

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: C-2023-17-C

**THIRD AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER APPOINTING
CITRUS COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD MEMBERS,
SUBSTITUTE(S) AND ALTERNATE(S) FOR 2024 ELECTION
CYCLE**

(Amended as to alternates and substitutes.)

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(l)(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, 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 in any seat; and

WHEREAS, MAUREEN BAIRD is the Supervisor of Elections for Citrus County who is a qualified elector of Citrus County and who is an active participant in a campaign or candidacy with an opponent in the election being canvassed, may not serve as a member of the Citrus County Canvassing Board, therefore **MAUREEN BAIRD** shall serve only in an advisory position to the canvassing board; and

WHEREAS, 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, may be appointed pursuant to

Sections 102.141(1)(b) and/or 102.141(1)(d), Florida Statutes, as a substitute member for the Supervisor of Elections.

WHEREAS, MICHAEL DANDURAND, 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, may serve as an alternate in any seat; 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;

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

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

2. **EDWARD C. SPAIGHT**, County Court Judge for Citrus County, is appointed to serve as an alternate in any seat.

3. **MAUREEN BAIRD**, Supervisor of Elections for Citrus County, is not appointed to serve as a member of the Citrus County Canvassing Board because her candidacy has

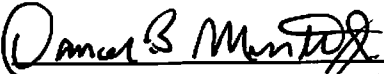
opposition in the election being canvassed, in which instance, she shall serve in an advisory capacity only.

4. **MARK J. YERMAN** is hereby appointed as a substitute member for the Supervisor of Elections.

5. **MICHAEL DANDURAND** is appointed to serve as an alternate in any seat.

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

DONE and ORDERED in Chambers at Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida this 30th day of June, 2024.



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