

2024 Elections

MTA STANDING RULE 1, SECTION 2

...The (Credentials and Ballot) Committee shall be responsible for the conduct of the annual elections held at the Annual Meeting of Delegates...

ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD VIA HANDHELD DEVICES WITHIN THE BUSINESS SESSION AND ONLINE FOR DELEGATES PARTICIPATING REMOTELY. THE ELECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE at 11 AM ON SATURDAY, AFTER ACTION ON THE BUDGET. IF ACTION ON THE BUDGET GOES BEYOND 11 AM, ELECTIONS WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARD.

THE FOLLOWING ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE 2024 ANNUAL MEETING OF DELEGATES

MTA President

Statewide 1 Vacancy 1 Candidate (Max Page)
Term: July 15, 2024 – July 14, 2026

MTA Vice President

Statewide 1 Vacancy 2 Candidates (Deb McCarthy and Yahaira Rodriguez)
Term: July 15, 2024 – July 14, 2026

All Delegates will take part in the officer elections, MTA President and Vice President.

UNCONTESTED ELECTIONS

Candidates who ran uncontested were declared elected in accordance with the election waiver provision of the bylaws for the following seats: Board of Directors, At-Large Director for Ethnic Minority Membership; District Directors for 7B, 10B, 35C, 42C, 14D, 32D, 23F, 24F, 19G, 44H, and 46H; and the Retired Members Committee (4 seats).

CANDIDATE NAMES

The list of certified candidates in contested races and those elected under the waiver can be found on the [Certified Candidate document](#).

CANDIDATE SPEECHES – Friday, April 26, 2024

Candidates for President and Vice President will be given the opportunity to speak as the last item of business of the Friday Business Session.

Candidate Speeches Online

In addition to the above, all candidates were given the option of providing a recorded speech for posting on the MTA's Annual Meeting webpage. Delegates may review the recorded speeches of candidates online at massteacher.org/annualmeeting.

ELECTION SCHEDULE – SATURDAY, April 27, 2024

The elections are scheduled to start at 11 a.m. on Saturday, after action on the proposed budget and will take place within the business session (in-person and virtual). If action on the budget goes beyond 11 a.m., elections will begin immediately afterward. Each contested race will be conducted in succession at that time, with each race open for a specified time (as announced from the podium) during which voting is open.

Election results will be announced from the podium by the co-chairs of the Credentials and Ballot Committee, as soon as they are available, during the Saturday Business Session.

In the event a runoff election is necessary, this fact and the accompanying schedule will be announced from the podium at the time the election results are presented. Any necessary runoff elections will be held within the business session, before the conclusion of the meeting on Saturday afternoon, in the same manner as the main election.

VOTING IN THE ELECTIONS

The elections will take place as part of the business session, not in a separate voting room. At that point on the agenda, one at a time, each contested race and its candidates will appear on the voting screen. Each race will be open for a specified time period, as announced from the podium. Election voting will work the same way as all other voting taking place within the meeting.

For those delegates participating remotely, when the election appears on your screen, to cast your vote, click on your desired selection, and it will be highlighted. No button to submit is required.

In-person delegates who have completed the registration process onsite will have a unique voting keycard and should be sure that card is inserted into a handheld keypad device available at the entrance to the business session. The keycard and keypad device are necessary for all voting, including the elections.

To cast your vote when the election appears on the keypad device, you can either press the number/letter that that corresponds to a candidate name or use the trackball to scroll through the list of candidates and press the trackball to select a candidate name. When a name is selected, confirmation of your vote will appear on the screen confirming you have voted. There is no button to submit. If you wish to change or cancel your vote while voting is still open, press the “x” button to cancel your vote and then make your appropriate selection.

In-person delegates must have completed the onsite credentialing process in the registration room (Hall A) prior to voting, as the unique delegate keycard is required. The registration room will remain open until the conclusion of the elections, but be sure to allow enough time to obtain delegate credentials and the keypad device by the time the elections begin.

ELECTION REQUIREMENTS

According to the *MTA Standing Rules, RULE 9: Nominations and Elections, Section 2. Elections:*

(a) Election shall be held at the Meeting(s) of Delegates on the day when the final business session takes place.

(b) Polls for voting shall be open on Election Day for a specified time designated in the call to the Meeting(s) of Delegates at such place or places as the President shall designate.

(c) Retired Members Committee members shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of Delegates by the Statewide Retired District delegates. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.

(d) In the event of a tie vote by two (2) or more candidates in an election, a runoff election will be held between or among the tied candidates to fill the available seats.

(e) The order of candidates' names on a runoff election ballot for majority and plurality elections will be listed by the same order as the initial ballot.