April 6, 2027 Special Election
Calendar of Important Dates and Deadlines

Election to Fill a Vacancy in:
At-large Member of the Council of the District of Columbia

Monday, November 2, 2026

Board receives resignation regarding a vacancy in Office of At-large Member of the Council of the District of Columbia [D.C. Official Code § 1-204.01(d)(2)].

Monday, November 9, 2026

Board certifies vacancy in Office of At-large Member of the Council of the District of Columbia [3 DCMR § 903.3 (within five (5) working days of receipt of the resignation.)].

Board calls special election to fill vacancy to be held on **April 6, 2027** [D.C. Official Code § 1-204.01(d)(2); 3 DCMR §§ 910.2 and 910.3 (BOE to conduct the special election be held on a Tuesday occurring at least seventy (70) days and not more than one hundred seventy-four (174) days after the date on which such vacancy occurs.)].

Board causes notice of the vacancy to be given on the Board's website and in the *D.C. Register*.

Wednesday, November 11, 2026

Office Closed (Observation of Veterans Day).

Monday, November 16, 2026

Board makes nominating petition available [3 DCMR § 910.4 (within seven days after certification of vacancy)].

Signature requirements: Signatures of 3,000 or 1.5% (whichever is less) of the total number of duly registered electors in the District of Columbia [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(j)(1); 3 DCMR §§ 910.5 and 1603.3].

Thursday, November 26, 2026

Office Closed (Observation of Thanksgiving Day).

Friday, December 25, 2026

Office Closed (Observation of Christmas Day).

Friday, January 1, 2027

Office Closed (Observation of New Year's Day).

Wednesday, January 6, 2027 (5:00 p.m.)

Last day to file nominating petitions, petition supplements, and any other affidavits, forms, or declarations required for the particular office sought [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.08 (j)(1); 3 DCMR § 910.5 (Ballot access qualifications and rules are same as rules for direct nomination to the office in a general election); 3 DCMR §§ 601.5 and 1605.2 (90 days before the election)].

Saturday, January 9, 2027

Nominating petitions are posted for a 10-day challenge period that ends on **Monday, January 18, 2027 at 5:00 p.m.** [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(o)(1); 3 DCMR § 1606.1 (third day after nominating petition filing deadline)].

Sunday, January 10, 2027 - Friday, January 29, 2027

Period during which signers of nominating petitions may file change of address forms with the Board [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.08(o)(3)(B), 1-1021.01; 3 DCMR § 1607.1(b) (changes of address must be filed by no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 10th day after the day the candidate **receives notice** of the challenge)].

Monday, January 11, 2027

Last day for Executive Director to provide preliminary determination of candidates' eligibility [D.C. Official Code § 1-1021.01; 3 DCMR § 601.6 (third business day after the deadline for filing)].

Monday, January 18, 2027 (5:00 p.m.)

Close of 10-day nominating petition challenge period. [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(o)(1); 3 DCMR § 1606.1].

Monday, January 18, 2027

Office Open for Challenge Period Business ONLY (Observation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day).

Friday, February 5, 2027

Last day for Board to determine the validity of challenges to nominating petitions [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.08(o)(2), 1-1021.01; 3 DCMR § 1606.5) (within 20 days after the challenge to the nominating petition is filed)].

Deadline for Board to provide notice to persons eligible to vote absentee in federal elections pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) of all contests and questions appearing on the ballot. Notice shall be provided on the Board's website, www.dcboe.org [D.C. Official Code § 1-1061.16(a) (60 days before the election)].

Tuesday, February 9, 2027

[TENTATIVE] Last day for Board to give notice on its website of the pre-election logic and accuracy ("L & A") testing of the voting equipment to be used in the election [assumes testing begins Tuesday, February 16, 2027] [D.C. Official Code § 1-1021.01; 3 DCMR § 801.3 (at least seven days before the L & A testing period begins)].

Thursday, February 11, 2027

Last day for either challenger or nominee to appeal to D.C. Court of Appeals for review of the Board's determination regarding the validity of nominating petition challenge [D.C. Official Code § 1001.08(o)(2) (within three days after Board determines validity of challenge)].

Last day for candidates to submit affidavits withdrawing their nominations so that their names are not printed on the official election ballot [3 DCMR §§ 603.4 and 603.5 (54 days before the election)]. (The names of candidates who submit affidavits of withdrawal after this deadline may still appear on the ballot, but the Board shall provide notice of any withdrawals in Vote Centers.)

Friday, February 12, 2027

[TENTATIVE] Board to conduct public lottery to determine ballot positions [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(p); 3 DCMR § 1204.1].

Monday, February 15, 2027

Office Closed (Observation of Presidents' Day).

Tuesday, February 16, 2027

[TENTATIVE] Board to begin conducting pre-election L & A testing of the voting equipment to be used in the election (assumes notice given on or before Tuesday, February 9, 2027) [3 DCMR § 801.2].

Friday, February 19, 2027

Deadline for Board to transmit validly requested ballots to persons eligible to vote pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) where requests were received at least 45 days before the election [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1061.09(a), 1-1021.01 (no later than 45 days before the election)].

Deadline for Board to publish, if necessary, updated election notice for UOCAVA voters. Notice originally posted on Board's website on **Friday, February 5, 2027** [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1061.16(c), 1-1021.01 (no later than 45 days before the election)].

Last day for registered qualified electors to submit application to correct the voter registration list or challenge the right to vote of a person named on the list [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.07(e)(5)(A), 1-1021.01; 3 DCMR § 521.2(b) (no later than 45 days before the election)].

Deadline for Board to post alphabetical lists of registered qualified electors current as of 60 days preceding the election **(Friday, February 5, 2027)** in public libraries as follows: one citywide listing in main public library, and one ward listing in every branch library located within the respective ward [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.07(h)(1), 1-1021.01 (no later than 45 days before the election)].

Monday, March 1, 2027

[TENTATIVE] Board begins mailing ballots to registered voters.

Friday, March 5, 2027

[TENTATIVE] Board shall publicly announce the date and method by which it intends to randomly select precincts, voter-verifiable records tabulated centrally, and contests for the manual audit, and the date on which the manual audit will begin. [D.C. Official Code § 1001.09a(d), (e); 3 DCMR § 812.5(a) (announce no later than three days after tabulation complete)].

Friday, March 12, 2027

[TENTATIVE] Board publicly conducts and announces the results of the random selection of precincts, voter-verifiable records tabulated centrally, and contests for the manual audit [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.09a(d); 3 DCMR §§ 812.8 and 812.9.].

Friday, March 12, 2027 (11:00 a.m.) – Tuesday, April 6, 2027 (8:00 p.m.)

[TENTATIVE] Period during which mail ballot drop boxes are available for use.

Tuesday, March 16, 2027

Deadline for registered qualified electors to change party affiliation status [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.07(g)(4)(A)(i)(B); 3 DCMR § 504.5 (no later than 21 days before the election; requests for change of party affiliation status received after the 21st day before an election shall be held and processed after the election.)].

Deadline for receipt of all voter registration applications (including federal postcard applications (FPCAs), federal write in absentee ballots (FWABs)) and updates except for those submitted in person at the Board or at voter registration agencies [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.07(g)(1)-(3); 3 DCMR § 504.3 (21 days before the election)].

First day the Board can publish a sample copy of the official ballot in at least one newspaper of general circulation [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.05(a)(6); 3 DCMR § 1201.1 (not more than 21 days before the election)].

Thursday, March 18, 2027

Deadline to petition for poll watcher and election observer credentials at Vote Centers and counting places; the Board may accept additional petitions after this date based upon available space [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.09(c); 3 DCMR §706.3 (not less than 14 days before the election)].

Monday, March 22, 2027

Deadline for receipt of ballot requests from non-UOCAVA voters [3 DCMR § 720.5 (no later than 15 days before the election)].

Tuesday, March 23, 2027

Deadline for Board to post a revised citywide list of registered qualified electors in the main public library, and a revised ward list of registered voters in every branch library located within the respective wards [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.07(h)(2) (list must be posted for a period of no less than 14 days before the election)].

Thursday, March 25, 2027

Deadline for Board to make a determination on timely filed petitions for poll watcher and election observer credentials [D.C. Official Code § 1-1021.01; 3 DCMR § 706.8 (not less than 10 days before the election)]. If access is denied, notice must issue within 24 hours of denial [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.09(c-1)].

Monday, March 29, 2027 – Sunday, April 4, 2027

Period during which qualified electors may register and cast ballots at Early Vote Centers. Early Vote Centers are open every day during this period between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.09(b-1)(1)-(2); 3 DCMR §§ 700.4 and 702.2 (for no more than 12 days before the election)].

Tuesday, March 30, 2027 – Thursday, April 1, 2027

Period during which registered qualified electors may challenge the qualifications of prospective non-UOCAVA voters who submitted written requests for ballots [3 DCMR §§ 721.3 and 721.4 (for three days beginning seven days before the election)].

Saturday, April 3, 2027

Deadline for UOCAVA voters to request a ballot [3 DCMR § 720.5 (no later than three days before the election)].

TUESDAY, April 6, 2027 – SPECIAL ELECTION DAY

On Election Day, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., qualified electors may register to vote and cast full ballots in person at Vote Centers. All voters who are in line at 8:00 p.m. may cast a ballot [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.10(a)(4) and (b)(14); 3 DCMR § 703.1-2].

Deadline (8:00 p.m.) to deposit ballots at Vote Centers, drop boxes, or the Board office, and for the receipt of all electronically transmitted ballots. [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.05(a)(10B)(B)].

Tuesday, April 13, 2027

Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for write-in candidate to file an Affirmation of Write-In Candidacy or Declaration of Candidacy with the Board to be eligible for nomination to office [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(r)(3); 3 D.C.M.R. § 602.2 (no later than seven days after the election)].

Last day for voters who cast special ballots to present verification of eligibility to vote in the election [3 DCMR § 700.6 (no later than the seventh day after the election)].

Date Board provides toll-free telephone service (1-866-DCVOTES (1-866-328-6837)) and website service, www.dcboe.org, where any voter who cast a challenged or special ballot can learn the Board's preliminary decision whether to count or reject their ballot and the reason for the decision [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.09(e)(2)].

Wednesday, April 14, 2027 – Friday, April 16, 2027

Board holds special or challenged ballot hearings [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.09(e)(3)-(4); 3 DCMR § 712.4 (no earlier than eight days and no later than 10 days after the election)].

Board makes final determination on validity of special and challenged ballots [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.09(e)(3)-(4); 3 DCMR § 712.7 (the day after the hearing)].

Thursday, April 15, 2027 – Monday, April 19, 2027

Last day to appeal Board’s decision on the validity of special ballots to the D.C. Superior Court [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.09(e)(3)-(4); 3 DCMR § 712.8 (the next business day after the date of the Board’s decision)].

Friday, April 16, 2027

Deadline for receipt of all mailed ballots (must be postmarked on or before Election Day) [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.05(a)(10B)(A)].

Friday, April 16, 2026

Office Closed (Observation of Emancipation Day).

Thursday, April 22, 2027

Deadline to cure mail ballots.

Monday, April 26, 2027

[TENTATIVE] Final count of mail ballots and accepted special and challenged ballots.

Wednesday, April 28, 2027 - Friday, April 30, 2027

[TENTATIVE] Board conducts public manual audit of the voter-verifiable records tabulated [D.C. Official Code § 1001.09a(b), (c); 3 DCMR § 812.2].

Monday, May 3, 2027

[TENTATIVE] Board to publish on its website and make available for public inspection a report of results of the manual audit [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.09a(j) (prior to certification of election results)].

Tuesday, May 4, 2027

[TENTATIVE] Certification of election results [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.05(a)(11); 3 DCMR § 813.1].

Tuesday, May 11, 2027

[TENTATIVE] Last day for a voter in the election to file a petition for review of the results of the election in the D.C. Court of Appeals [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.11(b)(1) (within seven days after the certification)].

[TENTATIVE] Last day for a candidate in the election to request a recount of the certified votes cast in one or more voting precincts [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.11(a)(1) (within seven days after the certification)].