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OFFICE REPORT

March 25, 2026

Administration:

- We had a flood in the office on February 23rd. Fortunately there was no damage to any equipment or documents.
- The staff had the opportunity to meet with advisors from Maryland State Retirement Program.

Staff Updates:

- Our two contractual pins have been posted on the State of Maryland's website.
- Election support staff (ESS) documents were sent to County HR; the job will be posted in April. ESS will start the day after Memorial Day.
- Jackie Ludwig has resigned from her position in the Judge Department.

Election Operations:

- We conducted the manual auditing phase of SBE's Risk Limiting Audit pilot. One precinct with 225 scanned ballots was selected from the Arlo audit software.
 - Office staff were trained on the usage of Arlo by a representative from Voting Works.
 - The whole office participated in sorting the ballots into batches of twenty-five to be tallied into a spreadsheet.
 - The final tallies matched the expected scanner results tape.
 - In practice, this process is nearly identical to the manual audits done in past elections.
- As per retention schedule, all 2024 Primary Election documents were shredded.
- The vendor, ES&S, hosted a public demonstration of the new voting equipment March 23-25 from 9am-5pm daily. The locations are in Baltimore, Rockville, and Grasonville.
- Continuing regular equipment charging & maintenance.
- Havre de Grace has chosen to work with ES&S for their municipal election this year.

Election Judges:

- We held three different SDR Workshop and we had over thirty people attend.
- We started sending out the training emails and started training our first group on the 24th.
- We continue to have Meet and Greets to recruit new judges.
- We received our judge manuals from the printer.

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- We finalized our training materials and continue to pack up the judge supplies.
- Break down by party of people who have applied to be an election judge:
 - Democratic - 356
 - Republican - 305
 - Unaffiliated - 153
 - Other - 8

Voter Registration

February

- Volume from Electronic Voter Registration Applications (EVRAs) – 4830
 - Voter Registration Applications – 4747
 - Mail-in Ballot Applications – 83
- Social Security verifications – 5 records verified.
- DHMH (Deceased) list through the Maryland Department of Health – 167
- Cancelled for non-citizenship – zero records.
- Inactivated – 493
- Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) Reports
 - NCOA (National Change of Address) – 956
 - Cross State – 279
 - In-State Updates – 599
 - Deceased (Social Security) – 12
 - In-State Duplicate – 3 pairs reviewed.
- Fuzzy Matching Reports
 - Deceased – 17 lines reviewed.
 - Duplicates – 18 lines reviewed.

Current as of 3/18/26

- In addition to regular daily work, we have received two fuzzy matching reports; deceased and potential duplicates. We continue to receive documents from the jury commissioner and should receive our next deceased list through the Maryland Department of Health soon. There has been increased interest in Voter Registration Volunteer (VRV) training and we have recently held several VRV classes, in-person as well as virtual.

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Legislation

- Deadlines have passed for new bills to be introduced. March 23rd is the deadline for bills to crossover from one chamber to the other. April 13th is “Sine Die” day when bills must have passed both chambers to go to the governor for signature and enactment.
- As of writing on 3/19, ninety-three election bills have been introduced to the legislature and twenty-six have passed one chamber. There are several bills in particular which MAEO and our office have been following:
 - HB0621/SB0443 Local Boards of Elections – Board Counsel – Qualifications
 - Updates the requirements for LBE attorneys to be registered to vote in the state instead of their jurisdiction. This will be of particular benefit to our smaller, rural jurisdictions.
 - HB263/SB0100 Election Law – Early Voting Centers-Bus Stop
 - This departmental bill requires county or municipal bus routes to allow passengers to embark and disembark directly at the entrance of an early voting center if the center is located within one-half mile of the fixed route. (effective Jan. 2027)
 - HB0115/SB0241 Election Law – Individuals Released from State Correctional Facilities – Automatic Restoration of Voter Registration
 - Requires that those individuals who have been convicted of a felony and are no longer incarcerated have their voter registration automatically.

Candidate Filing

- Candidate filing is closed. We filed ninety-eight candidates, had ten withdrawals, and two were disqualified to be on the ballot.
https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2026/Primary_candidates/gen_cand_lists_2026_1_by_county_13.html

Upcoming Events:

- March 25th – Meeting with the Election Equipment Transportation Company
- March 27th – MAEO Conference Planning meeting
- April 7th – MAEO Voter Registration and Mail-in Ballot Committee Meeting
- April 23rd – Budget Meeting with the County Council