



CANDIDATES' GUIDE TO LOCAL ELECTIONS

2025

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ELECTION INFORMATION

All Registered Voters in the Town of Randolph are eligible to run for local office. All Local elections are non-partisan.

Elected Boards: Town Council, School Committee and Trustees of the Stetson Fund

Next Election: **November 4, 2025** (held every other November only in odd-numbered years)

TOWN COUNCIL

The Town Council is a 9-member board. There are 5 At-Large Councillors and 4 District Councillors. Each member serves a two-year term.

As the legislative body of the Town, the Town Council has many functions, including:

- Hires and manages the Town Manager, the Town Attorney and the Finance Director;
- Approves the annual operating budget and;
- Approves Town ordinances and resolutions.

TOWN COUNCIL

Councillors At-Large (5)

Represent all 12 precincts

District Councillors (4)

Each represents three precincts

District 1 = Precincts 1, 2, 3

District 2 = Precincts 4, 5, 6

District 3 = Precincts 7, 8, 9

District 4 = Precincts 10, 11, 12

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The School Committee is a 7-member board. Each member serves a two-year term. Six members are elected and one member is appointed from the Town Council.

The school committee oversees the Randolph Public Schools. The committee has many functions, including:

- Hires and manages the Superintendent;
- Sets and monitors the School Department's annual operating budget;
- Sets and reviews district policies and practices.

TRUSTEES OF THE STETSON FUND

The Trustees of the Stetson Fund is a 3-member board that oversees Stetson Hall and the Fund itself. The fund was created by a donation to the Town in 1843. Each member serves a two-year term.

NOMINATION PAPERS

Nomination papers will be available at the Town Clerk's Office beginning Friday, August 1, 2025.

Signature Requirements

Councillor At-Large, School Committee Members and Stetson Fund Trustees: At least 50 signatures of Randolph registered voters, not more than 25 of which shall be from any 1 district .

District Councillor: At least 50 signatures from the district for which the nomination is sought.

SIGNATURE GUIDELINES

1. All signatures must be legible and signed in person by the Voter. They must provide the RANDOLPH address at which they are registered to vote.
2. Do not use nicknames or initials in place of given names. The Voters entire first name and last name, including Jr., Sr., or III should be used.
3. Unless a voter is physically disabled, the voter **MUST** sign their own name. (A spouse cannot sign their spouse's name, a parent cannot sign their child's name, etc.)
4. A Voter may sign once for each candidate. If a voter signs more than once for the same candidate, that voter's name will only be certified once. Voters may sign for as many different candidates as they wish, even for the same office.

SIGNATURE GUIDELINES

5. It is advised that candidates collect more than 50 signatures, as some may be disallowed during the certification process or through challenges. Registrars are required by law to certify up to 80 signatures.
6. A digital list of Registered Voters is available at the Clerk's Office so that you can collect the signatures of voters registered in your district/precinct.
7. Don't wait until the deadline to return your nomination papers! Leave yourself enough time to gather more signatures, if necessary.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Candidates for office are required by law to file a statement with the Office of Campaign and Political Finance (“OCPF”).

If you create a committee for your campaign, you must file a yearly report showing how the money was spent.

A committee is not required; however, a “Statement of No Committee” must be filed with OCPF.

A pre-election Report is due 8 days before the date of the Election (October 27, 2025).

A year-end report is due each year (January 20, 2026).

Forms and additional information will be provided when Nomination Papers are picked up.

For more information, visit OCPF’s website: <https://www.ocpf.us/>

2025 DEADLINES

| EVENT | DEADLINE DATE | TIME |
|---|----------------------------|-------------|
| First day to obtain Nomination Papers - Town Clerk's Office | Friday, August 1 | 8:30 AM |
| Candidates' last day to obtain Nomination Papers | Friday, September 12 | 5:00 PM |
| Candidates' last day to return Nomination Papers to Town Clerk/Bd of Registrars | Tuesday, September 16 | 5:00 PM |
| Board of Registrars' deadline to file Certified papers with Clerk | Tuesday, September 30 | 5:00 PM |
| Candidates' last day to withdraw Nomination | Thursday, October 2 | 5:00 PM |
| Last Day to Register to Vote before Election | Saturday, October 25 | 8:00 PM |
| Voters' last day to request a Vote by Mail Ballot | Tuesday, October 28 | 5:00 PM |
| Voters' last day to request an in-person Absentee Ballot | Monday, November 3 | 12:00 PM |
| ELECTION DAY | Tuesday, November 4 | |

CONTACT INFORMATION

**If you have questions or need
more information, please contact
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