



State of Delaware
Department of Elections

Report to the State Board of Elections

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Board Meeting
September 8, 2025
4:00 p.m.

Budget Summary



State of Delaware Department of Elections September 2025 Budget Information

BUDGET SUMMARY

Bud Ref	Fund	Dept	Approp	Class Description	Account	Budget	Expense	Encumbrance	Available Budget*	Percent Available
2024	100	700101	08911	Primary and General Elections	5010	1,474,702.57	1,446,558.51	23,415.89	4,728.17	0.32
2025	100	700101	00140	Travel	5400	1,700.00	1,259.37	440.63	0	0
2025	100	700101	00150	Contractual Services	5510	901,250.73	825,016.40	76,234.33	0	0
2025	100	700101	00159	Energy	5520	19,903.78	12,956.77	6,947.01	0	0
2025	100	700101	00160	Supplies and Materials	5600	12,900.00	5,804.12	7,095.88	0	0
2025	100	700101	00176	Technology	5010	19,977.68	954.52	19,023.16	0	0
2025	100	700101	00412	School Elections	5010	18,553.56	12,923.77	2,559.50	3,070.29	16.55
2025	100	700101	00413	Voting Mach	5010	1,642,000.00	1,235,318.99	406,681.01	0	0
2025	100	700101	08911	Primary and General Elections	5010	2,152,886.25	1,523,802.67	461,017.70	168,065.88	7.81
2025	100	700101	08916	Technology	5010	2,949,372.00	2,693,400.00	255,972.00	0	0
2025	100	700101	08922	Equipment	5010	616,675.00	342,070.00	274,605.00	0	0
2025	100	700101	08939	Contingency	5010	1,605,925.00	351,311.88	495,250.86	759,362.26	47.29
2026	100	700101	00137	Personnel Costs	5100	4,343,000.00	782,341.26	0	3,560,658.74	81.99
2026	100	700101	00140	Travel	5400	8,300.00	2,136.63	0	6,163.37	74.26
2026	100	700101	00150	Contractual Services	5510	2,835,000.00	302,145.25	1,308,158.79	1,224,695.96	43.2
2026	100	700101	00159	Energy	5520	125,400.00	758.23	118,341.77	6,300.00	5.02
2026	100	700101	00160	Supplies and Materials	5600	33,300.00	3,008.87	0	30,291.13	90.96
2026	100	700101	00176	Technology	5010	20,000.00	0	0	20,000.00	100
2026	100	700101	00412	School Elections	5010	267,400.00	0	0	267,400.00	100
2026	100	700101	00413	Voting Mach	5010	1,642,000.00	0	0	1,642,000.00	100
2026	100	700101	00414	Voter Purg	5010	15,000.00	0	0	15,000.00	100
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- FY 2026-FY 2027 Budget Planning and Implementation
 - FY 2026 Budget Status (Current Budget: Calendar July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026)
 - Updated Governor's Recommended Budget (as amended by the General Assembly's Joint Finance Committee [HB 225 w/HA 1]) passed by the General Assembly and signed by Governor is in effect
 - No impact on proposed appropriations for Department of Elections
 - Status of FY 2026 "Door Openers": Status
 - *Definition: Additions to base budget/items or initiatives required for agency operations*
 - Funding for New Castle County warehouse expansion approved
 - Planning is progress for the project with OMB-Facilities Management
 - Awaiting cost estimate from landlord (from contractor)
 - Adding air conditioning to Seaford Warehouse
 - Purchase order allocating funds for project (from FY 2025 allocated budget funding) created and approved
 - Project quotes received and preferred contractor selected
 - Site visits by contractor completed
 - Planning call with OMB-Facilities Management, landlord and contractor to finalize quote and plan
 - Funding options for support services provided by DTI and proportion of these costs covered by State funding (ongoing costs)
 - Ongoing discussion of cost sharing with allocated federal funds
 - Budget consolidation to streamline budget management and expense processing
 - Continued funding of increased election officer stipends
 - Continued funding for enhanced marketing and public relations efforts (comprehensive, professional campaign promoting elections and voting options) during budget years with Statewide elections
 - Continued funding for creation of parts inventory for equipment repairs
 - Increase in funding to raise board member stipends
 - Not included, will be included as an FY 2027 budget planning "door opener"
 - Latest Updates
 - Monthly meetings with Department's OMB Budget Analyst are ongoing
 - FY 2027 "door openers" submitted; preparing for FY 2027 target meeting

- Ongoing operational items:
 - Implementing logistics of combined departmental budget
 - Budget analyst meeting with Directors and budget/accounting "point persons" regarding procedures related to the combined budget
 - Additional Budget Item: Expanded Sussex County Office Space
 - Continued discussion
- Monthly meetings with budget analyst
 - Sommer and Anthony
 - Ongoing review of operational items (current budget) and budget priorities/planning (future budgets)
- Next steps for 2027 Budget Planning:
 - FY 2027 "door openers"
 - Due August 27th
 - Baseline for Preparation of FY 2027 "door openers":
 - remaining FY 2026 funds available to cover major upcoming expenditures:
 - Pollbook upgrade
 - Remainder of XL voting machine backup battery replacement
 - Seaford warehouse air conditioning project
 - New/Planned FY 2027 "door openers":
 - Campaign Finance System Update
 - phased approach/plan for ongoing updates and enhancements vs. "static" system
 - Staffing needs/additions
 - Facilities Enhancements/Maintenance
 - Security-related systems
 - Technology upgrades/replacement
 - Campaign Finance Reporting System Update
 - Voter Registration System Update
 - Increased Board Member Stipends
 - Impacts of potential or proposed legislation (ongoing review)

September 8, 2025 – December 31, 2025

STATE ELECTIONS		
ENTITY	DATE	TYPE OF ELECTION
No elections scheduled at this time		

NEW CASTLE COUNTY ELECTIONS (School, Municipal, and Outreach)		
ENTITY	DATE	TYPE OF ELECTION
No elections scheduled at this time		

KENT COUNTY ELECTIONS (School, Municipal, and Outreach)		
ENTITY	DATE	TYPE OF ELECTION
No elections scheduled at this time		

SUSSEX COUNTY ELECTIONS (School, Municipal, and Outreach)		
ENTITY	DATE	TYPE OF ELECTION
Town of Henlopen Acres	August 30, 2025	Municipal
Town of Dagsboro	December 6, 2025	Municipal

Public School Elections

- Candidate filings being accepted for 2026 School Board Elections (Tuesday, 5/12/2026)
- School Board Vacancies
 - Vacancy filled via application process and appointment by remaining board members
 - Appointed member fills seat through 6/30/2026, with seat up for election in the 2026 School Board Election to fill the position for the unexpired balance of the original term
 - Per provisions of HB 85 (recently passed by General Assembly/signed by Governor) appointed members must be meet qualification requirements that elected members meet (and must complete State Bureau of Identification and DE Child Protection Registry checks)
- Public School Referenda:
 - Potential Fall Referenda

Municipal Elections

- Legislative Updates (No legislative action since last meeting-General Assembly recess)
- Recap: Charter Changes Signed into Law by Governor
 - Delmar
 - Adopted State voter registration system
 - Updated voter eligibility requirements in charter
 - Houston
 - Clarified voting eligibility for multiple owners of a piece of real estate in the town, changes time for municipal elections, updated qualifications for town office holders, updated dates on which nominations of candidacy may be made, updated when elected town officials take office
 - Selbyville
 - Adopted district representation from at-large representation approach on town council

Monthly Statewide Voter Registration Totals 2025

Date	Number of Registered Voters
JAN 1, 2025	796,834
FEB 1, 2025	799,748
MAR 1, 2025	814,919
APR 1, 2025	815,642
MAY 1, 2025	816,829
JUN 1, 2025	794,084*
JUL 1, 2025	795,217
AUG 1, 2025	797,147
SEP 1, 2025	798,310
OCT 1, 2025	
NOV 1, 2025	
DEC 1, 2025	

* Please note that these registration totals as of 6/1/2025 reflect cancellation of voter registrations completed per the provisions of Delaware Code, Title 15, Section 1704(g).

Voter Registration Transactions – New & Updated Records January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

Month	New voters	Updated names	Changed party	New addresses	Pre-Registrations	Total
January	3,796	1,370	3,796	7,616	559	17,137
February	3,130	1,037	4,162	6,002	524	14,855
March	3,373	1,232	5,764	6,078	639	17,086
April	4,042	1,751	4,765	7,283	891	18,732
May	4,152	1,733	4,536	7,333	795	18,549
June	3,885	1,405	4,222	6,685	867	17,064
July	4,268	1,547	5,138	7,196	863	19,012
August	2,948	1,185	4,547	5,565	490	14,735
September						
October						
November						
December						
2025 Total	29,594	11,260	36,930	53,758	5,628	137,170

Voter Registration Transactions						
Annual Totals						
Year	New voters	Updated names	Changed party	New addresses	Pre-Registrations	Total
2024	56,911	21,433	126,545	95,081	9,481	309,451
2023	35,860	13,795	21,829	70,816	5,909	148,209

Voter Removals

Voter Registration Transactions – Removals January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

Month	Deceased*	Moved from State	Address verification	Request by voter	Not a citizen*	AVR Declination	Felon	NVRA**	Total
January	1,152	0***	1	0***	1	44	168	0	1,366
February	1,259	3,203	43	22	0	31	121	0	4,679
March	1,093	1,214	11	23	0	357	132	0	2,830
April	1,481	821	17	14	0	159	149	0	2,641
May	536	1,142	7	8	0	122	213	24,790	26,818
June	1,417	0***	14	0***	0	333	180	0	1,944
July	1,014	1,153	11	27	0	117	181	0	2,503
August	530	2,469	54	23	0	131	134	0	3,341
September									
October									
November									
December									
2025 Total	8,482	10,002	158	117	1	1,294	1,278	24,790	46,122

Voter Registration Removals

Annual Totals

Year	Deceased*	Moved from State	Address verification	Request by voter	Not a citizen*	AVR Declination	Felon	NVRA**	Total
2024	9,126	15,427	162	270	4	1,080	2,150	0	28,219
2023	12,322	19,921	1,015	122	0	684	1,604	11,391	47,059

*Deceased, Address Verification, Non-citizen, and Felon records have already been removed. The Board must approve removal of the Moved from State and Request by Voter (Voluntary).

** The NVRA process is run in the year following each General Election to remove those inactive voters with whom the Department has not had any contact for the period covering the past 2 General Elections.

***Board did not meet in this month, and, therefore, there were no Moved from State nor Requests by Voter records approved for removal by the Board.

- OVR program:
 - 2025 OVR monthly trainings continue
 - 2026 Election Cycle OVR Program Gearing Up
 - Outreach to groups reminding them of need to recertify (certification is good for 2 years) and informing new organizations on how to get certified to conduct voter registration activities in Delaware pursuant to Delaware Code.
 - Key items for 2026 Election Season OVR Planning and Registrar Training:
 - Continued emphasis on use of approved and provided registration materials and forms, attention to detail, thoroughness/completeness of application, timely submission of materials, non-partisan approach to all OVR activities

Community Relations/Public Information

- NCC Director Dixon set up meeting with Chyann of Nonprofit Vote on September 2, 2025, to explore ways to enhance Delaware's voter outreach and the public's access to voter registration ahead of the 2026 elections. Community Relations Officer, Commissioner, OVR Manager, Department DAG and NCC Director met with Chyann to discuss how the Department can celebrate and plan outreach surrounding:
 - National Voter Registration Day, September 16, 2025
 - National Voter Education Week, October 6-10, 2025
 - National Vote Early Day, October 28, 2025
 - National Election Hero Day, November 3, 2025
- State Fair Exhibit 2026 plans are underway to incorporate multimedia in the display and provide additional giveaways and voter information materials to visitors. State Fair team meets monthly to exchange ideas and coordinate.
- Department expanding outreach in 2026 – statewide collaboration
 - Voter outreach events at DOE warehouses focusing on students and persons with disabilities
 - Hands-on learning about how to use the voting machines and accessible voting equipment
 - Inviting schools and organizations to sign-up & participate
- Working with Department webmaster:
 - Redesigning website to latest accessibility standard and design
 - Updating the website with 2026 election information and changes to voter registration processes.
- Working with statewide teams to develop video series for the public that explains voting in Delaware from registration to auditing of election results (start to finish).

Voting Accessibility Updates

- **2024 General Election Accessibility Report, Community Legal Aid Society, Inc.:**
 - July 7, 2025, letter to Commissioner Albence advising the Department of the Report's release on June 30, 2025
 - **90% of General Election polling places were surveyed and assessed for accessibility**
 - Parking, entrances/exits, interior routes, voting room set-up
 - Voting equipment availability – Universal Voting Console, an audio tactile voting device with braille legends
 - Report provided testimonials by persons with disabilities describing their voting experiences, both positive feedback and descriptions of areas for needed accessibility improvement
 - Report noted Department's efforts to replace/enhance polling places in response to 2022 report.
- **Department Response Update:**
 - **County Directors are providing status updates to the Commissioner on their progress in following up on the issues identified in the report to inform a response to CLASI.**
 - Developing accessibility improvement plan for 2026 Election Cycle
 - Continued dialogue and collaboration with CLASI, Disability Rights Delaware (DRD) on effective solutions for voters
 - **Accessible Parking**
 - CLASI monitors visited a much larger of polling places in 2024 vs, 2022
 - Report indicated 54% of polling places did not offer ADA compliant accessible parking
 - Department mitigated parking issues with signage/traffic cones based on ADA Checklist for Polling Places
 - As polling places are public service buildings in communities (schools, government buildings, community centers, places of worship, etc.) this 54% of facilities with parking issues are also concerns with primary intended use of the facilities.
 - General Assembly has passed legislation (HS 2 for HB 48 w/HA1) that will add tools and enhance enforcement mechanism to ensure that accessible parking in these facilities meets federal (ADA) standards
 - Department will continue to evaluate, mitigate, and work toward accessible parking solutions for voters
 - **Universal Voting Console**
 - Additional devices deployed to early voting sites & polling places
 - Election Officer training will be reviewed to continue to reinforce and enhance instruction of UVC setup
 - Polling Place Poster informing voters of UVC accessible voting option

- Voter Registration Process Standardization:
 - County voter registration managers reviewed all existing Department voter registration policies and processes, revised the Department's procedures with the latest updates, and produced the 2025 statewide, standardized Department voter registration procedure manual.
 - Project commenced at the end of May and was completed by mid-June.
- Standardization of Procedures/Documents/Materials Continues:
 - Ongoing reviews and updates preparing for 2026 election season
 - Reviewing and potentially adapting Election Assistance Commission (EAC) resources for upgrade

Campaign Finance-Reporting

- Consultation with Campaign Finance Reporting System (CFRS) support vendor
 - Monthly call schedule
 - Troubleshooting/conferring on any open items/tickets
 - Revisiting ongoing list of open items, as well as system enhancements related to proposed legislation
- Budget Planning For System Upgrade
 - Existing system is on State contract, subject to annual extension
 - Moving to the most current version of software
 - Planning meeting with System Vendor to review needs for upgrade and features of next generation system
 - Updated approach will be a system capable of accepting regular enhancements and ability to control many more elements locally without vendor support (vs. current "static" system requiring vendor support for virtually all updates)
- Campaign Finance For 2026 Election Candidates
 - Filing fees being set by county committees, candidate filings are being received.
- Non-Filer Follow-Up
 - Additional round of demand letters Sent To Committees With Unfiled/Outstanding 2024 Campaign Finance Reports
 - Follow-up with committees replying to this mailing
 - Replies from contacted committees continue to be received and ongoing efforts by Campaign Finance staff to help resolve issues and work on filing required reports not filed
- Working in concert with Department's Deputy Attorney General (DAG) and Delaware DOJ Division of Civil Rights and Public Trust (DCRPT)
- Potential Next Step: Court Action for Non-Filers if continued lack of response

Campaign Finance Violations



2024 Annual (Year-End) Report Tardy and Non-Filers as of September 5, 2025

COMMITTEE TYPE	COMMITTEE NAME	REPORT	FILING PERIOD END	FILING DUE DATE
Candidate Committee	Anthony Alexander-Jones for City Council	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Arisa White Campaign 2020	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Ashley Murray For Cape	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Committee to elect Christopher Dalton	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Committee to Elect Branden Fletcher	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Committee For Justin Brant	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Committee to Elect Alton Irvin	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Committee to elect Joseph D DiPasquale	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Committee To Elect Keith James	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Friends for Tripp Keister	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Friends for Vashun Turner	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Friends of Billy Edwards	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Friends of Darrynn Harris	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Friends Of LaVaughn McCutchen	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Friends of Lillian Oliver	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Friends of Sam Guy	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Friends of Sam Guy	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Friends of Vashun Turner	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Glass for Commissioner	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025



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COMMITTEE TYPE	COMMITTEE NAME	REPORT	FILING PERIOD END	FILING DUE DATE
Candidate Committee	John Machurek for Delaware	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	LaMar Gunn for Recorder of Deeds	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Machurek for Sheriff	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Members of Shane Darby	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Supporters of Ronnell Page	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	The Hollins Campaign	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Political Action Committee	Black Caucus PAC	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Political Action Committee	Citizens for a Better Wilmington	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Political Action Committee	Citizens for Fair Voting	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Political Action Committee	Delaware Foundation For Legislative Action	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Political Action Committee	Genesis Healthcare Corporation State PAC AKA:Genesis Health Ventures State PAC	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Political Action Committee	We Are Sussex	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Political Committee	35 Democratic RD	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Political Committee	Delaware Kent County Young Republicans	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025

25 Candidate Committees

6 Political Action Committees

2 Political Committees

33 Total Committees

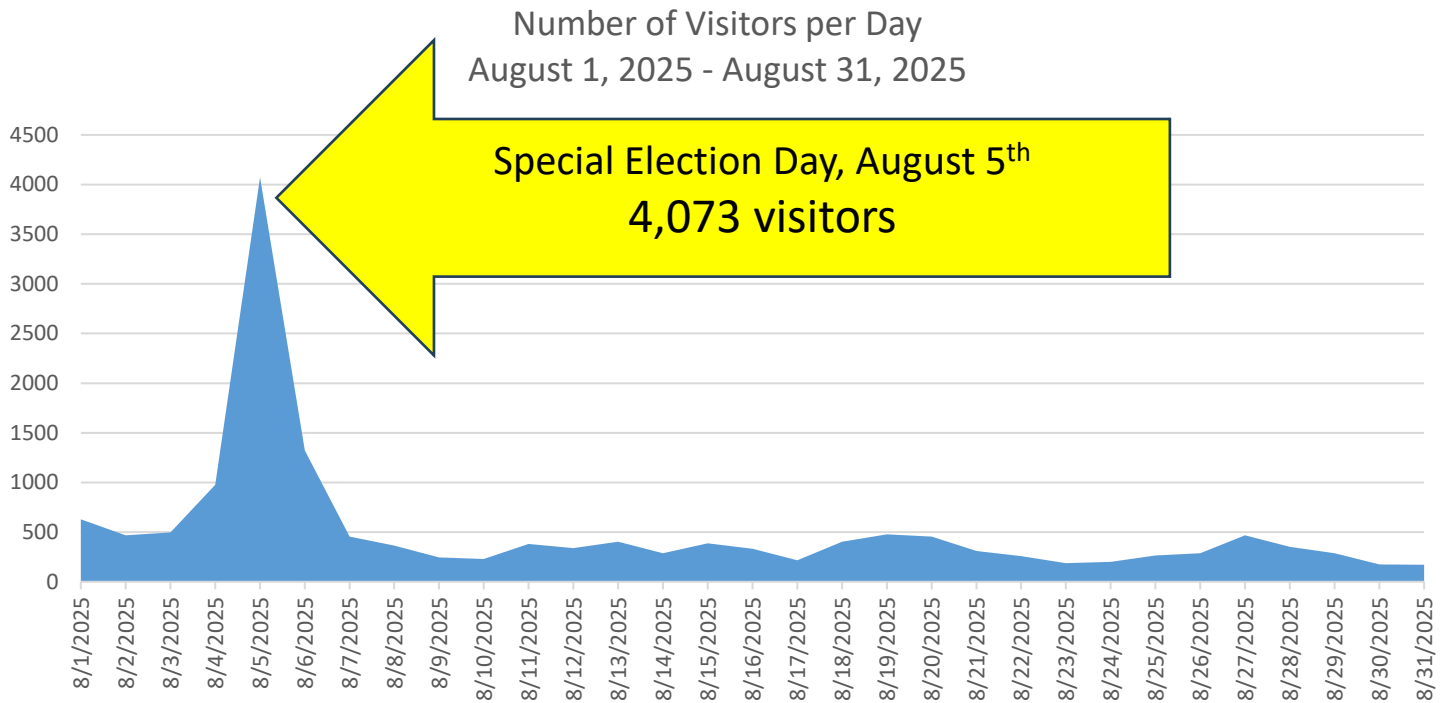
Voting Equipment and Elections Management System

- Voting Equipment Preventative Maintenance
 - Post-Election cycle equipment preventative maintenance activities substantially complete
 - Follow-up in all counties on open items
 - Comprehensive review of equipment operation and maintenance on all mechanical components
 - Department has moved to annual preventative maintenance schedule for all equipment (from an initial bi-annual schedule)
 - Next scheduled maintenance will be late summer/early fall
 - Replacement of all voting machine backup power batteries will be completed during the upcoming preventative maintenance period
 - Continuous review of replacement schedule of any consumable items on machines and planning for replacement schedule for these items
- Voting Machine Parts Inventory
 - Orders finalized and placed
- Pollbooks
 - Department staff participate in sessions discussing planned enhancements to system to increase convenience to voters for use and to staff for equipment preparation for use in elections
 - Continued training and education for staff in ongoing effort to move equipment preparation/elections preparation to an in-house approach
 - Preparing for pollbook upgrades to latest model available

Website Accessibility

- Analytical tools are utilized on a regular basis to review website accessibility and identify issues
 - Moving from site-based tools to user-based/user sourced tools to maximize accessibility
- Efforts continue regarding implementation of the State-developed Lighthouse platform/design language
- Continued work is underway/ongoing regarding enhancements to the Election Night Reporting site and its compatibility with assistive devices, etc.

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Total number of visitors for the month of August 2025 = 15,908

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Total number of visitors for the month of August 2025 = 2,846

- All Facilities:
 - Reviewing current security hardware installed and determining items in need of replacement and/or upgrades
- State Election Commissioner's Office
 - Repair/reinforcement of secondary door to facility
- Kent County Office/Warehouse
 - No facility upgrades at this time
- New Castle County
 - Carvel Building Office
 - Building system upgrade/replacements (sprinklers, etc.) complete
 - Additional adjustments following return to the office being completed (e.g. realignment of security cameras)
 - Warehouse
 - Funding for Warehouse expansion secured in FY2026 budget
 - Planning is progress for the project with OMB-Facilities Management
 - Awaiting cost estimate from landlord (from contractor)
- Sussex County
 - Office
 - Installation of interior security door complete
 - Georgetown warehouse
 - Upgrade to ensure accessibility of access ramp at entrance
 - Seaford Warehouse
 - Air conditioning project
 - Funding or project secured
 - Moving ahead on confirming contract for project
 - Planned call with landlord and contractor

Staffing

- Exploring Additional Staffing Needs
 - FY 2027 Door Opener Process (referenced earlier in presentation)

Conferences/Meetings Attending

- Delaware Artificial Intelligence (AI) Commission: Appointed Member
 - Commission Launched in Summer 2024
 - Summer 2025 Meeting (quarterly) held
 - House Joint Resolution (HJR 7 w/HA 1) directing Commission to work with Secretary of State to create a framework to test "innovative and novel technologies that utilize artificial intelligence"
 - Department is exploring best concepts/ideas within the HJR framework
- Election Center (EC) Committees:
 - Postal Committee:
 - Meeting held at Election Center National Conference (late August)
 - Ongoing communications with elections community/stakeholders
 - Program Development and Awards Committee
 - 2025 Annual Conference Planning Continues
 - Review of recently deployed (updated) rewards/recognition program
 - Evaluating relevance of award categories, how entries for awards are solicited/reviewed/selected
 - Review of Hall of Fame/Lifetime Achievement Award nominees
- USPS Mailers Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) [USPS Industry Stakeholder Committee] upcoming meeting in October
 - Plan to Participate Virtually
 - Expected Focus on Election Mail Plan for 2006
 - Continued Service on MTAC Informed Delivery Workgroup

U.S. Department of Justice (US DOJ) Communications

- The Department has been contacted by the US DOJ and has provided comprehensive replies to the DOJ's inquiries concerning the Department's operations
- The US DOJ also asked for information of individual Delaware voters, and the Department has asked follow-up questions to the US DOJ to understand how they would use, store, and maintain this information to ensure the Department's is fully complying with all provisions of Delaware Code and federal law.
- The Department has posted copies of the US DOJ communications and its replies on the Department website: [Public Notices - Department of Elections - State of Delaware](#)

General Assembly Legislation (House)

Bill Number	Purpose	Status
HB 24 - SA1 W/HA 1	Changes durational residency requirement for voting in municipal elections (to conform with state and federal law). Moves Town of Delmar to adopt State voter registration system for municipal election voter eligibility and sets other general requirements for voter eligibility.	Released from Senate Elections & Government Affairs Committee with SA 1.
HB65	Consolidates Presidential and State Primary Elections on Presidential Primary Date (takes affect for Primary Elections held after 12/31/2026).	Released from Senate Elections & Government Affairs Committee.
HB82 – SA 1 (Title 14)	Provides for a resident of a school district to ask Delaware Superior Court to declare a vacancy on a school board if a school district does not report the vacancy to the Department of Elections.	Passed House and Senate. Signed by Governor.
HB85 (Title 14)	Individuals filling vacancies in school boards through the appointment process must complete the background check procedures that filed candidates must also complete, and State Election Commissioner must determine candidate eligibility for candidates filling vacancies.	Passed House and Senate. Signed by Governor.
HB86	Changes recount margins from 0.5% to 1.0% for statewide/General Assembly/County/City of Wilmington/School Elections. Also eliminates the petition requirement for recompilation of results in school elections.	Passed House. Assigned to Senate Elections & Government Affairs Committee
HB112	Requires photo identification (ID) for voting in primary, general, and special elections, and specifies permitted types of ID. Provides first ID card at no charge, with a 420 fee for subsequent ID cards issued. Discusses community events to provide opportunity to obtain ID cards.	Introduced in House and Assigned to House Elections & Government Affairs Committee
HB180	Constitutional amendment updating eligibility requirements for voter registration regarding felony convictions and makes other needed updates to Delaware law to conform this language with provisions of the U.S. Constitution. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes felonies that disqualify one to register to vote Changes period for disqualification for felony conviction to period and individual is imprisoned, unless pardoned only Age to register to vote at 18 vs. 21 Removes durational residency requirements for voter registration of greater than 30 days Strikes language regarding literacy tests to qualify to register to vote 	Released from House Administration Committee.

General Assembly Legislation (House)

Bill Number	Purpose	Status
HB183	Initiates primary elections for special elections and updates to special elections-related timeframes and deadlines	Introduced and Assigned to House Elections & Government Affairs Committee.
HB188	Would allow registered voters not affiliated with a political party to vote in primary elections. Unaffiliated voters would be able to choose at the primary election in which party's primary they would like to vote and will then be permitted to vote. The voter's unaffiliated party affiliation will not change based on the choice of party's primary.	Introduced and Assigned to House Elections & Government Affairs Committee.
HB 292	DoE reviews all campaign finance reports. Creates new categories of "Submitted But Not Reviewed" and "Reviewed and Final". DoE works with candidate to rectify violations discovered to resolve and to file an amended report including revised reporting.	Released from House Elections & Government Affairs Committee; Assigned to Appropriations Committee

General Assembly Legislation (Senate)

Bill Number	Purpose	Status
SS1 for SB2	Bill to amend the Delaware State Constitution to specifically authorize early, in-person voting for primary elections, general elections, and special elections to fill a vacancy in the General Assembly. The bill mirrors the language currently codified in Title 15, Chapter 54, regarding early voting.	Released from House Administration Committee.
SS 1 for SB3	Amends State Constitution to remove reasons for absentee voting; HA 2 adds language that "no excuse" needed to vote via absentee ballot; adds language to confirm permanent absentee status; adds language affirming 10 days of early voting prior to Primary/General/Special Elections	Released from House Administration Committee.
SB14	Constitutional Amendment (first leg) to create and independent redistricting committee to redistrict State House and State Senate following each federal decennial census. State Election Commissioner/Department assigned administrative duties regarding processing of applicants wishing to serve on Commission.	Released from Senate Executive Committee.
SB39	Amends charter of Town of Selbyville related to elections. Creates district representation and updates residency requirements for elected officials.	Signed by Governor.
SB126	Permits voters to vote at any polling place in their county in Primary and General Elections and provides for consolidation of polling places as long as at least one remains per election district, and that the consolidation does not place undue burden on voters.	Introduced in Senate and Assigned to Senate Elections & Government Affairs Committee.
SB171	Updates Town of Houston charter including clarification of voting eligibility for multiple owners of a piece of real estate in the town, changes time for municipal elections, updates qualifications for town office holders, updated dates on which nominations of candidacy may be made, updates when elected town officials take office	Signed by Governor.
SB195	Updates Town of Delmar charter including changing the timeframe in which a candidate must notify the Town Manager of their candidacy and provides a means for the town election officials to disqualify a potential voter if the individual has moved outside of town limits but has not yet updated their information with the Department of Elections voter registration list, which the town uses to determine municipal voting eligibility.	Signed by Governor.



Department of Elections New Castle County Office

Report to the Board September 8, 2025

Tracey Dixon, County Director

David Gilefski, Deputy County Director

- Pollbook update completed by ES&S. Finalizing physical inventory of pollbook materials.
- Machine tech certification 9/8 – 9/9. Annual preventative maintenance project will commence beginning 9/10.
- Continuing search for additional Early Voting sites.
- Coordinating with Community Relations Officer to enhance advertisement regarding civic holidays.



Department of Elections Kent County Office

Report to the Board September 8, 2025

Doris Reed-Young, County Director

Ralph Artigliere, Deputy County Director

- We received new SurfaceGo 4 pollbooks to replace the current pollbooks. Software was installed successfully from ES&S. Kent is waiting for the other pieces of Equipment to be updated so we can start the Statewide UAT Test.
- Doris attended via Teams 3 EAC meetings on Voluntary Audit Standards. The EAC is looking for each state Feedback from LLC Members.
- We have set up the Warehouse and Training room to host the XL Voting Machine Technician Certification September 8 and 9.
- ES&S will be in Kent County the week of September 8 thru the 12 to updating the XL Voting Machine software.



Department of Elections Sussex County Office

Report to the Board September 8, 2025

Kenneth A. McDowell, County Director

Tracey L. Wilkerson, Deputy County Director

- Currently, we are in the early planning stages for voter outreach opportunities. We will be providing machines and instruction for a student government election occurring in October 2025 for the Sussex Tech School District. We are reaching out to the other school districts to see if they are interested as well.
- We are also reviewing data pertaining the 2024 General Election to see if all of the polling locations are still needed given the large Early Voting turnout. There could be opportunities to save money in this area without adversely impacting commute times, lines, or overall voter experience. Obviously, there are some hurdles in the law pertaining to how many machines must be out on election day, but there could be opportunities to combine polling locations to reduce some of the cost to taxpayers. Again, we are in the early stages, but hopefully more on this in a later report.
- Our machine personnel are getting certified in the technical training required to be able to work on the voting machines today.
- We will be getting a software upgrade for the voting machines by the end of the month and will be conducting testing to be sure there are no surprises down the road.
- For once, we do not have any potential upcoming municipal elections on the books until December 6th with the Town of Dagsboro.
- It appears that there are not any upcoming referendums for the fall unless there is a last-minute change by one of the school districts.
- We mailed out roughly 2,800 poll worker applications last month and have been getting back a steady stream of new applications for 2026.

Thank you!