

Sacramento Natural Foods Co-op 2026 Election Timeline

TBD Feb/March?	Election Forum - How to Run for the Board. Format by Nominations Committee.
April 3	Deadline to submit interest in running for the Board of Directors.
April 11	Deadline to become a member or be active to run for the Board of Directors.
May 29	Deadline for Nominations Committee to submit candidates for Board approval for the 2026 election.
June 8	Board Meeting: Board votes to approve candidates for ballot. Board certifies measures.
June 9	Members seeking nomination as a candidate by petition can begin collecting signatures.
June 26	Petitions to run for the Board of Directors due. Candidate statements and photos due. Declaration of Candidacy and Code of Conduct forms due for all candidates.
July 6	Campaigning may begin for the Board of Directors candidates. Ballot measure arguments due and immediately posted if accepted.
July 8	Arguments for Ballot Measures posted if revision required.
July 13	Rebuttals to Arguments for Ballot Measures due and posted if accepted.
July 15	Rebuttal to Arguments for Ballot Measures posted if revision required.
August 10	Board Meeting: Deadline for members to be current in their member investment and have shopped in the last 12 months to be eligible to vote.
TBD-early/mid July or early August	Meet the Candidates Event 1 – Semi-formal, preshared structured questions, rotating candidate answers, member question submission, in-person and virtual event recorded and posted online
August 25	Election opens. Electronic voting opens. Paper ballots available by request at the Customer Service Desk for members who want to vote by paper ballot or need a replacement ballot.
TBD in late Aug/early Sept	Meet the Candidates Event 2 – In person or virtual, informal, open member questions, recorded and posted online
September 15	Last day to vote electronically or drop off ballots at the Co-op. (voting period reduced to 3 weeks from more than 4 weeks)
September 21	All ballots counted and results certified by Simply Voting. Allows more days for vote results and election report preparation, deal with election challenge or other issue, and begin new director orientation Results reported to the Board Chair and Election Committee Chair. Election Results posted in-store and online this day or next.
Sept. 25	Last day to file an election challenge. Adds a day to submit challenge

October 12	Board Meeting: Election Report submitted to the Board. New directors are seated. Any bylaws revision or approved measures that affect policies updated and included in online Board files.
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Date revisions reduce voting period but otherwise reflect one day difference from 2025 to 2026.
Other text is explanatory regarding reasons for revision or format for Meet the Candidates events. These notes will not be included on the final Timeline