



**June 16, 2020 Primary Election  
Calendar of Important Dates and Deadlines**

Candidates for:  
Presidential Nominee  
Delegate to the United States House of Representatives  
At-large Member of the Council of the District of Columbia  
Ward Member of the Council of the District of Columbia (Wards 2, 4, 7 & 8)  
United States Senator  
United States Representative  
National Party Committeepersons (Held at the Request of the Eligible Parties)  
Local Party Committee Members and Officials (Held at the Request of the Eligible Parties)

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**Thursday, November 15, 2018**

Board determined eligibility of parties to conduct Congressional and Council primary from the November 6, 2018 General Election results [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(h)(2)].

**Thursday, December 19, 2019**

Last day for major parties (as determined on **Thursday, November 15, 2018**) to file notice of intent to conduct a presidential preference primary and a comprehensive party plan for the selection of delegates and alternates to the national party conventions [D.C. Official Code §1-1001.05(b)(3)(C); 3 DCMR §1400.3 (not later than 180 days before the election)].

Last day to file plan for election of national and local party committee members [D.C. Official Code §1-1001.08(1)(1); 3 DCMR §1700.3 (not later than 180 days before the election)].

**Wednesday, January 1, 2020**

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

**Monday, January 20, 2020**

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

**Friday, January 24, 2020**

Board determines signature requirements and makes nominating petitions available for the following offices: [D.C. Official Code §§1-1001.08(i)(3)-(4) (144 days before the election)]:

Presidential Nominee - 1,000 or 1% (whichever is less) of the total number of registered qualified electors in the same political party as the nominee [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.05(b)(2); 3 DCMR § 1403.1];

Delegate to the United States House of Representatives - 2,000 or 1% (whichever is less) of the total number of registered qualified electors in the same political party as the candidate [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(i)(1)(B); 3 DCMR § 1603.1];

At-large Member of the Council - 2,000 or 1% (whichever is less) of the total number of registered qualified electors in the same political party as the candidate [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(i)(1)(B); 3 DCMR § 1603.1];

Ward Member of the Council - 250 or 1% (whichever is less) of the total number of duly registered qualified electors in the same political party as the candidate who reside in the ward from which the candidate seeks election [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(i)(2); 3 DCMR § 1603.2];

U.S. Senator - 2,000 or 1% (whichever is less) of the total number of registered qualified electors in the same political party as the candidate [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-123(d)(2) and § 1-1001.08(i)(1)(B); 3 DCMR § 1603.1];

U.S. Representative - 2,000 or 1% (whichever is less) of the total number of registered qualified electors in the same political party as the candidate [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-123(d)(2) and § 1-1001.08(i)(1)(B); 3 DCMR § 1603.1];

National Committeemen/National Committeewomen - 500 or 1% (whichever is less) of the total number of registered qualified electors in the same political party as the candidate [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(a)(1)(A); 3 DCMR § 1703.1];

Local Party Committee Member (Ward Chairperson) - 100 or 1% (whichever is less) of the total number of registered qualified electors who reside in the same ward from which the candidate seeks election who are of the same political party as the candidate [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(a)(2); 3 DCMR § 1703.3].

Computation of the exact number of registered qualified electors and the entire list of registered qualified electors 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)].

**Monday, February 17, 2020**

**Office Closed (Observation of Presidents' Day)**

**Tuesday, February 18, 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, February 24, 2020**

First day any nominating petition may be filed with the Board [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.08(i)(4), 1-1021.01 (not earlier than the 115th day before the election)].

**Wednesday, March 18, 2020 (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 §§ 1-123(d)(2), 1-1001.05(b)(2), (b)(3)(A), 1-1001.08(a)(1)(B), (a)(2), (i)(1)(A), (i)(2), (q); 3 DCMR §§ 601.5, 1405.2, 1405.3, 1605.2, 1705.2 (90 days before the election)].

**Saturday, March 21, 2020**

Nominating petitions are posted for 10-day challenge period [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(o)(1); 3 DCMR §§ 1406.1, 1606.1, 1706.1 (third day after nominating petition filing deadline)].

**Sunday, March 22, 2020 - Thursday, April 9, 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 §§ 1407.1(b), 1607.1(b), 1707.1(b) (within ten days after the challenge to the nominating petition has been filed.)].

**Monday, March 23, 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)].

Deadline (4:45 p.m.) to submit Statement of Slate Registration forms (for candidates for Members and Officials of Local Committees of Political Parties and National Committeepersons. [3 DCMR § 1701.1 (third business day after nominating petition filing deadline)].

**Tuesday, March 24, 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, March 30, 2020 (5:00 p.m.)**

Close of 10-day nominating petition challenge period. [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(o)(1); 3 DCMR §§ 1406.1, 1606.1, 1706.1].

**Thursday, April 16, 2020**

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

**Friday, April 17, 2020**

Deadline for Board to provide notice to persons eligible to vote absentee in federal elections 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)].

**Monday, April 20, 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 §§ 1406.5, 1606.5, 1706.5) (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, 2020] [3 DCMR § 801.3 (at least 7 days before the L & A testing period begins)].

**Thursday, April 23, 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)].

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)].

Last day to submit amendments to Statement of Slate Registration forms and Statements of Slate Withdrawals (for candidates for Members and Officials of Local Committees of Political Parties and National Committeepersons. [3 DCMR § 1701.8 (third business day after nominating petition filing deadline)].

### **Friday, April 24, 2020**

[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, 2020**

[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 Friday, April 20, 2020]. [3 DCMR § 801.2]

### **Friday, May 1, 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, April 17, 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, May 4, 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, April 17, 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, May 25, 2020**

### **Office Closed (Observation of Memorial Day)**

## **Tuesday, May 26, 2020**

Deadline for registered qualified electors to change party affiliation status [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.07(g)(4); 3 DCMR § 504.5 (not later than the 21<sup>st</sup> day before the election; requests for change of party affiliation status received after the 21<sup>st</sup> day before a primary 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 § 1201.2 (not earlier than 21 days before the election)].

## **Monday, June 1, 2020 – Friday, June 12, 2020**

Period during which registered qualified electors may register and cast ballots at One Judiciary Square. In-person absentee voting is available every day during this period (except legal holidays) between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. [3 DCMR §§ 700.4, 702.1 (15 days before the election)].

## **Tuesday, June 2, 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 voters 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 for Board to publish and display on its website a searchable copy of the list of registered qualified electors as of the date the voter registry closed. [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.07(h)(2A)(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, June 5, 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)].

**Friday, June 5, 2020 – Friday, June 12, 2020**

Period during which qualified electors may register and cast ballots at ward-based 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 10 days before the election)].

**Tuesday, June 9, 2020**

Deadline for receipt of absentee ballot requests from non-UOCAVA voters [3 DCMR § 720.5 (no later than the 7<sup>th</sup> day before the election)].

**Tuesday, June 9, 2020 – Thursday, June 11, 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 § 721.4 (for 3 days beginning on the 7<sup>th</sup> day before the election)].

**Wednesday, June 10, 2020 – Tuesday, June 16, 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)].

**Saturday, June 13, 2020**

Deadline for UOCAVA voters to request an absentee ballot. [3 DCMR § 720.5 (no later than the third day before an election)].

**Monday, June 15, 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, JUNE 16, 2020 – PRIMARY 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 at the polling places for their precincts of residence. [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-123(d)(2), 1-1001.05(b)(1), 1-1001.07(g)(5), 1-1001.10(a)(1), (a)(3)(A)-(B), (b)(1) (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in June)].

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

### **Wednesday, June 17, 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)(2); 3 D.C.M.R. § 602.1 (not later than the day after the election)].

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 their 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] Final count of absentee ballots.

[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, June 18, 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: **June 25, 2020**). [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.09a (d); 3 DCMR § 812.8.]

### **Friday, June 19, 2020**

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

[TENTATIVE] Final count of special ballots.

### **Monday, June 22, 2020 – Wednesday, June 24, 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)].



**Thursday, June 25, 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, July 2, 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)].

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