

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PASCO AND PINELLAS COUNTIES, FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2026-019 PI-CTY

**RE: PINELLAS COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD – APPOINTMENT OF
SUBSTITUTE AND ALTERNATE FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER
ELECTIONS**

The Chief Judge has been notified that the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners and the other Commissioners are either unable to serve or are disqualified from serving on the County Canvassing Board for Pinellas County for the 2026 primary and general elections. The Chair has recommended that George Cretekos, former mayor of the City of Clearwater and longstanding elections poll worker, be named as the substitute member for the Board of County Commissioners, and further that Leslie Demuth, be named as the alternate member for the Board of County Commissioners in the primary election, and Johnathan Tyler Payne, be named as the alternate member for the Board of County Commissioners in the general election.

In accordance with Article V, section 2, Florida Constitution, Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215, and sections 43.26 and 102.141(1), Fla. Stat., it is

ORDERED:

1. George Cretekos, a qualified elector, is hereby appointed as the substitute member for the Board of County Commissioners, to serve on the Pinellas County Canvassing Board for the 2026 primary and general elections.

2. Leslie Demuth, a qualified elector, is hereby appointed as the alternate member for the Board of County Commissioners, to serve on the Pinellas County Canvassing Board for the 2026 primary election.

3. Johnathan Tyler Payne, a qualified elector, is hereby appointed as the alternate member for the Board of County Commissioners, to serve on the Pinellas County Canvassing Board for the 2026 general election.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Clearwater, Pinellas County, Florida, this 15th day of May 2026.

Original Signed by Shawn Crane, Chief Judge

cc: All Pinellas Judges
The Honorable Bruce Bartlett, State Attorney
The Honorable Sara Mollo, Public Defender
The Honorable Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Pinellas County
Jennifer Parker, Trial Courts Administrator
Michele Emmerman, Deputy Trial Courts Administrator

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