

**MEETING OF THE  
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
1100 MERCANTILE LANE, SUITE 135  
LARGO, MD 20774  
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026**

**PRESENT:** Beatrice P. Tignor, President, Democratic Member  
Roberta B. Deegan, Vice President, Republican Member  
Faye M. Howell, Democratic Member  
Terri L. Williams, Democratic Member  
Vacancy, Democratic Member  
Michael M. Gorman, Substitute Republican Member  
Carletta L. Lundy, Substitute Democratic Member  
Anita C. Jones, Board Secretary  
Wendy N. Honesty-Bey, Elections Administrator  
Demetra K. M. Hutchinson, Deputy Elections Administrator  
Arthur Horne, Board Attorney

**ABSENT:** LaVerne P. Scott, Substitute Democratic Member

Gerry Mobley, Chief Deputy Clerk, Circuit Court for Prince George's County, administered and recorded the oath for the members, substitute members, and attorney of the Board of Canvassers for the Gubernatorial Primary Election in June 2026. Ms. Scott will schedule her swearing-in.

Ms. Honesty-Bey introduced Seba Porter, Postmaster, Largo Branch, United States Postal Service (participated virtually). Ms. Porter was asked to join the meeting to review the procedures used for date stamping ballot envelopes. All ballots taken into the Post Office counter and given to a clerk by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day will receive a timely post mark. Ballots dropped in the USPS "blue boxes" prior to the last scheduled pick-up on Election Day will receive a timely post mark. Ballots dropped in the USPS "blue boxes" after the scheduled pick-up on Election Day will be picked up and stamped the next day and will be considered untimely received.

The State Board of Elections (SBE) is preparing a notice covering this information. We will include the SBE notice on the Board of Elections (BOE) website. In addition, staff will identify other avenues to distribute this information.

This meeting was conducted at the Board of Elections' (BOE) office. Ms. Tignor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and a quorum was present. Ms. Hutchinson participated virtually. Ms. Lundy was seated for the vacancy.

Agenda Item III (Closed Session) is not needed today.

## **MINUTES**

A motion was made by Ms. Deegan, seconded by Ms. Howell, and duly passed accepting the minutes for the April 6, 2026, regular meeting.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

### Correspondence

- April 23, 2026, letter from Ms. McShane to the Open Meetings Compliance Board.
- April 28, 2026, letter from Ms. Honesty-Bey to the Open Meetings Compliance Board addressing issues that BOE is experiencing with our website. BOE is coordinating with the Prince George's County Office of Information Technology (OIT) to resolve technical difficulty issues the County and BOE are experiencing.
- April 29, 2026, letter from Ms. Tignor to The Honorable Mollie Byron, Secretary, Appointments Office regarding the resignation of Dr. Pratt.

### 2026 Gubernatorial Primary Election

- BOE has been notified by Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) that three (3) locations that are used for polling places will be demolished or otherwise unavailable for the primary and/or general elections. Staff identified alternate sites and will complete the facility assessments. An emergency meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. to review and accept these locations. Staff and PGCPS are conducting weekly meetings to update facility availability.
- L&A Testing is scheduled to begin May 5, 2026.
- Military/Overseas ballots have been sent. Real ballots will be mailed May 11, 2026.
- The Sample Ballot should be completed by the end of May.
- Most of the drop boxes were deployed today. Ballots can be delivered to drop boxes until 8:00 p.m. on June 23, 2026.
- The Public Demonstration is scheduled for June 5, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
- Early canvassing is scheduled for June 1-9, 2026, not including weekends. Canvassing will be conducted 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., daily.
- Early voting is scheduled June 11-18, 2026. The Board reviewed the 2026 Gubernatorial Primary Election Early Voting Coverage form. A bi-partisan team must be available each day (7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.) of Early Voting.
- Gubernatorial Primary Election Day is June 23, 2026.
- Post-election canvassing begins June 25, 2026, and certification of election is scheduled for July 6, 2026.
- Risk Limiting Audit (RLA) will be scheduled after the election is certified. A full Board is necessary for decision meetings.
- Ms. Honesty-Bey provided a brief overview the canvassing process and procedures that will be implemented.
- The Board asked about security procedures during canvassing. Staff will be meeting with Prince George's County Sheriff's Office, and Prince George's County and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Police Departments to coordinate coverage.
- Poll book updates will begin on Friday, June 19, 2026. This is a federal holiday; however, limited staff will be needed to conduct the updates.

- Chief Judge pick-up is scheduled for Saturday, June 20, 2026 (4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) and Sunday, June 21, 2026 (7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.). Sunday, June 21, 2026, is Father's Day; however, staff will be needed to complete the pick-ups.
- There are three ballot styles – Democratic (two pages, three sides), Republican (one page), and Unaffiliated (one page).

Voter Registrations – The Maryland Voter Registration System is updated based on information received from registrants, ERIC (Electronic Registration Information Center), MVA (Motor Vehicle Administration, NCOA (National Change of Address), and other reports. This report was emailed to the Board and is available on the BOE website.

#### Personnel

- Seasonal Positions – Hiring to support the Gubernatorial Elections continues.

2026 Maryland Legislative Session – The following bills/resolutions were noted:

- HB0100/SB0263 – Requiring buses operating on fixed local routes funded by a county or municipal corporation and operated by the county or municipal corporation or a contractor for the county or municipal corporation to allow passengers to embark and disembark at the entrance of early voting centers located within one-half mile of the route. (Effective Date: January 1, 2027).
- SB0949/HB1069 – Requiring the State Board of Elections and each local board of elections to refer to absentee ballots that are delivered to a voter by the Internet as "print-at-home ballots" in all communications with voters and the general public; providing that absentee ballots are considered timely and may be counted under certain circumstances; and establishing requirements regarding absentee ballots that apply if federal law or a federal court establish requirements for the timeliness of absentee ballots that differ from State requirements. (Effective Date: Upon Enactment).
- SB0443/HB0621 – Altering the qualifications for counsel to local boards of elections to require that counsel be a registered voter of the State instead of the applicable county. (Effective Date: Upon Enactment).
- SB0241/HB0115 – Requiring by January 1, 2028, the State Board of Elections and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to jointly develop and implement certain procedures and a certain electronic transmission process for the restoration of voter registration for individuals released from incarceration at a State correctional facility; requiring the Department to transmit a list that includes the name and certain other information for individuals released from incarceration to the State Board of Elections on a monthly basis; etc. (Effective Date: January 1, 2027).

New Voting Equipment – Ms. Honesty-Bey attended a demonstration of new equipment anticipated for the 2028 election cycle. The demonstration included scanners, poll books, ballot on demand software and printers. Web ballots downloaded by registered voters will include a QR code that can be read and sent to "print on demand" during the canvass process.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

- The Board asked about the process to fill the vacancy on the Board. Mr. Horne will review.
- Ms. Honesty-Bey noted that SBE will be presenting her evaluation/assessment to the Board at the September 14, 2026, regular meeting.

**LEGAL –** None.

**NEXT MEETING –** An emergency meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. and will be virtual.

The next scheduled regular meeting is June 1, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., and it will be held in-person at the BOE office.

A motion was made by Ms. Deegan, seconded by Ms. Howell, and duly passed to close the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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Beatrice P. Tignor, President

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Anita C. Jones, Recording Secretary

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