At-Large Department 1 Special Election Rules and Procedures
November 18, 2026

Democratic Party of Washoe County (DPWC)

Election Date:

I. The election will be held at the WashoeDEMS Central Committee (WDCC) meeting on **Wednesday, November 18, 2026,** and will be held in person at 1465 Terminal Way, Suite 1, Reno, NV and online via Zoom.
II. Each candidate must be a registered Democrat residing in Washoe County.

Nomination Procedures and Deadlines:

I. Prior to the opening of the election, notice of the election and the filing deadline, along with the nomination form will be sent out to members of the WDCC via email. Authorized nomination forms shall be available as an online form (Google) or a downloadable form (pdf). Additionally, the nomination forms shall be available on the WashoeDEMS website: https://washoedems.org/wccc
II. Each candidate is required to file a nomination form to run for any executive board position. Along with the nomination form, each candidate may submit an initial statement of qualifications and experience, as well as a Candidate Message to the WDCC members.
III. **Filing period:**
    a. **Filing to fill the mid-term vacancy of the At-Large Dept 1** of the Democratic Party of Washoe County (DPWC), will open on **Friday, November 6, 2026, at 9:00 AM**.
    b. **Closing deadline:** Applicants must complete and submit an authorized nomination form to the Elections Committee no later than **Saturday, November 14, 2026, at 6:00 PM** to be considered a candidate for election.
IV. There shall not be an opportunity to run as a write-in candidate.
V. There shall not be an opportunity to be nominated from the floor except in situations where no one files for the open office by the close of the filing deadline. In that case, nominations for that office only shall be taken from the floor of the WDCC meeting on **Wednesday, November 18, 2026.**
VI. All candidates who file before the deadline and are determined by the Elections Committee to be eligible shall be considered nominated candidates.
VII. Nomination forms shall be submitted:
    a. Via the online Google form
    b. By e-mail to nominations@washoedems.org
    c. Completed candidate nomination forms shall be posted on the WashoeDEMS website by **Sunday, November 15, 2026.**

Campaigning

I. Each candidate may submit one (1) Candidate Message by email to WDCC members before the WDCC election meeting. Candidates will also have an opportunity to address WDCC members in person at the November 18, 2026, meeting.

   a. **Email Candidate Messages:**

      i. All e-mail communications to the WDCC member list from candidates shall be distributed by WashoeDEMS. Candidates will not be provided with WDCC members' contact information. However, a list of active members is available online.

      ii. Each candidate may submit one (1) email Candidate Message for distribution to WDCC members.

      iii. **The Candidate Message must be submitted to WashoeDEMS as part of the candidate's nomination form no later than 6:00 pm PDT on Saturday, November 14, 2026.** This message shall be emailed to nominations@washoedems.org. The message will be distributed to WDCC members no later than November 15, 2026.

      iv. The message shall contain the candidate's name and the position the candidate is seeking.

      v. Candidates may not use the WashoeDEMS logo or other WashoeDEMS branded materials in their campaign literature.

      vi. Out of respect for speakers and WDCC members, candidates shall not campaign in the Zoom chat or in the meeting room at Terminal Way once the meeting has been called to order.

      vii. Candidates are prohibited from harassment or intimidation of the WDCC members or disruption of the business of the WDCC meeting.

   b. **Live Speeches:**

      i. There will be no nominating speeches during this election.

      ii. Before voting begins, each candidate will be given an equal time to address the voting members.

      iii. The Elections Committee with determine the length of candidate speeches after the close of nominations and apply the same time limit to all candidates.

Commissioner of Elections and the Elections Committee

I. The Chair shall appoint a Commissioner of Elections with the approval of the Executive Board.

II. The Commissioner of Elections shall chair the Elections Committee.

III. No candidate for election shall serve as Commissioner of Elections

IV. The Elections Committee shall consist of three members appointed by the Executive Board.

V. The Elections Committee shall accept and verify applications for the Executive Board positions and shall resolve all disputes concerning voter eligibility.

VI. The Elections Committee shall facilitate the election process and assist the Commissioner of Elections as needed.
VII. The Elections Committee shall conduct the election and ensure the integrity and orderly operation of the election process.
VIII. The Elections Committee shall be present at the Terminal Way office to tabulate the votes cast via Zoom poll and paper ballots.
    a. Any candidate shall be allowed to observe the counting process or have one (1) representative observe for them.

Election Process

I. There shall be no proxy voting
II. Only current members of the WDCC in good standing may vote in the election and votes shall be taken by non-secret ballot in accordance with the bylaws.
III. Each voter shall sign a registry.
    a. In person attendees will sign a paper registry to receive their ballot.
    b. For Zoom attendees, signing into the Zoom meeting via the individual registration code and link will qualify as "signing the registry".
        i. Zoom guests will be removed to the waiting room during voting to ensure only WDCC members cast a vote.
IV. For any office where there is a single candidate, a voice vote may be taken.
V. A candidate must receive a majority vote (50% plus 1) of those members present and voting. If no candidate receives a majority vote, or if there is a tie, the top two vote getters will participate in a run-off.
VI. The run-off will occur immediately following the announcement of the report of the Elections Committee.
VII. In the case of a tie after a run-off, the winner shall be chosen by draw of cards, with aces being high. The suit preference shall be clubs (lowest), followed by diamonds, hearts, and spades (highest).
VIII. The Commissioner of Elections shall report the results. The Elections Committee tally reports will be placed in the permanent record.

Challenges

I. Any WDCC member may call for a recount and shall advise the commissioner of elections immediately following the ballot count. The WDCC member must submit this request via email to nominations@washoedems.org.
II. Any WDCC member may contest the election and shall do so in writing to the commissioner of elections after vote totals are announced and before the adjournment of the meeting. The WDCC member must immediately submit this challenge via email to nominations@washoedems.org.
III. In the absence of a challenge, results are final once they have been announced and the Elections Committee report shall be placed in the permanent record of the meeting.