

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: C-2023-17-B

**In re: CANVASSING BOARD
MEMBER APPOINTMENT**

**SECOND AMENDED
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER APPOINTING CITRUS COUNTY
CANVASSING BOARD MEMBERS, SUBSTITUTE(S) AND
ALTERNATE(S) FOR 2024 ELECTION CYCLE**
(Amended as to substitution of BOCC board member and alternate)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 102.141(1), Florida Statutes, the county canvassing board shall be composed of the supervisor of elections; a county court judge, who shall act as chair; and the chair of the board of county commissioners, and alternate canvassing board members must be appointed pursuant to Sections 102.141(1)(e)1. and (e)2, Florida Statutes.

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, 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, **MAUREEN BAIRD** is the Supervisor of Elections for Citrus County who is a qualified elector of Citrus 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 may serve as a member of the Citrus County Canvassing Board; and

WHEREAS, **AMBER THOMAS** is a qualified elector of Citrus 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 may serve as alternate to MAUREEN BAIRD should MARUEEN BAIRD be unable to serve; and

WHEREAS, **BRUCE E. CARNEY** is a County Court Judge for Citrus County and a qualified elector of Citrus 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

may serve as a member and Chair of the Citrus County Canvassing Board; and

WHEREAS, **EDWARD C. SPAIGHT** is a County Court Judge for Citrus County and a qualified elector of Citrus 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 may serve as the alternate to Judge Bruce E. Carney should Judge Bruce E. Carney be unable to serve; and

WHEREAS, the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners has named **REBECCA BAYS**, who is a qualified elector of Citrus 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, to serve as a canvassing board member; and

WHEREAS, the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners has named **MARK J. YERMAN**, who is a qualified elector of Citrus 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 may serve as an alternate to REBECCA BAYS should REBECCA BAYS be unable to serve; and

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

ORDERED and ADJUDGED:

1. **MAUREEN BAIRD**, Supervisor of Elections for Citrus County, is appointed to serve as a member of the Citrus County Canvassing Board.

2. **AMBER THOMAS**, Senior Trial Court Staff Attorney, is appointed as the alternate to Citrus County Supervisor of Elections, MAUREEN BAIRD should MAUREEN BAIRD be unable to serve.

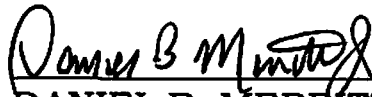
3. **BRUCE E. CARNEY**, County Court Judge for Citrus County, is appointed to serve as a member and Chair of the Citrus County Canvassing Board.

4. **EDWARD C. SPAIGHT**, County Court Judge for Citrus County, is appointed to serve as the alternate to Judge Bruce E. Carney should Judge Bruce E. Carney be unable to serve.

5. **REBECCA BAYS**, Citrus County Board of County Commissioners, is appointed to serve as a member of the Citrus County Canvassing Board.

6. **MARK J. YERMAN**, is appointed to serve as the alternate to REBECCA BAYS, should REBECCA BAYS be unable to serve.

DONE and ORDERED in Chambers at Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida this 15th day of Dec., 2023.



DANIEL B. MERRITT, JR.
Chief Judge, Fifth Judicial Circuit