

Information and Statistical Data on Electing the PEC Members

On September 2-4, sessions were conducted at 73 District Election Commissions (DEC) on electing the members of Precinct Election Commissions (PEC). 21 758¹ PEC members were elected at the 21 804 vacant positions announced at 3 634 election precincts. 46 positions remained vacant² which would enable the election administration to elect the PEC members on the basis of the re-announced contest.

Quorums of votes and results' statistics on electing 28 667 candidates as the PEC members at 73 DEC's.

Number of DEC Members' Votes	Number of Elected PEC members
with 13 votes	955 members
with 12 votes	1,304 members
with 11 votes	3,454 members
with 10 votes	6,040 members
with 9 votes	6,225 members
with 8 votes	3,657 members
with 7 votes	123 members

6 732 contestants received less than seven votes.

17 978 (82% of the total number) out of 21 758 elected members were elected with higher quorum, more precisely, with nine and more votes. 123 members are elected with 7 votes - minimum quorum necessary to elect the PEC members, comprising only 0.56% of total number.

Hereby, 32 (in total out of 949, 3.37%) members of DEC's were not present at the sessions, where the PEC members were elected on the basis of competition.

Namely, the members of following political parties were not present at the sessions:

P/U "Christian-Conservative Party of Georgia"	9 members
P/U "United Democratic Movement"	6 members
P/U "European Georgia"	6 members
P/U "Alliance of Patriots of Georgia"	5 members
P/U "United National Movement"	3 members
P/U "Georgian Dream - Democratic Georgia"	2 members
P/U "Industry Saves Georgia"	1 member

On September 2-4, in total five local and one international observer organizations attended the 73 sessions on electing the PEC members at the 73 District Election Commissions.

"International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy"	55 sessions (75.34%)
"Georgian Young Lawyers' Association"	15 sessions (20.55%)
"Public Movement-Multinational Georgia"	8 sessions (10.96%)
"Public Advocacy"	2 sessions (2.74%)
"International Center for Democratic Initiatives"	1 session (1.37%)
"National Democratic Institute" (NDI)	2 sessions (2.74%)

¹ 157 contestants dropped out of the competition, mainly on the basis of their personal statements.

² In certain cases vacant positions remained due to the lack of enough votes, while in other cases low competition, specifically absence of sufficient candidates served as a reason.

Attendance indicator of the local observer organizations at the sessions is the following:

- On September 2, sessions were conducted in 21 DEC's on electing the PEC members. The representatives of "International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy" attended sessions held at 16 DEC's and "Public Movement-Multinational Georgia" attended in two DEC's.
- On September 3, sessions were held in 34 DEC's on electing the PEC members; representatives of "International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy" attended sessions held in 26 DEC's; "Public Movement-Multinational Georgia" representatives in four DEC's, "Georgian Young Lawyers' Association" in 10 DEC's and "Public Advocacy" in two DEC's.
- On September 4, sessions were held in 18 DEC's on electing the PEC members; representatives of "International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy" attended sessions in 13 DEC's, representatives of "Public Movement-Multinational Georgia" in two DEC's, "Georgian Young Lawyers' Association" in five DEC's, "International Center for Democratic Initiatives"- in one DEC and international observer organization NDI in two DEC's.

Out of members elected in 2017, 17 819 persons (elected/appointed) have an experience of PEC membership and participated in previous four general elections at least once, which amounts to 82% of total number.

Statistics of the persons elected by the DEC's having the PEC membership experience (who were elected by the DEC during the past years on the basis of contest and were not appointed by the political parties) according to the elections:

- 2012 year - 3,583 PEC members
- 2013 year – 4,906 PEC members
- 2014 year – 5,880 PEC members
- 2016 year – 13,157 PEC members

Statistics of the persons appointed by the authorized political parties having the PEC membership experience according to the elections:

- 2012 year – 2 460 PEC members (Conservative Party of Georgia- 460, Industry Saves Georgia -454, European Democrats – 371, United National Movement – 361, Christian Democratic Movement – 299, Christian Democratic People's Party – 277, Labour Party of Georgia - 238).
- 2013 year – 3026 PEC members (Georgian Dream - Democratic Georgia - 708, Conservative Party - 468, Industry Saves Georgia – 449, Our Georgia Free Democrats - 444, National Forum - 434, Republican Party – 395, United National Movement -128).
- 2014 year- 3546 PEC members (Georgian Dream - Democratic Georgia - 847, Conservative Party – 567, Free Democrats – 556, Industry Saves Georgia - 530, National Forum - 487, Republican Party – 448, United National Movement-111).
- 2016 year – 2567 PEC members (Georgian Dream Democratic Georgia - 820, Conservative Party - 603, Republican Party - 374, Industry Saves Georgia – 318, Free Democrats - 252, United Democratic Movement -165, United National Movement - 35).

Out of PEC members elected by DEC's, 4 080 participated in "Courses of Election Administrator" and 193 young people graduated from the "Electoral Development School".

Despite the abovementioned 17 819 members, out of 3 939 elected PEC members, majority have obtained experience as the PEC member during the elections held before 2012; or they have experience of being an observer/representative at various elections and also participated in Election Administration's educational programs implemented in the past several years. Including, for example, 384 persons participated in "Courses for Election Administrator" and 57 young people graduated from the "Electoral Development School".

It is noteworthy, that none of the decisions and relevant ordinances adopted by the DEC's on electing the PEC members were appealed by authorized persons within the terms defined by the election legislation.