



GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 2026

ATTENDING: Connie Meyers, Board President
Charles Nolan, Board Member
James Moore, Board Secretary
Carla Tesar, Board Member
Steven D. Fratz, Election Director
Becky Heath, Visitor

ABSENT: Randy Glotfelty, Board Vice President

4:05 PM: President Connie Meyers called the meeting to order and a quorum was determined.

AGENDA: Accepted with no changes or additions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the January 6, 2026 meeting were approved and accepted on a motion made by Carla Tesar, seconded by Chuck Nolan, and made unanimous by Connie Meyers.

ELECTION DIRECTOR REPORT: From January 1, 2026 thru February 28, 2026 we have registered 129 and removed 159 voters. Current voter registration as of March 3, 2026 is 21,091. Consisting of: Democrats 3,381, Republicans 14,067, Green 23, Working Class 17, Unaffiliated 3,313, Others 290. The Voter Registration totals are now listed on our website (www.garrettcountrymd.gov/elections).

Steve Fratz attended a directors meeting on February 19, 2026 in Glen Burnie. They discussed pending bills in the House and Senate that could affect the election. The new statewide pollbook modernization contract has been awarded to be in place for the 2028 election and the voting system has been awarded to be implemented to ES&S for the 2028 election.

Candidate filing has closed. A current candidate list can be found on (www.elections.maryland.gov).

Election Judge Manuals are in the process of being printed.

Risk Limiting Audit testing is underway and training will be held on March 4, 2026.

The 2026 Disaster Recovery Plan has been updated and submitted to the State Board of Elections.

OLD BUSINESS: After a discussion of conducting Logic and Accuracy Testing on the scanners it was decided that Steve Fratz and the technician will perform the testing.

Election judges training will be held March 16-18, 2026 at the CTTC building in Accident and March 23-26, 2026 training will be at the GIEC building at Garrett College. A makeup training will be held in the near future for anyone who is unable to attend those dates.

Steve reminded the Board if they have not yet filed their 2025 Ethics, the filing deadline is April.

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

The Judge Vacancy Report was presented to the Board. Currently all positions are filled.

A motion was made by Carla Tesar for a request to the State Board of Elections for an exemption to be excused from implementing the Early Voting Greeters, seconded by James Moore and made unanimous by Connie Meyers.

A motion was made by Carla Tesar for a request to the State Board of Elections for an exemption to waive the Mail in Ballot Pre-election Canvass due to low numbers. James Moore seconded the motion and made unanimous by Connie Meyers.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m. with a motion made by Chuck Nolan, seconded by Carla Tesar and made unanimous by Connie Meyers.



Connie Meyers, Board President