



Mon., June 16, 2025, 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 Chair: Jill Griffith

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

1. May minutes.
2. LWVMD Convention Report: Kate's overview – Town Halls! Summaries from Patti, Jill, Sue, and Peggy.

LWVMD Convention Report

This convention was invigorating! The Maryland League wants to lean into advocacy on our LWV positions. Using the Unite and Rise 8.5 playbook, see links below, to reach more people and convince them to vote. They want to do that via voter education, not just registering voters at tabling events, but engaging people who don't vote in conversations about the things that keep them from voting.

At a tabling event, we can reach out to folks passing by to find out if they vote and then invite them to discuss what keeps them from voting if they don't. The Events team has developed a very thorough voter's guide to how government works. We have developed short bites of information about government from that guide, providing examples of how voting can influence how government works for the community. These materials can help draw people passing by the tables to start those conversations to help nonvoters become voters.

We will also use these types of short educational material in our social media this year and next, trying to engage nonvoters in conversation, or to at least to provoke some thought.

We can also schedule some targeted events - town halls - inviting new voters and nonvoters to ask questions about how the levels of government work to help them envision how their votes do, in fact, count. The work the events committee has done will provide a basis for us to answer those questions.

We thought we might schedule a meeting with our membership to try out this format. Then we might take it to Hood and to FCC. Our intern from Hood advised that many of her classmates just did not feel they understood the issues enough to vote and would be very happy to engage in this type of event.

We could present this to our Girl Scout partners as Karen begins to develop that partnership. We could even try to offer this to the school system, if we can frame it in a way that would convince them. We can take it to senior centers, food distribution sites, and every library in the county. Let's get creative. We will publicize these Town Halls to the max well before each event. And because this is a new venture let's remain open to adjustment and revision, improving from one town hall to the next.

We will need rules for the town halls. The League management site had suggestions for this kind of community forum. Let's incorporate that format, and brainstorm how to manage trolls and naysayers.

3. Committee Reports

- Membership (Jill/Ellen/Sue Krause)
 - <https://my.lwv.org/maryland/frederick-county/member-interest-survey>
- Events – Patti/Sue Kunkel
 - Volunteer reporting form – all volunteers doing any work for LWVofFC:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScpiAN1W8Gx1kJpzgd9zXSOCNP7vE2FDgFvBna9UAeqKAJNyw/viewform?usp=sharing>
 - Town Halls!
- Voter Services
 - Nannette
 - Lauri
 - Kate: Town Halls, see above
- Publicity (Lauri)
- Ethics: Mary Sue Krause

4. Treasurer's Report (Sue Kunkel)

- [May](#) Report

5. Website (Kate)

- ChapterSpot update. Check the last email, which means this one, really, to confirm what emails we have for you. If there is more than one, just reply to me using your current email. I will change it, if necessary, on the Membership Portal BEFORE you renew your membership there. Renewing or joining with a different email address than we previously had for you results in duplicate accounts that we must fix via IT at LWVUS now. It is easier to have you check before you renew.
Thank you!

- Slack

6. Other reports/topics

- City elections.

- Elections remaining for 2025:
Emmitsburg – primary scheduled for August 29, 2025, general scheduled for September 30, 2025
Frederick - primary is scheduled on September 9, 2025, and the general election is scheduled for November 4, 2025
- Results for city elections:
Brunswick – August 2026 results
https://www.fredericknewspost.com/news/politics_and_government/elections/one-incumbent-two-first-timers-win-brunswick-city-council-seats/article_fcf01ce6-4026-548f-8538-f4159d6faa4b.html
Burkittsville – June 2025 results
https://www.fredericknewspost.com/news/politics_and_government/elections/burkittsville-elects-two-newcomers-to-town-council-new-mayor-wins-unopposed/article_7ce4c427-c70e-5188-ac9c-038d8f45db6c.html.
Mount Airy:
https://www.fredericknewspost.com/news/continuing_coverage/election_coverage/hushour-reelected-mayor-of-mount-airy-domotor-kelly-win-town-council-seats/article_d92a7284-632c-5025-b404-c007b4b93e97.html.
New Market – Primary April 28, 2025, General May 13, 2025. Results
<https://www.townofnewmarket.org/home/news/2025-election-results>.
Rosemont – Saturday May 3, 2025. Results
<https://sites.google.com/site/rosemontmd/home>.
Woodsboro – May 10, 2025, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. Results
<https://www.yahoo.com/news/woodsboro-counts-votes-invalidated-recent-035900313.html>.
- Collaborations with other organizations. Karin Paris: Girl Scouts
- A subcommittee of the LWVMD board would like to be allowed 30-45 minutes on the agenda at a special meeting or one of our upcoming board meetings. This meeting will be held in July or August. The goal is to pilot what a listening session with local Leagues should look like.
- Resident voting study:
<https://www.lwv.org/league-management/advocacy/guidelines-lwvus-studies>
- Police Accountability Board/ACC report. Kate
- Unite and Rise, LWVUS guidance on organizing in these times: [Unite and Rise 8.5: A Campaign to Defend Democracy | League of Women Voters](#) and [Unite & Rise Power Playbook 1: May 2025 - July 2025 | League of Women Voters](#).
- No Kings
- Observer Corps

We have already had observers assigned to different government bodies for the purpose of keeping us alert to impending action that might cross one of our positions on social issues. Jim Filson reported on Board of Elections meetings, Mike Bunitsky attended Board of Education meetings. Margaret Hindman is keeping track of ranked choice voting. Jim and Mike are moving on, and their positions will now, or soon, be vacant.

To promote advocacy on our positions, we need volunteers to follow the Frederick County Council, the Frederick City Council, each town council in the county, and such Boards and Commissions as have influence on the laws that affect our positions. Then we can proceed to submit written comments or provide oral testimony when issues arise.

These volunteers would report back about developments on our positions. I'll be making a list of what likely places we want to monitor, and how to do that in the least difficult way. That can involve things like checking the websites for these agencies for agendas of upcoming activities, minutes from meetings, watching live broadcasts of meetings, or recorded videos of meetings after the fact. All of these are easy to do at home, and at one's own pace. We'll incorporate those reports of government activity into our board meetings to prepare responses to changes that either meet our needs or run in opposition to our needs. Advocating at the local government level to effect positive change for our community.