meyers, Board President