

# **Nomination papers now available for New Bedford's Ward 3 preliminary special election**

"Schedule announced for Ward 3 Preliminary and Special Election.

The Board of Election Commissioners is advising the public that nomination papers are now available for the Ward 3 Preliminary Special Election.

Candidates can pick up their nomination papers, election calendar, and information packet at City Hall located at 133 William Street Room 114 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Before issuance of nomination papers, candidates must sign a statement containing the person's name, address, and the office the person intends to seek. Anyone other than the candidate must present a signed authorization to secure papers on their behalf.

Candidates must obtain at least 50 certified signatures to be eligible to appear on the preliminary ballot scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 2023. In the Preliminary Special Election, New Bedford Ward 3 voters will be casting their votes for Councilor for the remainder of Councilor Hugh Dunn's term.

The last day to submit nomination papers to the Board of Election Commissioners is December 6, 2022, at 5 p.m.

The Board of Election Commissioners has released the schedule lining up for the Ward 3 Special Election that will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023.

**Schedule:**

DECEMBER 6, 5:00 PM: Last day and hour to submit nomination papers to the Board of Election Commissioners for the certification of signatures.

DECEMBER 20, 5:00 PM: Last day and hour to officially accept nominations once signatures are certified with the Board of Election Commissioners.

DECEMBER 22, 5:00 PM: Last day and hour for filing withdrawals or objections to nomination papers with the Board of Election Commissioners.

JANUARY 13, 5:00 PM: Last day to register to vote for the Preliminary Election.

JANUARY 17, 5:00 PM: Last day and hour to apply for a mail-in or absentee preliminary ballot.

JANUARY 21, 9:00 AM TO 12 Noon Saturday Absentee Voting, City Hall, Room 114

JANUARY 23, 12:00 PM: Last day and hour to apply for an in-person absentee preliminary ballot.

JANUARY 24: PRELIMINARY ELECTION – POLLS OPEN 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

JANUARY 31 at 5:00 PM: Last day and hour to file recount petition with Board of Election Commissioners.

FEBRUARY 17 at 5:00 PM: Last day to register to vote for the Ward 3 Special Election.

FEBRUARY 21 at 5:00 PM: Last day and hour to apply for a mail-in or absentee election ballot.

FEBRUARY 25, 9:00 AM-12 PM (NOON): Absentee Voting, City Hall, Room 114

FEBRUARY 27: Last day and hour to apply for the in-person absentee election ballot.

FEBRUARY 28: Ward 3 Special Election – Polls open 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

MARCH 10: Last day and hour to file for a recount for the Election 5:00 P.M.” -City of New Bedford.