

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: S-2023-12**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER APPOINTING SUMTER COUNTY  
CANVASSING BOARD MEMBERS, SUBSTITUTE(S) AND  
ALTERNATE(S) FOR 2023 ELECTION CYCLE**

**AND**

**VACATING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: S-2022-03-C**

**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

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member who is qualified to serve; and,

**WHEREAS, RICHARD HOFFMAN** 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)(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 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;

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

1. The **HONORABLE PAUL MILITELLO**, Sumter County Court

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Judge, is hereby appointed to serve as a member and Chair of the Sumter County Canvassing Board for the 2023 election cycle.

2. **RICHARD HOFFMAN** is hereby appointed to serve as the 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.

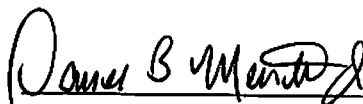
3. **COMMISSIONER ROBERTA ULRICH** is hereby appointed as alternate to **Commissioner Jeffery Bogue** on the canvassing board.

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

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

6. Administrative Order **S-2022-03-C** is hereby vacated.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at, Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

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