

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: S-2022-03-C

**AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER APPOINTING SUMTER
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 Sumter County Canvassing Board; and,

WHEREAS, the **HONORABLE PAUL MILITELLO**, Sumter County Court Judge, is a qualified elector of Sumter 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, BOBBY CARUTHERS is a qualified elector of Sumter County who is not a candidate with opposition in the

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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 **BRADLEY ARNOLD** to serve as substitute to the seat held by the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, **Bradley Arnold** is a qualified elector of Sumter 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;

Based upon the above-stated factual finding, it is hereby

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that:

1. The **HONORABLE PAUL MILITELLO**, Sumter County Court Judge, is hereby appointed to serve as a member and Chair of the Sumter County Canvassing Board for the 2022 election cycle.

2. **BOBBY CARUTHERS** is hereby appointed to serve as the

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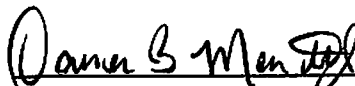
alternate to Judge Militello, should Judge Militello be unable to serve. The members of the Sumter County Canvassing Board shall meet and elect a Chair in accordance with Section 102.141(a), Florida Statutes, in the event that Judge Militello is unable to serve as Chair.

3. **COMMISSIONER CRAIG ESTEP** is hereby appointed as alternate to **Commissioner Garry Breeden** on the canvassing board.

4. **BRADLEY ARNOLD** is hereby appointed as substitute to the seat held by the Board of County Commissioners.

4. **THE HONORABLE MR. WILLIAM "BILL" KEEN**, Sumter County Supervisor of Elections, will serve on the canvassing board and has not named an alternate.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at, Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida on this 19th day of October 2022.



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