

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: C-2026-19

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NAMING AND APPOINTING CITRUS
COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD MEMBERS, SUBSTITUTE(S) AND
ALTERNATE(S) FOR 2026 ELECTION CYCLE**

AND

**RESCINDING, SUPERSEDING, AND REPLACING
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER C-2025-41**

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; and

WHEREAS, Section 102.141(1)(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; 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 **HONORABLE BRUCE E. CARNEY** is a County Court Judge for Citrus County and a qualified elector

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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, the **HONORABLE 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 in any seat; and

WHEREAS, the **HONORABLE MAUREEN BAIRD** is the Supervisor of Elections 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 of the Citrus County Canvassing Board; and

WHEREAS, the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners has named **COMMISSIONER HOLLY L. DAVIS**, 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

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election being canvassed, to serve as substitute to the seat held by the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners, and may serve as a member of the Citrus County Canvassing Board; and

WHEREAS, the **HONORABLE MARK J. YERMAN**, retired, 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 has been appointed by the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners to serve as an alternate, and may serve as an alternate in any seat; and

Based upon the above-stated factual findings, it is hereby **ORDERED and ADJUDGED:**

1. The **HONORABLE BRUCE E. CARNEY**, County Court Judge for Citrus County, is appointed to serve as a member and Chair of the Citrus County Canvassing Board pursuant to section 102.141(1), Florida Statutes.

2. The **HONORABLE EDWARD C. SPAIGHT**, County Court Judge for Citrus County, is appointed to serve as an alternate, and may serve in any seat pursuant to section 102.141(1)(e)1., Florida Statutes.

3. The **HONORABLE MAUREEN BAIRD**, Citrus County Supervisor of Elections, will serve on the Citrus County

Canvassing Board pursuant to Section 102.141(1), Florida Statutes.

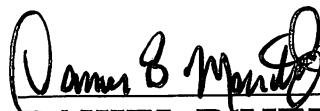
4. **COMMISSIONER HOLLY L. DAVIS**, has been appointed as substitute for the seat held by the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to Section 102.141(1)(c), Florida Statutes, and will serve on the Citrus County Canvassing Board.

5. The **HONORABLE MARK J. YERMAN**, retired, has been appointed by the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to section 102.141(1)(e)2., Florida Statutes, to serve as an alternate, and may serve in any seat.

6. Administrative Order C-2025-41 is hereby rescinded, superseded, and replaced.

7. This Order is effective when signed and shall remain in full force and effect until amended, superseded, replaced, vacated, or rescinded.

DONE and ORDERED in Chambers at Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida this 13th day of May 2026.



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