



July 15, 2014 Special Election to Fill a Vacancy in the Office of Ward 8 Member of the State Board of Education Calendar of Important Dates and Deadlines

Monday, March 10, 2014:

Board receives letter of resignation for the Ward 8 Member of the State Board of Education, effective immediately. [3 DCMR § 903.2].

Monday, March 17, 2014:

Board certifies vacancy in Office of Ward 8 Member of the State Board of Education. [3 DCMR. § 905.3 (within five working days after receipt of resignation)].

Board calls special election to fill vacancy to be held on **July 15, 2014** [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.10(e)(1); 3 DCMR §§ 910.2 and 910.3 (BOE to conduct the special election on the first Tuesday that occurs more than 114 days after the Board certifies the vacancy)].

Board causes notice of the vacancy to be given on the Board's website and in the *D.C. Register*. [3 DCMR § 907.1].

Monday, March 24, 2014

Deadline by which Board must make nominating petitions available. [3 DCMR §§ 910.4 (within seven days after certification of vacancy)].

Signature requirements: 200 duly registered voters who reside in the same ward from which the candidate seeks election [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(n)(B)].

Monday, April 7, 2014

Deadline to provide notice to UOCAVA voters of list of all contests and questions appearing on the ballot and any specific FWAB instructions. Notice shall be provided on the Board's website. [D.C. Official Code § 1-1061.16 (a) (100 days before Election Day)].

Wednesday, April 16, 2014

Closed for Observance of DC Emancipation Day

Thursday, April 17, 2014

Deadline, by 5:00 p.m., for the filing of nominating petitions, petition supplements, and Declarations of Candidacy. [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.08(n) and 1-1021.01; 3 DCMR § 602.1 (90 days before the election)].

Saturday, April 19, 2014

Nominating petitions are posted for 10-day challenge period [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.08(o)(1), 1-1021.01; 3 DCMR § 1606.1 (third day after filing deadline)].

Sunday, April 20, 2014

Closed for Observance of Easter

Monday, April 21, 2014 – Friday, May 9, 2014

Period for signers of nominating petition to file a change of address form with the Board. [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(o)(3); 3 DCMR § 1607.1(b) (within ten days after the challenge has been filed.)].

Monday, April 21, 2014

Deadline for Executive Director's preliminary determination of candidates' eligibility [3 DCMR § 601.6 (third working day after the filing deadline)].

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

Close (5:00 p.m.) of 10-day nominating petition challenge period. [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.08(o)(1), 1-1021.01; 3 DCMR §§ 1606.1 and 1606.2].

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

[TENTATIVE] Last day for Board to give notice on its website of its conduct of the pre-election logic and accuracy testing of the voting equipment to be used in the election [assumes testing begins May 20, 2014] [3 DCMR § 801.3 (at least seven (7) days before the testing period begins)].

Monday, May 19, 2014

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 is filed)].

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

[TENTATIVE] Board to begin conducting pre-election logic and accuracy testing of the voting equipment to be used in the election [assumes notice given on or before May 13, 2014]. [3 DCMR §§ 801.1 and 801.2]

Thursday, May 22, 2014

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)].

Friday, May 23, 2014

Board to conduct lottery to determine ballot positions [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08 (p); 3 DCMR § 1204].

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 precincts.) [3 DCMR § 603.4].

Friday, May 30, 2014

Deadline by which to transmit validly requested absentee ballots to UOCAVA voters where requests for the same were received at least 45 days before the election. [D.C. Official Code § 1-1061.09 (not later than 45 days before the election)].

Update UOCAVA voter notice (originally made available on the Board's website on **Monday, April 7, 2014**), if necessary. [D.C. Official Code § 1-1061.16 (c)(not later than 45 days before the election)].

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

Last day for application by a registered voter for the correction of voter registration list or to challenge the right to vote of a person named on the list [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.07(e)(5)(A); 3 DCMR § 521.2 (45 days before the election)].

Deadline for Board to post the list of registered voters current as of 60 days preceding the election (**Friday, May 16, 2014**) 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) (not later than 45 days before the election)].

Monday, June 16, 2014

Deadline for registration-by-mail; mailed voter registration applications and registration update notifications must be received postmarked by this date. [D.C. Official Code §1-1001.07(g)(1)-(2); D.C. Official Code §1021.01; 3 DCMR § 509.1-.3 (30 days before the election) (Deadline for postmark of mailed voter registration applications)].

Last day for receipt of faxed or electronically transmitted federal postcards (FPCAs), federal write-in absentee ballots (FWABs) and other voter registration applications serving as applications to register to vote from persons eligible to vote absentee in federal elections pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA). [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.07(g)(3) and 1-1021.01; 3 DCMR § 512.2 (not later than the 30th day before the election)].

Monday, June 23, 2014

Last day for receipt of timely completed post-marked and non-postmarked voter registration applications and registration update notifications [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.07(g)(2)(B) and 1-1021.01; 3 DCMR § 512.2 (23 days before the election)].

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

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 twenty-one (21) days before the election)].

Monday, June 30, 2014 – Saturday, July 12, 2014

Period during which qualified electors may register to vote and cast in-person absentee ballots at the Board's office at One Judiciary Square early voting center. The in-person absentee voting period will take place from Monday through Saturday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. [3 DCMR §§ 717.7 and 717.13 (15 days before the election)].

Tuesday, July 1, 2014

Last day the Board can post a revised citywide list of registered voters 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 petitioning 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)].

Thursday, July 3, 2014

Deadline for Board to make a determination on the poll watchers' and election observers' petitions [3 DCMR § 706.7 (not less than ten days before the election)].

Tuesday, July 8, 2014

Last day for Board to receive and process mailed or electronically received requests for absentee ballots and absentee federal ballots [3 DCMR §§ 717.4 and 720.5 (no later than the seventh day before the election)].

Tuesday, July 8, 2014 – Thursday, July 10, 2014

Period during which duly registered voters may challenge the qualifications of prospective voters who submitted written requests for absentee ballots [3 DCMR § 721.3 (for three (3) days beginning on the seventh day preceding an election)].

Wednesday, July 9, 2014 – Tuesday, July 15, 2014 (8:00 p.m. or close of polls)

Period during which qualified electors who become incapacitated after the deadline for submitting requests for absentee ballots by mail or electronically may cast emergency absentee ballots [3 DCMR § 719.1 (Period begins six days before the election and extends through the time the polls close on Election Day)].

TUESDAY, July 15, 2014 – 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/or cast full ballots for their precincts at the polling places for their precincts of residence. [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.07(g)(5), 1-1001.10(b)(1)].

Deadline for receipt of electronically received absentee ballots [3 DCMR § 718.10 (12:01 a.m., at the place where the voter completes the ballot, on Election Day)].

Wednesday, July 16, 2014

Commencement of period for Board staff to review information on the Special Ballot Envelope and any other evidence pertaining to the eligibility of each voter casting a challenged or special ballot; and shall make a decision about whether to count or reject each challenged or special ballot [3 DCMR § 715].

Tuesday, July 22, 2014

Deadline, at 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 election to office [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(r)(3); 3 DCMR § 602.2 (not later than the seventh day immediately following the date of the special election)].

Deadline by which Board must provide toll-free telephone service (1-866-DCVOTES (1-866-328-6837)) and website service, www.dcboee.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); 3 DCMR § 715.3 (not later than the Tuesday following the election)].

[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)].

Wednesday, July 23, 2014 - Friday, July 25, 2014

Period for Board to hold special or challenged ballot hearings [D.C. Official Code §1-1001.09(e)(3); 3 DCMR § 715.4 (not earlier than eight days and not later than ten days after the date of the election)].

Friday, July 25, 2014

Last day for receipt of all mailed absentee ballots (any postmarks must be no later than Election Day [3 DCMR § 717.11 (ten days after the election)]).

[TENTATIVE] Final count of special and absentee ballots [3 DCMR §§ 807.7 and 808.3 (ten days after the election)].

Last day for same-day registrants and first-time voters who registered by mail to present valid proof of residence in order for their ballots to be counted.

The Executive Director will issue a preliminary determination, based upon Affirmation of Write-in Candidacy, regarding the eligibility of the apparent winner of election by write-in votes to be a candidate for the particular office sought [3 DCMR § 602.6)].

Board to make final determination on validity of challenged ballots [D.C. Official Code §§1-1001.09(e)(4); 3 DCMR § 715.7 (within two days after the date of the hearing)].

Board publicly conducts the random selection of precincts, voter-verifiable records tabulated centrally, and contests for the manual audit. [D.C. Official Code § 1001.09a (d); 3 DCMR §§ 812.6, 812.8].

Monday, July 28, 2014

Last day to appeal Board's decision on the validity of special ballots [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.09(e)(4); 3 DCMR § 715.8 (within three days after the Board's decision)].

[TENTATIVE] Board to conduct public manual audit of the voter-verifiable records tabulated in the Special Election. [D.C. Official Code § 1001.09a (b) and (e); 3 DCMR §§ 812.2, 812.5].

Dates to be announced

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

Certification of election results; date winner of the Special Election takes office. [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.05(a)(11)].

Deadline by which a person who holds the office of Mayor, Delegate, member of the Council, or member of the Board of Education, and who is elected to any other of these offices in the general or special election, must either: 1) resign from the office he or she holds (effective no later than 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)].

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)].

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)].