

January 12, 2026

**NOTICE TO CANDIDATES AND PARTY CHAIRS FOR 2026 SPECIAL ELECTION**

This correspondence will serve to advise you that you or your representative may attend any or all of the below Board of Elections activities.

**1. Public Inspection and Pre-Election Testing of Machines:**

*NYS Election Law §§7-128(3), 7-207 & NYCRR §6210.2(d)(e)*

You will have an opportunity to inspect voting machines and ballot marking devices to be used in the upcoming special election and view the conduct of the logic and accuracy testing required to be performed on such voting machines and systems.

The inspection and pre-election testing will take place on January 20, 2026 and will take place at 2495 Main St, Buffalo, NY 14214 where the county test decks will be run and machines may be viewed. Pre-election testing will continue daily, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM, until all pre-election testing has been completed.

**2. Post-Election Audit for Election Day and In Person Early Voting:**

*NYS Election Law §9-211 & NYCRR §6210.18*

The post-election audit of randomly selected voting machines will begin on February 6, 2026 at 10:00 AM and will take place at 134 W Eagle St, Buffalo, NY 14202 where the county audit will occur. This audit will continue daily, with at least one (1) team conducting the audit, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM, until all selected voting machines have been audited.

The drawing which will randomly select the voting machines that must be audited will take place on February 6, 2026 at 10:00 AM and will occur at 134 W Eagle St, Buffalo, NY 14202 where the county drawing will occur. The audit shall commence on the same day as the random manual selection process.

**a. Scanners Used to Count Absentee/Early Vote by Mail Ballots Prior to Election Day (Audit):**

*NYS Election Law §9-211(2)*

The scanner(s) will be audited from three percent of Election Districts within three days after any Election Day (Early Canvassed Ballots). This audit will take place on February 6, 2026 and will occur at 134 W Eagle St, Buffalo, NY 14202.

**3. Recanvass:**

*NYS Election Law §9-208*

The recanvass of all voting machines will begin on February 18, 2026 and will take place at 134 W Eagle St, Buffalo, NY 14202 where the county recanvass will occur. This recanvass of these ballots will continue daily, with at least one (1) team conducting the recanvass, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM, until all voting machines have been recanvassed.

**4. Rolling Canvass of Absentee, Accessible, Early Vote by Mail, Special, Federal and Military Ballots:**

*NYS Election Law §9-209(1)(2)*

The rolling canvass of absentee, accessible, early vote by mail, special, federal and military ballots will begin within 4 days of receipt. The canvass starting date is on January 14, 2026 and will take place at 134 W Eagle St, Buffalo, NY 14202. The canvass of these ballots will continue daily. There will be at least one

(1) team conducting the canvass, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM, until all ballots have been canvassed.

On or after Election Day, the canvass will be conducted within one day of receipt. The canvass shall end no later than February 17, 2026.

**a. Scanning of Canvassed Ballots Prior to Election Day:**

*NYS Election Law §9-209(6)(b)(c)*

Ballots canvassed during this time period will be scanned on January 23, 2026 at 10:00AM. Ballot types as described above received after this date will continue to be canvassed daily, and those ballots will be scanned after the close of polls on the last day of early voting on February 2, 2026 at 10:00AM.

**b. Scanning of Canvassed Ballots Post Election Day:**

*NYS Election Law §9-209(6)*

The scanning of ballots canvassed after Election Day will continue February 4, 2026 at 10:00AM and will take place at 134 W Eagle St, Buffalo, NY 14202.

**5. Review Invalid Absentee, Accessible, Early Vote by Mail, Military, Special, Undeliverable and Defects Not Cured Timely:**

*NYS Election Law §9-209(8)(a)*

Within four business days after Election Day, the county will review the Absentee, Early Mail, Military and Special Ballots found to be invalid, undeliverable or containing defects that have not been timely cured. This review will take place on February 9, 2026 and will occur at 134 W Eagle St, Buffalo, NY 14202.

**6. Canvass and Casting of Affidavits:**

*NYS Election Law §9-209(7)(a)*

The county will canvass the Affidavits four business days after Election Day. This canvass will take place on February 9, 2026 and will occur at 134 W Eagle St, Buffalo, NY 14202.

**7. Manual Recount:**

*NYS Election Law §9-208(4)*

Following the completion and announcement of the results of the recanvass of all ballots, the Board of Elections will conduct a full manual recount of all ballots for a particular contest if the margin of victory is twenty votes or less or 0.5% or less. You will receive notice by mail of the date, time and processes for the manual recount should the office you are running for fall into this category.