



MCC Governing Board - 2026 Election KEY DATES

February 18 (Wednesday) starting at 9:00 a.m. – Candidate Petition packets are available for pick-up by interested potential candidates at the McLean Community Center (1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean VA 22101). Candidate Petition packets will remain available for pick-up by interested potential candidates through Monday, March 16, 2026.

March 16 (Monday) by 5:00 p.m. – **DEADLINE**: Completed Candidate Petitions must be **returned** to the McLean Community Center by the individual candidates themselves, in-person. Each person's information will be verified – certifying that they are a Small District 1A-Dranesville resident who has gained the endorsement of the required number of residents to qualify as a candidate. All persons who submit a petition will be notified as to whether they have qualified or not. Those who are duly-qualified will be invited to attend the Candidate Orientation on **Wednesday evening, March 18**.

March 18 (Wednesday evening) 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. – **Candidate Orientation (in-person at MCC)**

Please note: *This is the only information session.* It is required that candidates participate in this orientation session which features an overview of Governing Board member roles and responsibilities and the election process. This is led by the Chair of Elections and Nominations Committee and Executive Director Betsy May-Salazar. A Candidate Orientation packet will be provided. A professional photographer will be available starting at 5:30 p.m. to take individual publicity headshot photos. Or, candidates may choose to submit their own digital headshot photo to be used for election publicity. **AFTER** the Orientation, candidates may begin their personal campaigning activity to Small District 1A-Dranesville residents, owners of small businesses and community interest groups.

April 1 (Wednesday) at 9:00 a.m. – **Absentee Voting BEGINS**: in-person at McLean Community Center (1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, Virginia 22101)... **OR**... by U.S. Mail. The request for Absentee Ballots is limited to your own household only. Requests to receive an Absentee Ballot may be submitted online through MCC website; by phone; or by email. Absentee Ballot packages will be mailed out promptly to requestors.

April 18 (Saturday) Spring Community Parking Lot Sale 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. ALL Candidates "Meet-and-Greet"

An opportunity for ADULT and YOUTH candidates to interact with the public and answer questions about their candidacy for the MCC Governing Board. Candidates will greet people in a designated section of this outdoor event – to facilitate conversations with local residents about their interest in building a positive community atmosphere through serving on the MCC Governing Board.

April 22 (Wednesday) 6:30 p.m. – ADULT candidates are invited to speak at the monthly Regular Meeting of 2025-2026 Governing Board. It's an opportunity to highlight your interest in the community and the individual strengths you can contribute in serving on the board.

May 8 (Friday) at 5:00 p.m. – **Absentee Voting ENDS. DEADLINE**: All Absentee Voting ballots must be **received** through the mail (**delivered** – not postmarked), or dropped-off at McLean Community Center (1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, VA 22101) **by 5:00 p.m.** Purpose of deadline: to allow sufficient time to validate/document all Absentee Ballots cast by detailed annotating of computer printouts of tax district residential addresses. These annotated computer printouts will be used as reference documentation to qualify people who **have not yet** voted, as eligible to receive an in-person ballot at McLean Day event.

May 15 (Friday) 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – **In-person voting for adults and youth at Friday Night Rides (McLean Day event)**, Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. **YOUTH** candidates are expected to be present at candidate booths on Friday to interact with public. Tax district residents (adults and youth) are eligible to vote if they have not done so already during Absentee Voting.

May 16 (Saturday) 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. – **In-person voting for adults and youth at McLean Day event**, Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. **ADULT** candidates are expected to be present at candidate booths on Saturday to interact with public. Tax district residents (adults and youth) are eligible to vote if they have not done so already during Absentee Voting or at Friday Night Rides on May 15. Candidates will be personally notified of the election results late Saturday evening after all votes have been tallied by the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area.

May 20 (Wednesday) 6:30 p.m. – Newly-elected adults and youth are encouraged to attend in-person and observe the monthly Regular Meeting of 2025-2026 Governing Board.

June 10 (Wednesday) 6:30 p.m. – Final meeting of 2025-2026 Governing Board, which will include appreciation of outgoing board members for their dedicated volunteer service. Pledge ceremony for newly-elected as well as those who are continuing their 3-year terms will be led by Fairfax County Supervisor Jimmy Bierman. Family and friends are welcome to attend, take photos. After the pledge, the first meeting of 2026-2027 Governing Board officially convenes, which will include introduction of board members, election of officers and orientation by Executive Director Betsy May-Salazar.