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UES., February 16, 2026, 5 p.m. LWVFC BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Board Members:

Leadership Team: Kate Jones, Nanette Onley Hobson, Patti Connor

Secretary: Rosanne Roe

Treasurer: Sue Kunkel

Membership Chairs: Jill Griffith

Additional Board Members: Jill Griffith, Suzanne Beal, Lauri Gross, George Carroll, Sue Krause, Barbara Schectman, Peggy Durbin, Karen Paris, and Ellen West

1. Acceptance of the minutes from [January 2026](#) Board Meeting
2. Committee Reports
 - Annual meeting – Kate
 - Presentation of the [Workbook](#) and [Annual Budget Report](#) draft for the Annual April meeting to the board, for review. This will be presented to the full membership one month before the meeting (so, in mid-March).
 - We need to prepare the [agenda](#) and the [script](#) for the annual meeting. Nanette, Patti and SuKu let's schedule a meeting soon.
 - Membership (Jill/Ellen/Sue Krause)
 - Events – Patti, KJ
 - Sue – summer concert series volunteers
 - Karen Paris – Girl Scouts
 - Voter Services
 - Nannette
 - Lauri: Voters' Guide meeting
 - Studies: Noncitizen voting
 - Publicity (Lauri)
 - Ethics (Mary Sue Krause)
 - Observer Corps
 - PAB – Kate: Attorney General's Office Releases [Report on 2025 Independent Investigations of Police-Involved Fatalities](#)
 - Bd of Elections - Lauri
 - County Council - Roy
0. Treasurer's Report (Sue Kunkel)
 - [Monthly Report](#)
0. Website (Kate)
 - League Survey

Other reports/topics: What do we do next?

- 2026 MD legislative session: Is anyone interested in monitoring and reporting back about legislative activity as it comes up in this year's session?
- [Lobbying](#) details

- City elections. Anyone interested in to monitoring and reporting important dates about city government for the following cities: [Brunswick](#), [Burkittsville](#), [Emmitsburg](#), [Frederick](#), [Middletown](#), [Mount Airy](#), [Myersville](#), [New Market](#), [Rosemont](#), [Thurmont](#), [Walkersville](#), [Woodsboro](#)
- [Collaborations with other organizations](#). These are some of the organizations LWVUS ask about when they want to know who we partner with. And that connects to the Unites and Rise plan for the 2026 elections. Here's notes from the training on this that [LWVMD had in November](#) about trying to make such partnerships work. This is also part of the point of this series of trainings by the LWVUS: Join LWV and the National Conference on Citizenship Algorithmic Transparency Institute for our monthly briefing to identify and address the latest national, statewide, and local trends in mis-and-disinformation. Sign up at:
- LWVMD Presidents meeting:
 - 1) **Candidate Forums**: Nikki explained that the League of Conservation Voters (LCV) has received grant money to conduct local candidate forums/town halls. League's concern is that if they schedule a forum prior to a League's forum, we may have trouble getting candidate (and audience) participation. Please be alert to any dates that may be getting scheduled in your area. If you are approached by LCV to share our policies or procedures on how to conduct forums, do NOT share it. Refer them to Nikki. We have partnered with LCV in prior years, and it is a good partner. But handing them our materials and not being included is not partnering.
 - 2) "[Reasons to Vote](#)" flyer: This is a digital-ready flyer that can be posted, emailed, or shared with anyone for distribution. It is 2 pages, can be printed as a one-pager (front & back). The flyer lists reasons to vote in the primary on the front side and key dates on the reverse side. The aim if to widely share it so other organizations can also start communicating about the importance of voting in the primary. It can be shared with religious organizations, local non-profits, local businesses, community groups, HOAs, your neighbors. Anyone. Easy to pick up the phone, call a group and ask if you can email it to them to use with their own followers. If someone wants to print 100 copies (their expense) and put them out in their lobby, we're good. If you want to hand it out at the next No Kings rally on March 28, we're good. While it can be shared with anyone, it would be especially helpful to share it with groups not currently involved with voters so we keep hitting new audiences. Local Leagues should also feel free to post it online or on social media (in whole or in part). Voting isn't until June, so it's up to you on your timing. We are also considering another 1-2 flyers, but that's still in the planning stages.
 - [Book Talk flyer](#) – Event for Women's History Day, about Jeanette Rankin, the first woman elected to Congress, and how she got there.
 - 3) **Upcoming Events**: Legislative Day is March 2, virtual. Lobby Day is March 10, in-person in Annapolis.
 - 4) **Next quarterly meeting of local League presidents**: Saturday, May 9, 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday Concert series. We need one more volunteer before we can commit to doing this.
- Do we want to participate in the History Fair? I am sending a friendly reminder that we are preparing for our 3rd annual America 250! History Fair at the Amphitheater on Carroll Creek Linear Park in downtown Frederick scheduled for April 26, 2026. We hope to see you again at the fair! Please confirm by return email that your organization will be participating. We are hoping to continue to grow participation, so please let us know of other organizations in Frederick County that you feel we should reach out to. If you have any questions or suggestions on how to make the event better for all, please let us know. We are hoping to have more interactive displays and contests to make sure this is an extra special event for our true America 250! celebration!
- LWVUS 2026 Convention in Cleveland, OH: visit our website. We will have 3 voting delegates. I highly recommend that we send and pay for the 3 voting delegates. I may attend virtually and pay

my own way this time, but I do not need to be a voting delegate, if I decide to attend. I hope to be on a good vacation, instead. We should decide this soon, as the somewhat reduced rate for attendance ends March 31.

- No Kings Day, 3/28/2026. Yes LWVUS is partnering, wear your gear proudly.
- Next meeting is March 16, same place and time, same Zoom.