



City of Coral Gables
City Commission Meeting
February 14, 2023

ITEM TITLE:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE CANVASSING BOARD FOR THE UPCOMING GENERAL BIENNIAL ELECTION OF TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023 AND ANY SUBSEQUENT RUN-OFF ELECTION, THE HONORABLE CARLOS GAMEZ, COUNTY COURT JUDGE, 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT; THE HONORABLE CARLOS GUZMAN, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT; THE HONORABLE CRISTINA RIVERA CORREA (ALTERNATE), COUNTY COURT JUDGE, 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT; AND CITY CLERK BILLY Y. URQUIA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CANVASSING ABSENTEE AND PROVISIONAL BALLOTS AND PRECINCT RETURNS, FURTHER AUTHORIZING SAID BOARD TO CERTIFY THE RESULTS OF SAID ELECTION

BRIEF HISTORY:

The attached Resolution provides for appointing certain members of the Canvassing Board (Board) for the General Biennial Election, April 11, 2023, and any subsequent run-off election, namely, Judge Carlos Gamez, Judge Carlos Guzman, Judge Cristina Rivera Correa (Alternate), and City Clerk, Billy Y. Urquia for the purpose of canvassing vote-by-mail ballots, provisional ballots, and precinct returns; further authorizing said board to certify the results of said election.

Section 18-2(c) of our City Code provides that the Canvassing Board shall be composed of three members, which shall include two members of the City Commission who are not candidates with opposition in the election being canvassed, and the City Clerk or his designee from the City Clerk's Office; further providing in Section 18-2(d) that if sufficient members of the City Commission are not eligible to serve on the Canvassing Board, the City Commission shall appoint as a substitute member who is a qualified elector of Coral Gables and 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, for the purpose of canvassing absentee ballots and precinct returns.

The current members of the City Commission who would have otherwise been eligible to serve on the Canvassing Board, cannot do so due to anticipated participation in the campaign(s) of candidates with opposition. As far back as 2011, the City Commission has appointed member of the judiciary to serve on the canvassing board, emulating the requirements for certain County canvassing boards in Florida Statute § 102.141.

ATTACHMENT(S):
1. Resolution - Draft