

Candidate Filing Information

2025 Consolidated General Election

Candidates for Winnetka's governing boards run in the Consolidated General election, held this year on April 1, 2025.

Each year, the State Board of Elections issues a [Candidates Guide](#) and [Calendar](#). You can also contact [Jerome Hoynes](#), Cook County Clerk at New Trier Township for more information.

For candidates running for one of Winnetka's boards in the 2025 Consolidated General Election, April 1, 2025, the key dates are:

- August 20, 2024 – 1st day to begin collecting signatures
- November 12, 2024 – 1st day Candidates can file to be placed on the Spring Ballot
- November 18, 2024 – Last day Candidates can file to be placed on the Spring Ballot

Note - This is a change from previous years. The State has moved the dates forward by about a month, compressing the amount of time you have to obtain the necessary signatures, complete your paperwork, and file your candidacy.

The date for the Fall Town Hall is November 7, 2024

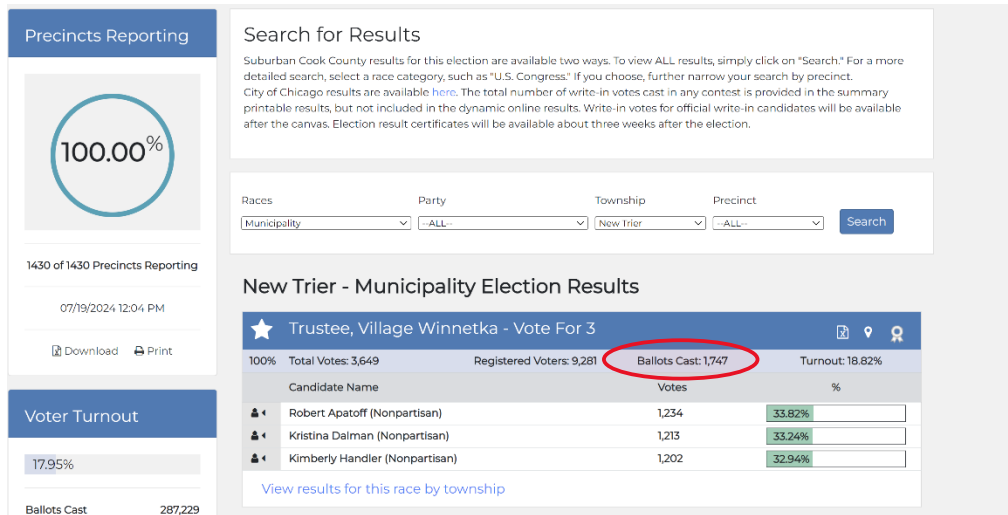
- If you wish to run as an independent or are relatively certain you will be slated and approved as a Caucus Candidate, you may wish to begin collecting signatures any time after **August 20, 2024**. [Download a Petition Form here](#).
- If you choose to run as a Caucus Candidate and prefer to wait to see if you are slated, you have from that date (**November 7, 2024**) until the last day of the Filing Period (**November 12-18**) to submit your filing materials to be placed on the Spring Ballot.

According to the Cook County 2025 [Candidates Guide](#), the signature requirement for the 2025 Consolidated is 5-8% of the number of persons who voted in the Township's last election.

Independent: *For the consolidated election, not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the number of persons who voted at the last regular election in the district or political subdivision in which the district or political*

subdivision voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve its respective territorial area.
(10 ILCS 5/10-3)

According to the Cook County Clerk <https://results324.cookcountyclerkil.gov/> 1,747 ballots were cast.



The Caucus Council highly recommends you familiarize yourself with the Illinois Elections Board's requirements including:

- 2025 [Candidates Guide](#)
- State Board of Elections [Calendar](#)
- [Jerome Hoynes](#), Cook County Clerk at New Trier Township

Best of luck!