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**November 3, 2020 General Election  
Calendar of Important Dates and Deadlines**

Candidates for:  
Presidential Elector  
Delegate to the United States House of Representatives  
At-large Member of the Council of the District of Columbia (Two seats)  
Ward Member of the Council of the District of Columbia (Wards 2, 4, 7 & 8)  
United States Senator  
United States Representative  
At-large Member of the State Board of Education  
Ward Member of the State Board of Education (Wards 2, 4, 7 & 8)  
Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner

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**Friday, June 12, 2020**

Board determines signature requirements and makes petitions available for the following offices:  
[D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.08(f), (j)(1), (n)(B) (144 days before the election)]:

Presidential Electors - 1% of the total number of registered qualified electors in the District of Columbia [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(f)]

Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives – 250 signatures of registered qualified electors in the District of Columbia [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(j)(1)(B); 3 DCMR § 1603.3].

At-large Member of the Council – 250 signatures of registered qualified electors in the District of Columbia [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(j)(1)(B); 3 DCMR § 1603.3].

Ward Member of the Council – 150 signatures of duly registered qualified electors who reside in the ward from which the candidate seeks election [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(j)(1)(B); 3 DCMR § 1603.4].

U.S. Senator – 250 signatures of registered qualified electors in the District of Columbia [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-123(d)(2), 1-1001.08(j)(1)(B); 3 DCMR § 1603.3].

U.S. Representative – 250 signatures of registered qualified electors in the District of Columbia [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-123(d)(2), 1-1001.08(j)(1)(B); 3 DCMR § 1603.3].

At-large Member of the State Board of Education- 150 signatures duly registered qualified electors [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(n)(B); 3 DCMR § 1603.5)].

Ward Member of the State Board of Education - 50 duly registered qualified electors in the ward from which the candidate seeks election [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(n)(B); 3 DCMR § 1603.6].

Computation of the exact number of registered voters and the entire list of registered voters upon which such count was based are posted in the Board's offices until the end of the petition challenge period [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(i)(3)].

**Friday, June 26, 2020**

Board makes petitions available for Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner candidates. Signature requirement is 10 registered qualified electors in the single-member district from which the candidate seeks election [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-309.05(b)(1)(B), (b)(2); 3 DCMR § 1603.7 (130 days before the election)].

**Friday, July 3, 2020**

**Office Closed (Observation of Independence Day)**

**Monday, July 6, 2020**

Last day to submit a petition for an initiative measure to appear on the ballot [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.16(o)(1), (p)(1); 3 DCMR §§ 1009.1, 1010.1 (Board must certify within 30 days after receipt of the petition whether the measure meets signature requirement. Election must be scheduled at least 90 days after Board certifies that the petition meets signature requirement)].

**Monday, July 13, 2020**

**Candidates for State Board of Education**

First day nominating petitions for candidates may be filed [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.08(n), 1-1021.01 (no earlier than the 115th day before the election)].

**Wednesday, August 5, 2020 (at 5:00 p.m.)**

Last day to file nominating petitions, petition supplements, Declarations of Candidacy (except for major party candidates for presidential elector), and any other affidavits, forms, or declarations required for the particular office sought. [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-309.05(b)(1)(A), 1-1001.08(d), (f), (j)(1)(A), (n)(A), (q); 3 DCMR §§ 601.5, 1505.2, 1605.2 (90 days before the election)].

**Saturday, August 8, 2020**

Nominating petitions are posted for 10-day challenge period [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(o)(1); 3 DCMR §§ 1506.1, 1606.1, 1706.1 (third day after nominating petition filing deadline)].

**Sunday, August 9, 2020 – Thursday, August 27, 2020**

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); 3 DCMR §§ 1507.1(b), 1607.1(b) (within ten days after the challenge to the nominating petition has been filed.)].

**Monday, August 10, 2020**

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)].

**Tuesday, August 11, 2020**

Last day to submit petition for a referendum measure to appear on the ballot. [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.16(o)(1), (p)(1); 3 DCMR §§ 1009.1, 1010.2 (Board must certify within 30 days after receipt of petition whether measure meets signature requirement. If a previously scheduled primary, general, or special election will occur between 54 and 114 days of receipt of Board's certification that measure meets signature requirement, Board may present the referendum measure at that election)].

Last day to submit petition for a recall measure to appear on the ballot [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.17(k)(1), (l); 3 DCMR §§ 1109.1, 1110.1) (Board must certify within 30 days after receipt of petition whether measure meets signature requirement. If a previously scheduled primary, general, or special election will occur between 54 and 114 days of receipt of Board's certification that measure meets signature requirement, Board may present the recall measure at that election)].

**Monday, August 17, 2020 (5:00 p.m.)**

Close of 10-day nominating petition challenge period. [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(o)(1); 3 DCMR §§ 1506.1, 1606.1, 1706.1].

**Tuesday, September 1, 2020**

**Major Party Candidates for Presidential Elector**

Last day for [major parties] to file nominations by message, and for candidates for presidential electors to file Affidavits of Presidential Elector Candidate and Declarations of Candidacy [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(d); 3 DCMR §§ 1500.4; 1500.6(a), (c), 1500.7) (Nominations shall be made by message to the Board on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> of each presidential election year)].

Deadline, by 5:00 p.m., for major party Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates to file Affidavits of Presidential and Vice Presidential Candidate [3 DCMR §§ 1500.6(b), 1500.7].

## **Friday, September 4, 2020**

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 and any specific Federal Write-in Ballot (FWAB) instructions. Notice shall be provided on the Board's website. [D.C. Official Code §1-1061.16(a)(60 days before the election)].

[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 Friday, September 14, 2020] [3 DCMR § 801.3 (at least 7 days before the testing period begins)].

## **Monday, September 7, 2020**

**Office Closed (Observation of Labor Day)**

## **Tuesday, September 8, 2020**

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 §§ 1506.5, 1606.5) (within 20 days after the challenge to the nominating petition is filed)].

## **Thursday, September 10, 2020 (by 5:00 p.m.)**

Deadline for major parties to submit the names of the individuals they have nominated to fill candidate position vacancies and be placed on the general election ballot as the parties' candidates for the District partisan offices pursuant to D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.10(b)(1), (d)(1). [3 DCMR § 1600.6(b). (54<sup>th</sup> day before the election)].

Last day for candidates to submit affidavits withdrawing their nominations so that their names are not printed on the official election ballot. (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 to voters in the affected polling places and early voting centers.) [3 DCMR § 603.4 (54<sup>th</sup> day before the election)].

## **Friday, September 11, 2020**

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 3 days after Board determines validity of challenge)].

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

### **Monday, September 14, 2020**

[TENTATIVE] Board to begin conducting L & A testing of the voting equipment to be used in the election [assumes notice given on or before Friday, September 4, 2020]. [3 DCMR § 801.2]

### **Friday, September 18, 2020**

Deadline for Board to transmit validly requested absentee ballots to UOCAVA voters where requests were received at least 45 days before the election. [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1061.09(a), 1-1021.01 (not 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, September 4, 2020**. [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1061.16(c), 1-1021.01 (not later than 45 days before the election)].

Deadline for Board to publish fictitious sample ballot in the *D.C. Register* [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.05(a)(5), 1-1021.01; 3 DCMR § 1201.1 (not later than 45 days before the election)].

### **Monday, September 21, 2020**

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 (not later than 45 days before the election)].

Deadline for Board to post the list of registered qualified electors current as of 60 days preceding the election (**Friday, September 4, 2020**) in public libraries as follows: one citywide listing in main public library, and one ward listing in every branch library located within the respective wards [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.07(h)(1), 1-1021.01 (not later than 45 days before the election)].

### **Monday, October 12, 2020**

**Office Closed (Observation of Columbus Day)**

### **Tuesday, October 13, 2020**

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)-(2); 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 § 1201.2 (not earlier than 21 days before the election)].

## **Tuesday, October 20, 2020**

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 qualified electors in every branch library located within the respective wards [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.07(h)(2) (not less than 14 days before the election)].

Deadline to petition for credentials for poll watchers and election observers at specific early voting centers, polling places, 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)].

## **Friday, October 23, 2020**

Deadline for Board to make a determination on poll watchers' and election observers' petitions for credentials [D.C. Official Code § 1-1021.01; 3 DCMR § 706.8 (not less than 10 days before the election)].

## **Tuesday, October 27, 2020 - Monday, November 2, 2020**

Period during which qualified electors may register and cast ballots at early voting centers. Early voting 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, October 27, 2020 – Thursday, October 29, 2020**

Period during which registered qualified electors may challenge the qualifications of prospective non-UOCAVA voters who submitted written requests for absentee ballots [3 DCMR § 721 (for 3 days beginning on the 7<sup>th</sup> day before the election)].

## **Wednesday, October 28, 2020 – Tuesday, November 3, 2020 (8:00 p.m. or close of polls)**

Period during which certain registered qualified electors may cast emergency absentee ballots [3 DCMR § 722.1 (Period begins 6 days before the election and extends through the time the polls close on Election Day)].

## **Monday, November 2, 2020**

[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)].

## **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020 – GENERAL 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. [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-309.06(a), 1-1001.07(g)(5), 1-1001.10(a)(2), (a)(3)(A)-(B), (a)(5), 1-1001.10(b)(1) (Tuesday after the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in November)].

Deadline (8:00 p.m.) for receipt of all electronically transmitted absentee ballots. [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.05(a)(10A), 1-1061.10].

### **Wednesday, November 4, 2020**

Deadline by which Board must provide toll-free telephone service (1-866-DCVOTES (1-866-328-6837)) and website service, [www.dcboe.org](http://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 his or her ballot and the reason for the decision. [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.09(e)(2) (In sufficient time to comply with the requirements of UOCAVA)].

[TENTATIVE] Board publicly conducts 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.]

### **Thursday, November 5, 2020**

Board holds special or challenged ballot hearings [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.09(e)(3)-(4); 3 DCMR § 712.4 (not later than 2 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 (within 1 day after the date of the hearing)].

Last day for voters who cast special ballots to present verification of eligibility to vote in the election.

[TENTATIVE] Board publicly announces results of random selection of precincts, voter-verifiable records tabulated centrally, and contests for the manual audit, and the date of the audit (Tentative: **Thursday, November 19, 2020**). [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.09a (d); 3 DCMR § 812.8.]

### **Friday, November 6, 2020**

Deadline (4:45 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 (not later than the 3<sup>rd</sup> day after the election)].

Last day to appeal Board's decision on the validity of special ballots [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.09(e)(3)-(4), 1-1021.01; 3 DCMR § 712.8 (within 1 day after the Board's decision)].

### **Wednesday, November 11, 2020**

**Office Closed (Observation of Veterans Day)**

### **Friday, November 13, 2020**

Deadline for receipt of all mailed ballots. [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.05(a)(10A)].

### **Monday, November 16, 2020**

Final count of absentee and special ballots.

### **Thursday, November 19, 2020 – Monday, November 23, 2020**

[TENTATIVE] Board conducts public manual audit of the voter-verifiable records tabulated. [D.C. Official Code § 1001.09a(b), (c); 3 DCMR §§ 812.2, 812.5(b)].

### **Tuesday, November 24, 2020**

[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)].

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

### **Thursday, November 26, 2020**

**Office Closed (Observation of Thanksgiving Day)**

### **Tuesday, December 1, 2020**

[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 7 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 7 days after the certification)].

[TENTATIVE] Deadline by which a person who holds the office of Delegate, member of the Council, Mayor, Attorney General, or member of the State Board of Education, and who is elected to any other of these offices in the general election, must either: 1) resign from the office he or she holds (effective no later than noon on January 1, 2017 (24 hours before the date upon which that person would assume the office to which he or she has been elected)); or 2) decline to accept the office for which he or she was a candidate [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.15(b) (within 24 hours after certification of election results)].

### **Friday, December 25, 2020**

**Office Closed (Observation of Christmas Day)**

### **Monday, February 1, 2021**

Deadline for Board to publish after-action report on the election on website. [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.05(k); 3 DCMR § 817.1]