

Maryland Association of Election Officials Representing the Local Election Boards of the State of Maryland

September 16, 2025 MINUTES

A meeting of the Maryland Association of Election Officials (MAEO) was held in person at the St. Mary's County Board of Elections office as well as virtually on the 16th day of September 2025. Notice of the meeting and the agenda were properly provided.

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Erin Perrone, President (Carroll County)
Abigail Goldman, Secretary (Baltimore City)
Tae Frere, Treasurer (St. Mary's County)
Barry Jackson, Board Member (Washington County)
Jessica Noranbrock, Board Member (Dorchester County)

On Phone:

Kimberly Phillips, Board Member (Baltimore County)
Reider White II, Board Member (Anne Arundel County)
Stephanie Taylor, Vice President (Harford County)
Teresa Womble, Board Member (Howard County)

CALL TO ORDER:

President Erin Perrone called the meeting to order at 11:10 am. A quorum was established with 9 of the 9 board members present.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Ms. Perrone has been asked by Ms. Jessica Noranbrock to add the Jury Commissioners under new business.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the August 19, 2025, meeting were presented.

A motion was made by Ms. Tae Frere to accept the minutes of August 19, 2025. Mr. Barry Jackson seconded. The motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT:

Ms. Tae Frere presented the Board with her written Treasurer's Report. She stated a check was made for the Crab Feast and an educational grant for Ms. Karen Benecewicz from Cecil County. There were deposits made for the 50/50 raffle held at the last meeting and a check from Clear Ballot for the conference.

Ms. Abigail Goldman moved to approve the report, Mr. Barry Jackson seconded, and the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ms. Perrone reminded the group that the note taking feature in Google should not be used for MAEO meetings or committee meetings.

Newsletter – Ms. Jessica Noranbrock reported that they are in the middle of preparing for the next issue.

Mail In Ballot – Ms. Tiffany Ferrell reported that the group worked on revising the Nursing Home Manual and they are waiting for SBE to get back with them and then they will set up a meeting to discuss SBE comments.

Voter Registration – Ms. Tae Frere had a meeting this week concerning the MVA surrender letters and getting it organized. There was an issue with the list. SBE needs to have better data quality control.

Ms. Phillips asked the committee to look at the MDVOTERS letters that are generated in the system.

State Regulations – Mr. Guy Mickley said there was a new set of September regulations. The committee has until Thursday to look at them.

Local Board Meeting – Mr. Mickley will be emailing the Board presidents to solicit a date for a meeting. He will also solicit Election Directors and Deputies this time.

Election Judge – Ms. Olivia Smith and Ms. Monica Wright held a meeting in August to discuss HB700 and the new judge's application. They are also looking at Google classroom to utilize for training.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2026 Conference: The committee is looking at venues. Ms. Danielle Wooten asked Mr. Jackson if he thought the first round of CMEA (Certified Maryland Election Administrator program) would be ready to implement so maybe we could have an

extra day for members to attend one or two classes. He stated that he should know by the end of the year.

2027 Conference – They are looking at dates and facilities that can house us.

501-C Status: Ms. Perrone said that Mr. White had put her in touch with an attorney and they met with her. She asked a lot of questions. Her fee is \$300 per hour but she will help with the application, which can be confusing. Ms. Perrone thinks the total fee will be approximately \$1200. To spend this money the Board would have to vote on it. However, Mr. Jackson said that there is a group out there that already does it. It is called Coalition of Election Association Leaders (CEAL), and he will investigate it. No vote was called for until Mr. Jackson investigates it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Jessica Noranbrock raised the issues her county is having with the Jury Commissioners office and the Jury notices. The one example she brought up was a traveling nurse who could not make her jury duty, and the commissioner's office told her then she needed to unregister to vote. That would be denying her constitutional rights. Other LBEs agreed they also have issues with their Jury Commissioners' offices.

Ms. Perrone asked the Voter Registration Committee to investigate this and see what other LBEs have issues.

Open Forum:

None

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 11 am in Washington County and there will be a Chili Cookoff Contest.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjournment: Ms. Jessica Noranbrock moved to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Tae Frere seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 12:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted

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Abigail Goldman MAEO Secretary