

Press Release

Presidential Election – Ruling on Nominations

The Presidential Returning Officer, Barry Ryan, conducted the Ruling on Nominations for the presidential election at 3pm this afternoon (Wednesday 24th September, 2025) in the Custom House, Dublin 1. The ruling on nominations is provided for in the Presidential Elections Act, 1993. Mr Justice Conleth Bradley, acted as judicial assessor for the ruling. The closing time for receipt of nominations for the presidential election had closed three hours earlier at 12 noon.

The ruling on nominations is a process in which the Presidential Returning Officer rules on the validity of the nomination papers he has received over the past few weeks. During the ruling, the Presidential Returning Officer examined the nomination papers in the order in which they were received, to ascertain whether the candidates were validly nominated. Every question relevant to the nomination of a person to be a candidate, including his or her eligibility for election, was open to be asked during the ruling.

The following were declared nominated as candidates at the election: Catherine Connolly, Jim Gavin and Heather Humphreys. The Presidential Returning Officer has now adjourned the election for the purpose of taking a poll on 24 October 2025 to determine who the next President of Ireland will be. He will publish the required Notice of Poll on the Presidential Website (www.presidentialelection.ie). This notice confirms the date of the poll and sets out the names and descriptions of the candidates standing nominated at the election and the order in which they will appear on the ballot paper. The notice will be copied to Local Returning Officers, who will also publish the notice in their constituencies in preparation for taking the poll in 43 constituencies.