

Howard County Board of Elections

2026 Board Meetings Schedule

Regular Open Board Meetings are held the 4th Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted and are open to the public.

NOTE: *All Meetings will be held both In Person and Virtually unless otherwise noted and announced in the Official Monthly Public Meeting Announcement. See the Public Announcements for Additional Information. Part of the Board Meeting may be conducted as an Executive Session regarding any subject matter permitted pursuant to Maryland's Open Meetings Act General Provisions Article Section 3-305(b) of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Legend: Board Meetings in **BLACK**, **Election Days** in **RED**, **Notes** in **GREEN** * UPDATED 09/25/26

January 29, 2026 (part of this meeting will be a Closed Executive Session under the provision or provisions, all from General Provisions Art. Section § 3-305 (b) (1) personnel matters and Section § 3-305 (b) (7) legal advice from Counsel)

February 23, 2026 (cancelled due to inclement weather, rescheduled for March 2, 2026)

March 2, 2026 (rescheduled from cancelled Feb meeting)

March 23, 2026

April 27, 2026 (includes swearing-in of the Board and Counsel)

May 18, 2026 (part of this meeting will be a Closed Executive Session under the provision or provisions, all from General Provisions Art. Section § 3-305 (b) (1) personnel matters. The Board will discuss employment, assignment, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.) Part of this meeting will also fall under Section § 3-305 (b) (7) to obtain and discuss legal matters and to obtain legal advice from Counsel)

May 21, 2026 Special Board meeting- Discussion/Approval of Challengers and Watchers Policy 2026.1 SB670/HB1001 – Election Law Authority at Polling Places, Early Voting Centers, and Counting Centers

June 2026

- June 7, 2026 Pre-Canvass
- June 11-18, 2026 Early Voting
- June 23, 2026 Primary Election Day
- June 25, 2026 First MIB (Mail-In Ballots) Canvass

July 2026

- July 1, 2026 Provisional Ballot Canvass
- July 6, 2026 Second MIB Canvass and Election Certification

August 2026

- **August 12, 2026 annual MAEO meeting**
- **August 31, 2026 Regular Open Meeting, Special Board of Canvassers meeting and an Executive Session-** (part of this meeting will be a Closed Executive Session under the provision or provisions, all from General Provisions Art. Section § 3-305 (b) (1) personnel matters. The Board will discuss employment, assignment, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.
- **September 28, 2026 Regular Open Meeting, Board of Canvassers and an Executive Session-**(part of this meeting will be a Closed Executive Session under the provision or provisions, all from General Provisions Art. Section § 3-305 (b) (1) personnel matters. The Board will discuss employment, assignment, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

October 2026

- October 13, 2026 Pre-Canvass (Opening of Canvass Board; selection of Chairperson and Secretary)
- October 18, 2026 Canvass MIB Day 1
- October 22-29, 2026 Early Voting

November 2026

- November 3, 2026 General Election Day
- November 5, 2026 Canvass MIB Day 2
- November 12, 2026 Provisional Ballot and MIB 2 Canvass**This Canvass is usually held on the second Wednesday after the election, but since that day is a holiday, it slides to the next business day.
- November 13, 2026 Second (extended) Canvass and Election Certification, Risk Limiting audit* TBD

December 2026 *TBD