



# **Nomination Process for Presidential Candidates**

**Fingal County Council**

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## President of Ireland - Nomination Process

### Nomination of candidates for President of Ireland

As per Circular F.04/25; the term of office of the current President expires on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025. Article 12.3.3 of the Constitution provides that an election for the office of President shall be held in the 60-day period before the expiry of the term of office of the President.

Article 12.4.2 of the Constitution provides that every candidate, who is not a former or retiring President, must be nominated either by:

- (i) not less than twenty persons, each of whom is at the time a member of one of the Houses of the Oireachtas, or
- (ii) by the Councils of not less than four local authorities as defined by law.

### Nomination of candidates by County Council

As per Circular F.04/25; the nomination of candidates for a presidential election by city, city and county, and county councils is regulated by law under section 16 of the Presidential Elections Act 1993. It is a reserved function.

The main points arising are as follows:

- councils may, by resolution, resolve to nominate one candidate,
- not less than 3 clear days' notice of the intention to propose the resolution must be given in writing to every person, who, at the time when the notice is given, is a member of the council,
- a resolution under section 16 of the Act cannot be passed before the making of the Presidential Election Order. This Order, which is made under section 6 of the Act, sets out the last day on which the Presidential Returning Officer may receive nominations, the date and time of the poll at the election and other details, and
- the resolution of the council must be given effect by means of a nomination paper (as prescribed in regulations) sealed with the seal of the council and delivered to the Presidential Returning Officer.



## Presidential Election Order

The Presidential Election Order was signed by Minister James Browne on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025.

The window for nominations is open for 21 days and must be delivered to the Presidential Returning Officer by noon on 24 September 2025. Polling day is set for Friday 24 October (7am - 10pm).

## President of Ireland - Eligibility Criteria

### Presidential Candidates Nomination Eligibility

An eligible candidate must be:

- an Irish Citizen
- 35 years of age or older
- Proof of both is required to be provided to Fingal County Council prior to being considered for nomination, e.g. passport.

### Fingal County Council Nomination Eligibility Process

- A person, who has met the eligible criteria above, and who is seeking Fingal County Council's nomination is required, in the first instance, to secure the sponsorship of **four Elected Members of Fingal County Council**, as per Fingal County Council Standing Order No. 143, and submit the completed Presidential Candidate Nomination Form (Appendix II attached).
- Please note Sponsorship nominations will be accepted by email from Fingal County Council Elected Members official councillor email address.
- Applicants should note that, if a bio is submitted, it will be circulated to all Elected Members of Fingal County Council.



## Fingal County Council Nomination Process for Presidential Candidates

### Fingal County Council Nomination Process

1. Once the Presidential Candidate Nomination Form has been validated by the Corporate Services Department of Fingal County Council; applicants will be invited to a Special Meeting of Fingal County Council to address the County Council.
2. Please consult Fingal County Councils Special Meeting Procedure for information and guidance on the procedure on the Special Meeting (Appendix I attached).
3. Please note receipt of completed nomination forms must be received 3 clear days before Fingal County Council's Special Meeting is due to take place.

### Fingal County Council Special Meeting

- Following the signing of the Presidential Election Order by Minister James Browne, the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Tom O'Leary has called a Special Meeting of the Council for Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025 (5pm).
- The prospective candidates who have met the eligibility criteria, and who have secured the sponsorship of four Elected Members of Fingal County Council **in advance**, will be invited to this Special Meeting.
- Only the prospective candidates who attend the meeting **in person** will be permitted to address the meeting.



## Appendix I: Fingal County Council Special Meeting Procedure

### Fingal County Council Special Meeting Procedure

- Only the prospective candidates who have met the eligible criteria, who have secured the sponsorship of four Elected Members of Fingal County Council **in advance**, and who attend the meeting **in person** will be permitted to address the meeting.
- At the special meeting; a maximum of two hours will be allocated to the meeting.
- A maximum of one hour will be allocated to the prospective candidates to address the Elected Members. The time allowed will be distributed evenly amongst the attending candidates subject to a maximum allowed time of fifteen minutes per candidate to include candidate's presentation and questions from Elected Members.
- Time available will be dependent on the number of prospective candidates.
- The Mayor will call on Elected Members to duly propose and second prospective candidates to go forward to a vote.
- Where one candidate achieves a majority of Elected Members present and voting on the first count, they will be deemed successful.
- Where no candidate achieves such a majority, that/those candidate(s) with the lower/lowest number of votes will be eliminated and another vote will be taken. This process will continue until one prospective candidate achieves the majority of the Elected Members voting.
- If no candidate achieves a majority of Elected Members votes; it will be deemed that no person is being nominated by Fingal County Council to be a candidate at the Presidential Election to the Office of President.
- Following the vote, the formal resolution required to exercise the Elected Members reserved function to nominate one named candidate will be put to the Elected Members for agreement.



## Appendix II: Fingal County Council Presidential Candidate Nomination Form

### Fingal County Council Presidential Candidate Nomination Form

#### *Candidate Details:*

##### **Contact Details:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Mobile phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

#### *Eligibility Details:*

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Irish Citizen Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Copy of Passport Enclosed: Yes ☐ No ☐

Sponsorship of Four Fingal County Council Elected Members Secured: Yes ☐ No ☐

Copy of completed Sponsorship Form Enclosed: Yes ☐ No ☐

**Candidate Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### *Submissions of Presidential Candidate Nomination Form:*

Please submit completed nomination form with accompanying documentation to:

##### **Postal Submissions:**

Meetings Administrator, Corporate Services Department, County Hall, Main Street,  
Swords, Co. Dublin K67 X8Y2

**Electronic Submissions:** Email: [presidentialelections@fingal.ie](mailto:presidentialelections@fingal.ie)

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*Tá leagan Gaeilge den phróiseas seo ar fáil*



## Sponsorship of Four Fingal County Council Elected Members

### **Sponsor One**

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Sponsor Two**

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Sponsor Three**

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Sponsor Four**

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_