



# GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 2024

**ATTENDING:** Connie Meyers, Board President  
Randy Glotfelty, Board Vice President  
Carla Tesar, Board Member  
Steven D. Fratz, Election Director  
Betty Pritt, Visitor

**ABSENT:** Charles Nolan, Board Member  
James Moore, Board Secretary

**4:05 PM**-Meeting was called to order and quorum determined by Connie Meyers.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for the April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 meeting was approved on a motion made by Randy Glotfelty, seconded by Carla Tesar, and made unanimous by Connie Meyers.

### ELECTION DIRECTOR REPORT:

There were 104 new voter registrations and 43 removals in April. Active registered voters are as follows for Garrett County: Democratic-3,529, Republican-13,770, No Labels Maryland-2, Libertarian-110, Unaffiliated-3,110, and all other parties-209, for a total of 20,730.

Steve educated the Board on Legislation that recently passed.

1. Election Judges
  - Defines returning Judges as Judges that have worked the immediately preceding election.
  - Standardizes compensation and administrative procedures across all counties.
  - Any county employee will receive administrative leave for serving as an Election Judge.
2. Protecting Election Officials Act
  - Criminalizes the act of knowingly and willfully making threats to harm Election Officials or their immediate families with penalties of up to 3 years in prison and fines up to \$2,500.
3. Election Disinformation
  - Requires State Board of Elections to create a website portal where the public can report false or misleading information about elections.

#### 4. Post-Election Procedures

- Any ballot that is recreated must be married to the original for its entire life.
- If a Board of Canvassers identifies potential errors in election documents, they must consult with the State Administrator.
- The Board of Canvassers must verify the vote count and certify the election within 10 days post-election.
- Appeals: If a Canvasser dissents from a Boards decision or identifies any illegal or irregular activities, the dissent must be reviewed by the State Administrator.

Upcoming dates for the Primary 2024 Election are as follows:

1. Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> – Early Voting ends
2. Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – Election Day
3. Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> – Mail-in Ballot I Canvass at 10:00 a.m.
4. Wednesday, May 22<sup>n</sup> - Provisional Canvass at 10:00 a.m.
5. Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – Mail-in Ballot II Canvass at 10:00 a.m.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

Steve presented the Voting Unit Testing Certification to the Board for their signatures.

Steve received notification from the Maryland Republican Party there will be designated observers, watchers and challengers at the Mail-in Ballot and Provisional Canvasses.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m. on a motion by Randy Glotfelty, seconded by Carla Tesar, and made unanimous by Connie Meyers.

  
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Connie Meyers, Board President