

# April 6, 2021

## CONSOLIDATED ELECTION



## Key Dates for School Board Candidates

<b>Tuesday, September 22, 2020</b>	<b>PETITION CIRCULATION:</b> First day for school board candidates to circulate nominating petitions.
<b>Monday, December 14, 2020</b>	<b>CONSOLIDATED ELECTION CANDIDATE FILING:</b> Candidate filing period begins; first day for candidates to file their original nominating petitions, statement of candidacy, and receipt of filing of Statement of Economic Interests, to the office of county clerk or county board of election commissioners.
<b>Monday, December 21, 2020</b>	<b>CONSOLIDATED ELECTION CANDIDATE FILING:</b> Candidate filing period ends. Note: Names are placed on the ballot in the order in which the nominating papers are received; a lottery is held for the first and last spots if multiple candidates' papers are filed simultaneously in the first and last hours of the filing period.  <b>STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:</b> Last day to file a Statement of Economic Interests; the receipt from the filing must be included with nominating petitions.  The county clerk or county board of election commissioners shall notify candidates of acceptance of their nominating petitions within seven days of filing, or the last day of filing.
<b>Tuesday, December 29, 2020</b>	<b>OBJECTIONS:</b> Last day to file objections to nominating petitions. Note: The objection period consists of five business days. The county officer's electoral board hears objections to the nominations of candidates for school district offices. If the office of the local election official is closed for days that would normally be business days prior to Tuesday, December 25, 2020, they must extend the deadline for filing objections in their office.
<b>Wednesday, December 30, 2020</b>	<b>BALLOT PLACEMENT LOTTERY:</b> Last day for ballot placement lottery, held by the county clerk for the first and last spots on the ballot if multiple candidates' papers are filed simultaneously in the first and last hours of the filing period.
<b>Thursday, January 28, 2021</b>	<b>WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY:</b> Last day candidate may file Withdrawal of Candidacy in the office of the local election official, election authority, or the State Board of Elections.
<b>Thursday, February 4, 2021</b>	<b>WRITE-IN CANDIDATES:</b> Last day to file a Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate with the appropriate election authority or authorities.

**Tuesday, April 6, 2021**      **CONSOLIDATED ELECTION: Polls open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Tuesday, April 27, 2021**      **CANVASSING:** Last day for the county clerk or county board of election commissioners to canvass the election results, and transmit the results.

- Saturday, May 1, 2021** STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS: Candidates who have been re-elected to the school board must re-file the Statement of Economic Interests by May 1. Although the law is unclear, new school board members – those first elected on April 6 – are encouraged to re-file as well.
- Tuesday, May 4, 2021** ORGANIZATION OF BOARD: Within 28 days after the consolidated election, the school board shall organize by electing its officers and fixing a time and place for the regular meetings.
- August 1, 2021 (approximate)** MANDATORY OMA TRAINING: Within 90 days of taking the oath of office, new school board members must receive state-mandated training covering Open Meetings Act general applicability, procedures, and legal requirements. A copy of the certificate of completion must be filed with the school board.
- May 1, 2022 (approximate)** MANDATORY PDLT: Within one year of taking office, new school board members must receive state-mandated training in Professional Development Leadership Training (PDLT), including education and labor law, financial oversight and accountability, and fiduciary responsibilities.

Additionally, school board members must take a training program on Performance Evaluation Reform Act (PERA) Evaluations before making a dismissal based upon an “optional alternative evaluative dismissal process for PERA evaluations.”

**Sources:**

[2021 Election and Campaign Finance Calendar](#)

[State of Illinois 2021 Candidate’s Guide](#)

[IASB Annual School Calendar](#)

[IASB Mandatory Board Member Training](#)

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