

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: S-2026-18-A (Corrected)**

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

**AND**

**AMENDING, SUPERSEDING, AND REPLACING  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER S-2026-18**

**(Reissued to correct scrivener's error)**

**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**, 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**, 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

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**WHEREAS**, Section 102.141(1)(d), Florida Statutes, empowers the Chief Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit to appoint substitute and/or alternate member(s) to the 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 may serve as a member and Chair of the Sumter County Canvassing Board; and,

**WHEREAS**, the **HONORABLE SHELBY SENN** is a County Court Judge for Sumter County and 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 may serve as the alternate in any seat; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners has named **MR. JOE ELLIOTT**, 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 substitute to the seat held by the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners, and may serve as a member of the Sumter County Canvassing Board; and,

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**WHEREAS, MR. TERRY MICHAEL HINKLE**, who 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 has been appointed by the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners to serve as an alternate, and may serve as an alternate in any seat;

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 pursuant to section 102.141(1), Florida Statutes.

2. The **HONORABLE SHELBY SENN**, County Court Judge for Sumter County, is hereby appointed to serve as an alternate, pursuant to section 102.141(1)(e)1., Florida Statutes, and may serve in any seat.

3. **MR. TERRY MICHAEL HINKLE** has been appointed by the Sumter 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.

4. **MR. JOE ELLIOTT** has been appointed by the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners to serve as substitute for the seat held by the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners pursuant to Section 102.141(1)(c), Florida Statutes,

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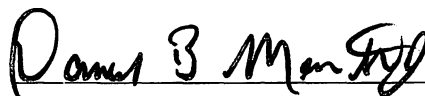
and will serve on the Sumter County Canvassing Board.

5. **THE HONORABLE MR. WILLIAM "BILL" KEEN**, Sumter County Supervisor of Elections, will serve on the canvassing board pursuant to Section 102.141(1).

6. Administrative Order **S-2026-18** is hereby amended, superseded and replaced with this Order.

This administrative order is reissued solely to correct a scrivener's error. All provisions of Administrative Order S-2026-18-A remain in full force and effect, and the original effective date of June 16, 2026, is unchanged.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at, Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026.



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Daniel B. Merritt, Jr.

**Chief Judge**

**Fifth Judicial Circuit**