



**December 4, 2018 Special Election to Fill a Vacancy  
in the Office of  
Ward 4 Member of the State Board of Education  
Calendar of Important Dates and Deadlines**

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**Thursday, July 12, 2018**

Board receives letter of resignation for the Ward 4 Member of the State Board of Education, effective July 31, 2018. [3 DCMR § 905.2].

**Wednesday, August 8, 2018**

Board certifies vacancy in Office of Ward 4 Member of the State Board of Education. [ 3 DCMR. §905.3].

Board calls special election to fill vacancy to be held on **December 4, 2018** [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.10(e)(1); 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*. [3 DCMR § 907.1].

**Wednesday, August 15, 2018**

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)].

**Monday, September 3, 2018**

Office Closed (Observance of Labor Day)

**Wednesday, September 5, 2018 (5:00 p.m.)**

Deadline to file nominating petitions, petition supplements, and Declarations of Candidacy. [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.08(n); 3 DCMR § 601.5 (90 days before the election)].

**Saturday, September 8, 2018**

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

**Sunday, September 9, 2018 – Thursday, September 27, 2018**

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

**Monday, September 10, 2018**

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

**Monday, September 17, 2018**

**(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].

**Friday, September 28, 2018**

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

**Monday, October 8, 2018**

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

**Tuesday, October 9, 2018**

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)].

**Thursday, October 11, 2018**

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 (54th day before the election)].

### **Friday, October 12, 2018**

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)].

### **Friday, October 19, 2018**

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, October 22, 2018**

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, October 5, 2018**) 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)].

### **Friday, November 9, 2018**

[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, November 16, 2018] [3 DCMR § 801.3 (at least 7 days before the testing period begins)].

### **Monday, November 12, 2018**

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

### **Tuesday, November 13, 2018**

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 ((not later than the 21st day 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)].

**Friday, November 16, 2018**

[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, November 9, 2018]. [3 DCMR § 801.3]

**Tuesday, November 20, 2018**

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 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)].

**Thursday, November 22, 2018**

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

**Friday, November 23, 2018**

Deadline for Board to make a determination on poll watchers' and election observers' petitions for credentials [3 DCMR § 706.7 (not less than 10 days before the election)].

**Tuesday, November 27, 2018**

Deadline for receipt of absentee ballot requests from non-UOCAVA voters [3 DCMR §§ 717.4, 720.5 (no later than the 7th day before the election)].

**Tuesday, November 27, 2018 – Thursday, November 29, 2018**

Period during which registered qualified electors may challenge the qualifications of prospective non-UOCAVA voters who submitted written requests for absentee ballots [3 DCMR § 721.3 (for 3 days beginning on the 7th day before the election)].

**Wednesday, November 28, 2018 – Tuesday, December 4, 2018 (8:00 p.m. or close of polls)**

Period during which certain registered qualified electors may cast emergency absentee ballots [3 DCMR § 722 (Period begins 6 days before the election and extends through the time the polls close on Election Day)].

**Monday, December 3, 2018**

[TENTATIVE] Board shall publicly announce the date and method by which it intends to randomly select precincts (Tentative Date: December 5, 2018), voter-verifiable records tabulated centrally, and the date on which the manual audit will begin (Tentative Date: December 10, 2018). [D.C. Official Code § 1001.09a(d); 3 DCMR § 812.5(a)].

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2018 – 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 at the polling places for their precincts of residence. [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.07(g)(5), 1-1001.10(b)(1)].

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

**Wednesday, December 5, 2018**

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 and voter-verifiable records tabulated centrally for the manual audit. [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.09a (d); 3 DCMR § 812.

[TENTATIVE] Board publicly announces results of random selection of precincts and voter-verifiable records tabulated centrally, and the date of the audit (Tentative: December 10, 2018). [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.09a (d); 3 DCMR § 812.

**Thursday, December 6, 2018**

Board holds special or challenged ballot hearings [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.09(e)(3)-(4); 3 DCMR § 715.4 (not later than 2 days after the election)].

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

**Friday, December 7, 2018**

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 election to office [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(r)(3); 3 DCMR § 602.2 (not later than the 3rd day 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)].

Final count of special and absentee ballots.

**Monday, December 10, 2018 – Tuesday, December 11, 2018**

[TENTATIVE] Board conducts public manual audit of the voter-verifiable records tabulated. [D.C. Official Code § 1001.09a(b), (c)(1), (c)(2); 3 DCMR §§ 812.2, 812.5(b)].

**Wednesday, December 12, 2018**

[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, December 14, 2018**

[TENTATIVE] Certification of election results [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.05(a)(11); 3 DCMR § 813].

**Thursday, December 20, 2018**

[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 (within 7 days after the certification)].

**Tuesday, December 25, 2018**

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