

THE MCT ELECTION CALENDAR
ELECTION CALENDAR
2026 Regular Election

December 23, 2025:	Last day for sitting RTC member to give notice of resignation to file for other RTC office.
January 5, 2026:	Last day for sitting RTC member to give notice of resignation to file for vacated RTC seat.
January 8:	Election Announcement
January 9:	8:00 a.m. - Opening of period for filing for office.
January 20:	Close of filing period
January 27:	Selection of Election Court of Appeals Judge (For certification of candidate)
February 9:	Deadline for Notice of Certifications of candidates to TEC.
February 11:	Challenge certification or non-certification of candidates to MCT by 4:30 p.m. on the second business day following receipt of certification.
February 12:	Deadline for appointment of Election Boards.
February 12:	Deadline for appointment of Election Contest Judge and alternate Election Contest Judge.
February 13:	Complete record of all documents related to challenge submit to MCT by 4:30 p.m.
February 13:	Answer to challenge from the person whose certification is being challenged to the MCT by 4:30 p.m.
February 13:	Submit all materials to Tribal Election Court of Appeals at expiration of aforementioned deadlines.
February 17:	Deadline for Decision of certification or non-certification by Tribal Court of Appeals.
February 20:	Notice of Primary Election and Posting.
February 24:	TEC provides ballots for Primary Election.
March 30:	Deadline for bands to notify MCT on choice of appellate forum.

March 31:	Primary Election (Polling places open from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.)
April 1:	General Reservation Election Board certifies Primary Election Results. (Prior to 8:00 p.m.)
April 2:	General Reservation Election Board publishes Primary Election Results.
April 6:	Deadline for Request for Recount. (Filed with General Election Board prior to 5:00 p.m.)
April 6:	Deadline to Post Regular Election Notice without Primary Election.
April 7:	4:30 p.m. - Deadline for Contest of Primary Election. (Filed with Reservation Election Judge and Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe).
April 13: <i>(Results, if Allowed or 11th or 12th If earlier request)</i>	Deadline for Decision on Request for Recount and Results of Recount, if allowed.
April 17:	Deadline for Decision on Election Contest
April 20 <i>(or within 3 days of decision on Contest)</i>	4:30 p.m. - Deadline for Appeal to Court of Election Appeals. (Filed with the Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and with Reservation Tribunal rendering Decision).
April 22 <i>(at least two (2) days prior to the hearing date):</i>	Record of Contest forwarded to Court of Election Appeals.
April 27 <i>(hearing within 7 days of notice of appeal).</i>	Last Day for Hearing on Appeal
May 7 <i>(10 days from hearing on appeal).</i>	Last Day for Decision on Appeal
May 8:	Notice of General Election (or earlier if no appeal).
May 8:	TEC provides ballots for General Election (or earlier if no appeal).
June 9:	General Election (Polling Places open from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.)

June 10:	General Reservation Election Board certifies results of Election. Prior to 8:00 p.m.
June 11:	General Reservation Election Board publishes Election results.
June 12:	Deadline for Request for Recount. (Filed with General Election Board prior to 5:00 p.m.)
June 16:	4:30 p.m. - Deadline for Notice of Contest. (Filed with Reservation Election Judge and Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.)
June 17 (<i>or 16, if request for Recount is filed before deadline</i>):	Decision on Request for Recount and Results of Recount, if allowed.
June 26th:	Deadline for Decision on Contest for General Election.
June 29th (<i>or within 3 days of decision on Contest</i>):	4:30 p.m. - Deadline for appeal to Court of Election Appeals. (Filed with Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and Reservation Tribunal rendering Decision).
July 1st (<i>at least two (2) days prior to the hearing date</i>):	Record of contest forwarded to Court of Election Appeals.
July 6th (<i>hearing within 7 days of notice of appeal</i>).	Last Day for Hearing on Appeal.
July 14 th :	Winning candidates assume office by operation of law, unless sooner seated, or the election is subject of appeal to the Court of Election Appeals.
July 16 th (<i>or Ten days from Hearing on Appeal</i>):	Deadline for decision of the Court of Elections Appeal.
Day following Decision of Appeal:	Winning candidate prevailing on appeal takes office.

December 2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 30	Dec 1	2	3	4	5	6
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21	22	23 Last day for sitting RTC member to give notice of resignation to file for other RTC office.	24	25	26	27
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January 2026

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-				Jan 1, 26	2	3
4	5 Last day for sitting RTC member to give notice of resignation to file for vacated RTC seat.	6	7	8 Election Announcement	9 8:00 a.m. Opening of period for filing for office	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Close of filing period	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Selection of Election Court of Appeals Judge (For Certification of candidate)	28	29	30	31

February 2026

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8	9 Deadline for Notice of Certifications to TEC	10	11 Challenge certification to or non-certification to MCT by 4:30 p.m. on the second business day following receipt of certification.	12 Deadline for appointment of Election Boards. Deadline for appointment of Election Contest Judge and alternate Election Contest Judge.	13 Complete record of all documents related to challenge, submit to MCT by 4:30 p.m. Answer to challenge from the person whose certification is being challenged to the MCT by 4:30 p.m. Submit all materials to Tribal Election Court of Appeals at expiration of aforementioned deadlines.	14
15	16 Deadline for Decision of certification or non-certification by Tribal Court of Appeals	17	18	19	20 Notice of Primary Election and Posting.	21
22	23 TEC provides ballots for Primary Election	24	25	26	27	28

March 2026

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29	30 Deadline for bands notify MCT on choice of appellate forum.	31 Primary (Polling places open from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.)				

April 2026

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			Apr 1 General Reservation Election Board certifies Primary Results. (Prior to 8:00 p.m.)	2 General Reservation Election Board publishes Primary Results. (Prior to 8:00 p.m.)	3	4
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12	13 (Results, if allowed or 11th or 12th if earlier request) Deadline for Decision on Request for Recount and Results of Recount, if allowed.	14	15	16	17 Deadline for Decision on Election Contest	18
19	20 (or within 3 days of decision on Contest) 4:30 p.m. - Deadline for Appeal to Court of Election Appeals. (Filed with the Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and with Reservation Tribunal rendering Decision).	21	22 at least two (2) days prior to hearing date) Record of Contest forwarded to Court of Election Appeals.	23	24	25
26	27 (Hearing within 7 days of notice of Appeal) Last Day for Hearing on Appeal.	28	29	30		

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June 2026

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28	29 (or within 3 days of decision on Contest) 4:30 p.m. - Deadline for appeal to Court of Election Appeals. (Filed with Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and Reservation Tribunal rendering Decision)	30				

July 2026

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