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2026 Civil Service Employee Commissioner Election
Candidate Declaration Week - October 5-9
Vote - November 2-6

NOTICE OF ELECTION & CALL FOR CANDIDATES

An Election for the Employee-Elected Member of the City of Seattle
Civil Service Commission
will be conducted **November 2, 2026 – November 6, 2026**
pursuant to [SMC 4.04.250](#).

Election information web page: <https://www.seattle.gov/city-clerk/city-clerk-services/employee-elections>

ELECTION CALENDAR

Sep. 8-25	Notification period, candidate information sessions held
Oct. 5-9	Candidacy Week (filing period for Candidate Declarations)
Oct. 9, 5 p.m.	Deadline to submit Candidate Declaration forms, voter pamphlet statement, and photo to Office of the City Clerk
Oct. 26	Ballots, instructions, and voter pamphlets mailed to eligible voters' home addresses
Nov. 2-6	Election Week – ballots returned by mail or completed online
Nov. 16 or earlier	Election results certified by the City Clerk
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You may choose to vote electronically or with a paper ballot.

Please check Workday to ensure that your correct address is on file.

CANDIDATE INFORMATION SESSIONS for those interested in becoming a candidate or who want to learn more about the City's civil service system will be held on:

- Tuesday, September 15, at noon (hybrid, SMT 1679)
- Friday, September 25, at noon (remote only)

Discussion topics will include:

- Overview of Seattle's civil service system;
- Role of Commission;
- What commissioners do and what makes a good commissioner;
- Declaring candidacy and election details;
- Questions and Answers.

Although the sessions will be held online in Teams, it will be possible to participate by telephone. RSVP to Sarah Butler (sarah.butler@seattle.gov) if you are interested in attending, or if you are interested in running but cannot attend. Meeting information is available online by visiting <https://www.seattle.gov/civil-service-commission/who-we-are/get-involved>.

Candidates wishing to run **MUST** fill out a **Candidate Declaration Form**, available online at <https://www.seattle.gov/city-clerk/city-clerk-services/employee-elections> or obtained in the Office of the City Clerk. **Completed Candidate Declaration Forms** will only be accepted from **October 5, 2026, 8:00 a.m.** through **October 9, 2026, 5:00 p.m.** in the Office of the City Clerk. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Election rules and a backgrounder about the Commission and the election are also attached.

For information about the election, contact:

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