

**MEETING OF THE
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
1100 MERCANTILE LANE, SUITE 135
LARGO, MD 20774
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026**

PRESENT: Beatrice P. Tignor, President, Democratic Member
Roberta B. Deegan, Vice President, Republican Member
Faye M. Howell, Democratic Member
Felicia N. V. Pratt, Democratic Member
Terri L. Williams, Democratic Member
Michael M. Gorman, Substitute Republican Member
Carletta L. Lundy, Substitute Democratic Member
LaVerne P. Scott, 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: None

This meeting was conducted at the Board of Elections' (BOE) office. Ms. Tignor called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., and a quorum was present. There were no guests.

Agenda Item III (Closed Session) was moved to follow Agenda Item X (Legal Report).

MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Deegan, seconded by Ms. Scott, and duly passed accepting the minutes for the March 2, 2026, regular meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Correspondence

- March 9, 2026, letter from the Ms. Honesty-Bey to the Prince George's County Republican Central Committee requesting its assistance in recruiting Republican Election Judges.
- March 12, 2026, letter from the General Counsel for the Maryland Republican Party regarding Republican Election Judge Applicants & Compliance with MD Code, Election Law §10-201 (effective October 1, 2025) and Policy 2025-04.
- Pre-Election Logic and Accuracy (L&A) Certification Form – The L&A Form was circulated for Board signature. L&A processes will begin April 28, 2026, or May 5, 2026.
- Specimen Ballot Waiver Request – The current State Board of Elections (SBE) Specimen Ballot template carries the United State Postal Service (USPS) bulk postage logo on the front page of the document. USPS requires the logo on the back page of the document. The Prince George's County Board of Elections (BOE) template includes the logo on the back page, and we include additional voter information in the document. BOE is requesting a waiver from SBE to utilize the BOE template. A motion was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Dr. Pratt, and duly passed approving the waiver request.

- NVRA Compliance Statistic Report was emailed to the Board.
- Election Judge Vacancy Report was emailed to the Board.

Personal Records Notice/Confidentiality Requests – Ms. Honesty-Bey presented one (1) voter confidentiality request.

- This request is from a current law enforcement official who is running for election. A motion was made by Ms. Deegan, seconded by Ms. Williams, and duly passed approving this confidentiality request.

Ethics and Financial Disclosure – Reminder: Board Members are required to complete their disclosure statements by April 30, 2026.

2026 Gubernatorial Primary Election

- Ballot proofing was conducted March 31, April 1, and April 2, 2026, and were due to SBE on April 3, 2026. The order was submitted today. We determine the number of ballots to order based on a formula using the number of registered voters in a precinct and historical data (the number of voters that voted in previous Gubernatorial elections). Ballots are scheduled to mail the beginning of May 11, 2026.
- L&A Testing is scheduled to begin April 28, 2026, or May 5, 2026.
- Drop boxes will be deployed May 4-5, 2026. 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.
- Gubernatorial Primary Election Day is June 23, 2026.
- SBE will complete the translation portion for the specimen ballot.
- The list of approved polling places is posted on the BOE website.

Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget – Ms. Honesty-Bey and Ms. Hutchinson are scheduled to meet with the Prince George's County Council (PGCC) on April 9, 2026. The BOE requested budget enhancements were not approved. The lease for current BOE space will expire in 2029, and additional space is needed.

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 started in December 2025 to support the Gubernatorial Elections.
- Citizen Services Assistant – Susan Kreutter retired the end of February 2026. The paperwork for approval to advertise and hire for this position is being prepared.

Our Citizen Services Specialist responsible for election judge recruitment has coordinated with over 600 students to assist at the precincts. One hundred thirty-nine (139) students are bi-lingual students. Their training will be to assist in the precincts, not act as election judges.

OLD BUSINESS – Ms. Honesty-Bey responded to an earlier inquiry regarding moving inactive voters on the list. The VR-103 Report was emailed to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS – The Board asked about assisting disabled voters at the precinct. Where we are able, chairs are available at precincts for disabled voters. We use a place holder card process to allow disabled voters to sit and wait their turn to vote. By law, handicap parking is required at all public facilities. We do not own the facilities used for elections and are unable to make parking changes. Alternative options for voters include mail-in service, drop boxes, and Early Voting centers. In addition, a voter may complete a “Request for Polling Place Change or Absentee Ballot” form (available from the SBE website) to request alternative accommodations.

LEGAL – Mr. Horne reported on a Charter amendment request. The request did not include sufficient signatures (10,000 required). Typically, Charter amendments are addressed through the Prince George’s County Charter Review Commission. There were inquiries regarding address verification and false advertisement. Addresses may be verified and false advertisements may be referred to the Office of Ethics.

Mr. Horne requested the Board go into closed session.

This portion of the meeting will now be closed to discuss the following matters as permitted under the Maryland General Provision Article Section 3-305 (b) Citations 1, 2, 7, and 8:

We will discuss a personnel matter that may impact one or more persons, which may include the assignment, removal, resignation, employment, or action over an official over whom the Board has jurisdiction ... because discussing personnel information in a public setting could lead to reputational damage or legal action.

We will discuss legal matters because publicly disclosing information before it is finalized or addressed may result in lawsuits and fines.

This statement was read by Beatrice Tignor, President of the Prince George’s County Board of Elections.

Is there a motion to move into a closed session? We will need a roll call vote. A motion was made by Ms. Deegan and seconded by Ms. Howell.

Ms. Jones, please take a roll call vote of the Board Members. Ms. Tignor (yes), Ms. Deegan (yes), Ms. Howell (yes), Dr. Pratt (yes), Ms. Williams (yes), Mr. Gorman (yes), Ms. Lundy (yes), and Ms. Scott (yes). There are eight votes in the affirmative to go into closed session.

Please pause the recording and clear the room of any guests.

With a quorum present, on April 6, 2026, the closed session of the Prince George’s County Board of Elections session will come to order.

I recognize the Board's Counsel, Mr. Horne, to discuss the pending litigation.

Is there a motion to end the closed session? A motion was made by Ms. Lundy and seconded by Ms. Deegan.

Ms. Jones, please take a roll call vote of the Board Members. Ms. Tignor (yes), Ms. Deegan (yes), Ms. Howell (yes), Dr. Pratt (yes), Ms. Williams (yes), Mr. Gorman (yes), Ms. Lundy (yes), and Ms. Scott (yes). There are eight votes in the affirmative. The motion to return to regular session was adopted. Let us return to open session.

The April 6, 2026, Board meeting is back in session. Please make sure we are recording.

NEXT MEETING – The next scheduled meeting is May 4, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., and it will be held in-person at the BOE office.

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

Beatrice P. Tignor, President

Anita C. Jones, Recording Secretary

Date