

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: H-2022-02-A**

**AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER APPOINTING HERNANDO  
COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES  
FOR 2022 ELECTION CYCLE**

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit has the responsibility, pursuant to Section 102.141(1), Florida Statutes, to appoint a county court judge as the chair of the Hernando County Canvassing Board; and,

**WHEREAS**, the **HONORABLE KURT E. HITZEMANN**, Hernando County Court Judge, is a qualified elector of Hernando 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; and,

**WHEREAS**, Section 102.141(1)(a) and (e)1., Florida Statutes, requires the Chief Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit to appoint a county court judge as an alternate member of the county canvassing board or, if each county court judge is unable to serve, an alternate member who is qualified to serve; and,

**WHEREAS**, the **HONORABLE DONALD E. SCAGLIONE**,

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Circuit Judge, is a qualified elector of Hernando 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; and,

**WHEREAS**, Section 102.141(1)(d), Florida Statutes, empowers the Chief Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit to appoint substitute or alternate member(s) to the county canvassing board; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners has named **JOHN MITTEN** to serve as alternate to the seat held by the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners; and,

**WHEREAS**, John Mitten is a qualified elector of Hernando County who is are not candidate(s) with opposition in the election being canvassed and who are not an active participant in the campaign or candidacy of any candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Supervisor of Elections for Hernando County has named **DENISE LAVANCHER** to serve as alternate to the seat held by the Supervisor of Elections; and

**WHEREAS**, Denise LaVancher is a qualified elector of Hernando County who is are not candidate(s) with opposition in the

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election being canvassed and who are not an active participant in the campaign or candidacy of any candidate with opposition in the election being canvassed;

Based upon the above-stated factual finding, it is hereby **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that:

1. The **HONORABLE KURT E. HITZEMANN**, Hernando County Court Judge, is hereby appointed to serve as a member and Chair of the Hernando County Canvassing Board for the 2022 election cycle.

2. The **HONORABLE DONALD E. SCAGLIONE** is hereby appointed to serve as the alternate to Judge Hitzemann, should Judge Hitzemann be unable to serve. The members of the Hernando County Canvassing Board shall meet and elect a Chair in accordance with Section 102.141(a), Florida Statutes, in the event that both Judge Hitzemann and Judge Scaglione are unable to serve as Chair.

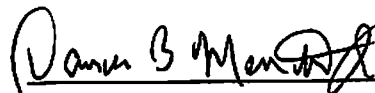
3. **JOHN MITTEN** is hereby appointed as alternate to Commissioner Elizabeth "Beth" Narverud on the canvassing board.

4. **DENISE LAVANCHER**, is hereby appointed to serve as the alternate to Supervisor of Elections Shirley Anderson on the

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Canvassing Board.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at, Brooksville, Hernando  
County, Florida on this 1st day of April 2022.

  
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**Daniel B. Merritt, Jr.**  
**Chief Judge**  
**Fifth Judicial Circuit**