CAPE COD
COMMISSION

CAPE COD METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (CCMPO)

DRAFT ELECTION PROCESS 2026
FOR TERM JANUARY 1, 2027 – DECEMBER 31, 2029
FOR REVIEW BY THE CCMPO ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

ACTION ITEMS AND DATES

Introduction

Sub-regional representation on the Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) consists of a Select Board member [1] from each of the following sub-regions:

- Sub-region A: Towns of Bourne, Falmouth, Mashpee and Sandwich
- Sub-region B: Towns of Yarmouth, and Dennis
- Sub-region C: Towns of Brewster, Harwich, Chatham, and Orleans
- Sub-region D: Towns of Eastham, Wellfleet, Truro and Provincetown

The Select Board member representing each sub-region shall be elected for a three-year term by the Select Board members from within their sub-region. The election process must be approved by the CCMPO and is administered by Cape Cod Commission staff. Steven Tupper, Cape Cod Commission Deputy Director, will serve as the CCMPO Election Official for this process.

Upon beginning the process, staff will send a copy of this document to the Town Administrators/Town Managers, Town Clerks, and Select Board members in each of the towns informing them of the election process. Throughout the process, Select Board members will be acting **individually**; no actions will be taken collectively by any Board.

[1] The terms "selectman" and "selectmen" are used in the current CCMPO Memorandum of Understanding (04-25-2022), but "select board member" and "select board members" are used as a generalized term in this document.

Request for Nominations – October 19, 2026

At the posted CCMPO meeting to be held on October 19, 2026, the CCMPO Chair will accept nominations for a slate of candidates for consideration for the CCMPO sub-regional representatives for a term that runs from January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2029.

Any current sitting Select Board member for each town contained in the sub region may be nominated for consideration (i.e., for sub region A, any Select Board member from the towns of Bourne, Falmouth, Mashpee or Sandwich may be nominated, for sub region B, any Select Board member from the towns of Dennis or Yarmouth may be nominated, for sub region C, any Select Board member from towns of Brewster, Harwich, Chatham, or Orleans may be nominated , for sub region D, any Select Board member from the towns of Eastham, Wellfleet, Truro or Provincetown may be nominated.

Those Select Board members who are unable to attend the October 19, 2026 meeting may communicate their nomination request to staff prior to the meeting. Nomination shall come from Select Board member acting **individually**; no nomination should come from Select Boards as a whole. **This communication with staff must be sent via email to stupper@capecodcommission.org and must be received by October 13, 2026.**

At the October 19, 2026 CCMPO meeting, any current Select Board member in attendance may nominate themselves, any Select Board member from their own town, or any of the towns in their Sub Region. Current MPO members in attendance may also nominate any Select Board member from any of the towns in the Sub-Region under consideration. The nominated person need not be present to be considered as a candidate. During the October 19, 2026 CCMPO meeting, staff will advise the CCMPO of any requests staff has received for nomination for consideration for action by the current CCMPO members during the meeting.

Once the CCMPO Chair has accepted nominations for all four sub regions, the slate of candidates will be announced at the October 19, 2026 MPO meeting, subject to confirmation by staff as detailed below.

Staff Role in Finalizing the Slate of Candidates

Staff will confirm with each nominated member his/her willingness and ability to serve as a CCMPO representative. Should a candidate be unable/unwilling to be on the slate, his/her name will not be placed on the ballot. Once staff has confirmed each nominated member's willingness and ability, the slate of candidates will be finalized. The slate of candidates will be posted on the CCMPO website at www.capecodcommission.org/mpo and identified on the agenda for the November 30, 2026 CCMPO meeting.

MPO Sub-Regional Election – November 30, 2026

At the posted CCMPO meeting to be held in November (slated for November 30, 2026), the CCMPO will conduct a sub-regional election for the four sub-regional representative seats on the CCMPO (Sub region A, B, C, and D) for the period January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2029. Each member of the Select Boards from the following towns will have one vote: Sub region A (Bourne, Falmouth, Mashpee, Sandwich); Sub region B (Dennis, Yarmouth); Sub region C (Brewster, Chatham, Harwich, Orleans); Sub region D (Eastham, Provincetown, Truro, Wellfleet).

Each current member of the Select Boards for Sub Region A (Bourne, Falmouth, Mashpee, Sandwich); Sub region B (Dennis, Yarmouth); Sub region C (Brewster, Chatham, Harwich, Orleans); Sub region D (Eastham, Provincetown, Truro, Wellfleet), acting **individually**, will have the opportunity to vote at the November 30, 2026 CCMPO meeting.

Those Select Board members who are unable to attend the November 30, 2026 meeting will have the opportunity to submit an absentee ballot. This ballot will be sent by the CCMPO Election Official to the Selectmen's official email address once the slate of candidates has been finalized. **The absentee ballot must be completed and sent electronically via email to MPO.election@capecodcommission.org no later than November 20, 2026.**

At the November 30, 2026 CCMPO meeting, the CCMPO Chair shall conduct each sub-regional election individually, beginning with Sub Region A, then B, C and D. For each election, the CCMPO Chair shall take roll call votes from individual members of the Select Boards for that sub region in attendance at the meeting. (i.e., Sub region A, from Towns of Bourne, Falmouth, Mashpee and Sandwich, for sub region B, from Towns of Dennis and Yarmouth, for sub region C, from Towns of Brewster, Harwich, Chatham, and Orleans, for sub region D, from Towns of Eastham, Wellfleet, Truro and Provincetown), followed by the CCMPO Election official reading into the record the absentee ballots received by the Election Official at MPO.election@capecodcommission.org on or before November 20, 2026. The votes will be tallied for each sub region and the representative with the highest vote in the sub region wins.[2] Board members who were unable to attend the meeting will be notified of the CCMPO election results by staff.

[2] In the event of a tie, the following tie-breaking procedures shall apply in the order listed:
1. If the tied candidates are from different towns, the candidate from the town that has been without sub-regional representation on the CCMPO for the longest period immediately preceding the election shall be declared elected.
2. If the tied candidates are from the same town, the Select Board of that town shall select the sub-regional representative from among the tied candidates at a duly posted meeting held within forty-five (45) days of the election.
3. If the tie remains unresolved, a new election for the sub-regional representative among the tied candidates shall be initiated by the CCMPO.