

# DETROIT FEDERATION OF TEACHERS

## 2026 ELECTION CALENDAR

### 2027-2029 BIENNIAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS AND TRUSTEES

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**September 10, 2026** (Thursday)

**NOMINATIONS OPEN:** [See excerpt from Bylaws, Article VI, Sec. 3 (b)] Nominations must be emailed to [dftec231@gmail.com](mailto:dftec231@gmail.com) no later than 5:00 pm October 8, 2026, the October membership meeting.

**October 8, 2026** (Thursday)

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE:** List of nominees compiled and additional nominations will be accepted from the floor as the last order of business at this Membership Meeting.

**October 12, 2026** (Monday)

Notice sent to nominees with a request for acceptance or rejection to be sent to the Election Committee via email at [dft231ec@gmail.com](mailto:dft231ec@gmail.com).

**October 19, 2026** (Monday)

Second notice to those nominees who have not responded.

**October 22, 2026** (Thursday)

**DEADLINE for ACCEPTANCE of NOMINATIONS.** Must be received via email by 5:00 p.m. (EST). **NO EXCEPTIONS**

**October 29, 2026** (Thursday)

**OFFICIAL LIST** of eligible candidates emailed to each candidate and posted on DFT website. Notice sent to eligible candidates for a statement to be electronically published on the DFT Website. Deadline for statement is October 30, 2026.

**November 2, 2026** (Monday)

**DEADLINE FOR FILING GRIEVANCES** on nominations and acceptances. See excerpt from Bylaws, Article VI, Sec. 12). Email [dft231ec@gmail.com](mailto:dft231ec@gmail.com) by 5:00 p.m. (EST).

**November 4, 2026** (Wednesday)

**ELECTION COMMITTEE** hears grievances, if any.

**November 5, 2026** (Thursday)

**EXECUTIVE BOARD** hears grievance appeals from Election Committee decision(s), if any.

**November 12, 2026** (Thursday)

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING** Membership hears grievance appeal(s), if any.

**November 16, 2026** (Monday)

**VOTING BEGINS:** Online Election. Ballot sent to the email address on record at the DFT office. A broadcast email to all eligible voters and a reminder email will be sent. If you do not receive your ballot by 5:00 pm on November 18, 2026, please contact the Election Committee at [dft231ec@gmail.com](mailto:dft231ec@gmail.com)

**November 20, 2026** (Friday)

**VOTING ENDS:** Voting Ends at 5:00 p.m. (EST)

**December 10, 2026** (Thursday)

**READING OF ELECTION RESULTS** Thursday, December 10, 2026, at the DFT membership meeting beginning at 4:30 PM. Results posted on the DFT website.

Candidate Eligibility Date: October 8, 2025  
Voter Eligibility Date: October 8, 2026  
(Members must be in good standing as of October 8, 2026 in order to vote)

Eligibility for New Hires is counted from the date of joining. If you have had problems receiving ballots in the past, please Call DFT office at (313)875-3500 to check your email address and membership status.

**Approved by DFT Executive Board: 9/8/2026**

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