



2026 Tenant Commissioner Election

Election Day: March 31, 2026



Every two years, two Tenant Commissioners are elected to the Schenectady Municipal Housing Authority (SMHA) Board of Commissioners to represent all residents of Public Housing and participants in Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program. The Board of Commissioners is the body that establishes and oversees all policies and procedures at the Schenectady Municipal Housing Authority. The Board meets on the last Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

If you want to be eligible to nominate a candidate, to become a candidate, or to vote, your name must be on the lease, you must live in a SMHA apartment (Ten Eyck, Schonowee Village, Lincoln Heights, Maryvale, MacGathan, Steinmetz Homes) OR be a Section 8 Tenant Based Housing Choice Voucher participant as of December 31, 2025, and be 18 years of age or older on the date of the election, which is Tuesday, March 31, 2026.

To be placed on the ballot to run for Tenant Commissioner, you will need fifty (50) signatures of qualified residents. An eligible voter may sign nominating petitions for up to two (2) candidates. Elections will be by secret ballot. Voting locations will be in community rooms and will be announced on the SMHA website: www.smha1.org

Nominating petitions and rules and regulations for the Tenant Commissioner Election can be obtained from the office of the Executive Assistant, SMHA Administration Office, 375 Broadway, Schenectady, New York, starting December 31, 2025, or on the SMHA Website: www.smha1.org.

Completed nominating petitions must be returned by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 27, 2026.
For more information contact: the Executive Assistant, at 518-386-7053, or angelac@smha1.org.