



June 16, 2026 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 (non-Democratic
Party)

Monday, January 5, 2026

Board receives Resignation regarding a vacancy in one of the non-Democratic offices for the At-large Member of the Council of the District of Columbia [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-204.01(d)(2) and 204.01(d)(3)].

Monday, January 12, 2026

Board certifies vacancy in the non-Democratic Party Office of At-large Member of the Council of the District of Columbia [D.C. Official Code § 204.01(d)(3); 3 DCMR § 903.3].

Board calls special election to fill vacancy to be held on **June 16, 2026** [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*.

Monday, January 19, 2026

Office Closed (Observation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day).

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Board makes nominating petition available [D.C. Official Code § 1-1021.01; 3 DCMR § 910.4 (within seven days after certification of vacancy)].

Signature requirements: 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].

Monday, February 16, 2026

Office Closed (Observation of Presidents' Day).

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 (5:00 p.m.)

Last day to file nominating petitions, petition supplements, Declarations of Candidacy, and any other affidavits, forms, or declarations required for the particular office sought [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.08 (j)(1), 1-1021.01; 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, March 21, 2026

Nominating petitions are posted for a 10-day challenge period that ends on **Monday, March 30, 2026 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, March 22, 2026 - Friday, April 10, 2026

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, March 23, 2026

Last day for Executive Director to provide preliminary determination of candidates' eligibility [3 DCMR § 601.6 (third business day after the deadline for filing a Declaration of Candidacy)].

Monday, March 30, 2026 (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].

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Office Closed (Observation of Emancipation Day).

Friday, April 17, 2026

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)].

Monday, April 20, 2026

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

[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 Monday, April 27, 2026] [3 DCMR § 801.3 (at least seven days before the L & A testing period begins)].

Thursday, April 23, 2026

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, April 24, 2026

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

Monday, April 27, 2026

[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 Monday, April 20, 2026) [3 DCMR § 801.2].

Friday, May 1, 2026

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, April 17, 2026** [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1061.16(c), 1-1021.01 (no later than 45 days before the election)].

Monday, May 4, 2026

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, April 17, 2026**) 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, May 11, 2026

[TENTATIVE] Board begins mailing ballots to registered voters.

Friday, May 15, 2026

[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, May 22, 2026

[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, May 22, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. – Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 8:00 p.m.

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

Monday, May 25, 2026

Office Closed (Observation of Memorial Day).

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

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, May 28, 2026

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, June 1, 2026

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

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

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, June 4, 2026

Deadline for Board to make a determination on timely filed petitions for poll watchers and election observers 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, June 8, 2026 – Sunday, June 14, 2026

Period during which qualified electors may register and cast ballots in person 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, 702.2 (for no more than 12 days before the election)].

Tuesday, June 9, 2026 – Thursday, June 11, 2026

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, June 13, 2026

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026 – 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)].

Friday, June 19, 2026

Office Closed (Observation of Juneteenth).

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

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 DCMR § 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, June 24, 2026 – Friday, June 26, 2026

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, June 25, 2026 – Monday, June 29, 2026

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, June 26, 2026

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)].

Thursday, July 2, 2026

Deadline to cure mail ballots.

Friday, July 3, 2026

Office Closed (Observation of Independence Day).

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

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

Thursday, July 9, 2026 – Wednesday, July 15, 2026

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

Thursday, July 16, 2026

[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)].

Friday, July 17, 2026

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

Friday, July 24, 2026

[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)].