

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND
FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: CANVASSING BOARD
MEMBER APPOINTMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: C-2020-06

WHEREAS, I have the authority pursuant to Florida Statute 102.141(1)(e)(1) to appoint a member to the canvassing board when a vacancy has occurred;

WHEREAS, Florida Statute 102.141(1)(e)(1) "The chief judge of the judicial circuit in which the county is located shall appoint a county court judge as an alternate member of the county canvassing board or, if each county court judge is unable to serve or is disqualified, shall appoint an alternate member who is qualified to serve as a substitute member under paragraph (a)."

WHEREAS, Florida Statute 102.141(1)(b) provides "If the supervisor of elections is unable to serve or is disqualified, the chair of the board of county commissioners shall appoint as a substitute member a member of the board of county commissioners who is not a candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed and who is not an active participant in the campaign or candidacy of any candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed."

WHEREAS, Florida Statute 102.141(1)(c) provides "If the chair of the board of county commissioners is unable to serve or is disqualified, the board of county commissioners shall appoint as a substitute member one of its members who is not a candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed and who is not an active participant in the campaign or candidacy of any candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed."

WHEREAS, Florida Statute 102.141(1)(d) provides "If a substitute member or alternate member cannot be appointed as provided elsewhere in this subsection, or in the event of a vacancy in such office, the chief judge of the judicial circuit in which the county is located shall

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appoint as a substitute member or alternate member a qualified elector of the county who is not a candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed and who is not an active participant in the campaign or candidacy of any candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed.”

WHEREAS, the Supervisor of Elections, Susan Gill, will serve the Canvassing Board in only an advisory capacity because she is an active participant in at least the Primary Election.

WHEREAS, no member of the Canvassing Board is not a candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed or is not an active participant in the campaign or candidacy of any candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed except County Commissioner, Brian Coleman, who is the sitting County Commission member of the Canvassing Board.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appoint a substitute member to the canvassing board for the Supervisor of Elections, Susan Gill, pursuant to Florida Statute 102.141(1)(a), (b) or (c) to meet the needs of the voters and carry out the duties of the canvassing board.

WHEREAS, Stephen Barbieri is a “qualified elector of the county who is not a candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed and who is not an active participant in the campaign or candidacy of any candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed.”

WHEREAS, Tanya Williams is a “qualified elector of the county who is not a candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed and who is not an active participant in the campaign or candidacy of any candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed.”

It is thereupon

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that pursuant to Florida Statute 102.141(1)(e)(1)

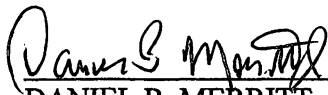
1. Should Susan Gill be unable to fulfil her obligation as Supervisor of Elections for the Primary Election of August 18, 2020 and the General Election of November 3, 2020, I hereby appoint Stephen Barbieri, of 627 S. Hilly Point, Inverness, Florida 34450, (a qualified elector of the county who is not a candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed and who is not an active participant in the campaign or candidacy of any candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed) as a substitute member for the Supervisor of Elections, Susan Gill, to Canvassing Board. Stephen Barbieri shall become

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an alternate Canvassing Board member in the General Election of November 3, 2020, should the Supervisor of Elections, Susan Gill, become eligible to assume normal responsibilities after the Primary Election of August 18, 2020.

2. I hereby appoint Tanya Williams, of 581 West Fenway Drive, Hernando, Florida 34442, (a qualified elector of the county who is not a candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed and who is not an active participant in the campaign or candidacy of any candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed) as an alternate member to the Canvassing Board for the Presidential Preference Primary Election of March 17, 2020, the Primary Election of August 18, 2020, and the General Election of November 3, 2020.
3. I hereby appoint Bruce Carney, County Judge, of Citrus County, Florida [address is confidential pursuant to § 119.071, Fla. Stat.] (a qualified elector of the county who is not a candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed and who is not an active participant in the campaign or candidacy of any candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed) as an alternate member to the Canvassing Board for the Presidential Preference Primary Election of March 17, 2020, the Primary Election of August 18, 2020 and the General Election of November 3, 2020, for County Judge, Mark Yerman.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida,
this 23rd day of Jan, 2020.



DANIEL B. MERRITT, JR.
CHIEF JUDGE
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT