

City of New Bedford Municipal Election Calendar

Preliminary Election – October 7, 2025

Municipal Election – November 4, 2025

MAY 13

First day on which nomination papers can be obtained from the office of the Board of Election Commissioners for the offices of City Council, Assessor-At-Large and School Committee. Each candidate must sign with Board of Election Commissioners, before he/she can obtain papers. A signed statement containing the person's name, address and the office for which the person intends to be a candidate. Each candidate will be issued five (5) nomination papers.

AUGUST 19 5:00 P.M.

Last day and hour to **submit nomination papers** to the Board of Election Commissioners for certification of signatures.

SEPTEMBER 2 5:00 P.M.

Last day and hour for **filing certified nomination papers**, including **Statement of Candidacy** with the Board of Election Commissioners.

SEPTEMBER 3

Deadline to post list of candidates.

SEPTEMBER 4 5:00 P.M.

Last day and hour for **filing withdrawals of or objections to nomination papers** with the Board of Election Commissioners.

SEPTEMBER 27 5:00 P.M.

Last day to **register to vote** for the **Preliminary Election**.

SEPTEMBER 30 5:00 P.M.

Last day and hour to **apply for a mail-in or absentee** Preliminary ballot.
Deadline to post Notice of Election.

OCTOBER 6 12:00 P.M.

Last day and hour to **apply for an in-person absentee** Preliminary ballot.

OCTOBER 7

PRELIMINARY ELECTION - POLLS OPEN 7:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 10 5:00 P.M.

Last day and hour to **file a recount petition** with the Board of Election Commissioners. Last day and hour for **filing withdrawals of or objections to nominations made at the Preliminary and for filing written acceptances by write-in or sticker candidates who won in the Preliminary.**

OCTOBER 25 5:00 P.M.

Last day to **register to vote** for the **Municipal Election**.

OCTOBER 28 5:00 P.M.

Last day and hour to **apply for a mail-in or absentee** election ballot.
Deadline to post Notice of Election.

NOVEMBER 3 12:00 P.M.

Last day and hour to **apply for an in-person absentee** election ballot.

NOVEMBER 4

MUNICIPAL ELECTION- POLLS OPEN 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

NOVEMBER 14 5:00 P.M.

Last day and hour to **file a recount petition** with the Board of Election Commissioners.