

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.