

**THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**CASE NO. 26-2
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 26-14**

**IN RE: APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY
COURT JUDGE VICTORIA FERRER
AS CHAIRPERSON; COUNTY COURT
JUDGE MIESHA SHONTA
DARROUGH AS SUBSTITUTE;
COUNTY COURT JUDGE BETSY
ALVAREZ-ZANE AND COUNTY
COURT JUDGE CHIAKA IHEKWABA
AND SIX QUALIFIED ELECTORS AS
ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF THE
CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA
CANVASSING BOARD FOR THE
APRIL 21, 2026, SPECIAL ELECTION
(MAIL BALLOT)**

WHEREAS, pursuant to §102.141, Florida Statutes, the membership of 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

WHEREAS, pursuant to §102.141(c)(d), Florida Statutes, if the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners is unable to serve or is disqualified, the Board of County Commissioners shall appoint as a substitute member one of its members 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. If a substitute member or alternate member cannot be appointed as provided elsewhere in this subsection, or in the event of a vacancy in such office, the Chief Judge of the judicial circuit in which the county is located shall appoint as a substitute member or alternate member a qualified elector of the 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

WHEREAS, the undersigned has been requested by the Supervisor of Elections for Miami-Dade County, Florida to appoint a County Court Judge to serve as Chair, and a County Court Judge to serve as Substitute member for the Chair of the Board of

County Commissioners, for the April 21, 2026, Special Election (Mail Ballot); and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor of Elections for Miami-Dade County, Florida requested that the undersigned appoint two (2) County Court Judges and six (6) qualified electors to serve as alternate members for the April 21, 2026, Special Election (Mail Ballot); and

WHEREAS, the **HONORABLE VICTORIA FERRER** is willing and able to serve in the capacity of Chair; and

WHEREAS, the **HONORABLE MIESHA SHONTA DARROUGH** is willing and able to serve in the capacity of Substitute Member; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the **HONORABLE VICTORIA FERRER**, as Chair, the **HONORABLE MIESHA SHONTA DARROUGH**, as Substitute, the **HONORABLE BETSY ALVAREZ-ZANE**, the **HONORABLE CHIKA IHEKWABA**, and six **QUALIFIED ELECTORS** are willing to serve as Alternate Members of the Canvassing Board to ensure there is a fully functioning Canvassing Board during the April 21, 2026, Special Election (Mail Ballot).

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the statutory authority set forth in §102.141, Florida Statutes and the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, under Rule 2.215, Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration, the following judicial officers and qualified electors are appointed to serve as members of the Canvassing Board during the April 21, 2026, City of Coral Gables Special Election (Mail Ballot) as hereinafter specified:

1. Judge Victoria Ferrer will serve as the Chair of the Canvassing Board.
2. Judge Miesha Shonta Darrough will serve as Substitute of the Canvassing Board.
3. Judge Betsy Alvarez-Zane, Judge Chiaka Ihekwaba will serve as Alternate members of the Canvassing Board.
4. The following Election Staff Deputy and Assistant Deputy Supervisors will serve as Alternate members of the Canvassing Board:
 - Vanessa Ramirez
 - Michelle McClain
 - Angela Rivero
 - Erica Sierra-Trujillo
 - Vanessa Innocent
 - Jose Ponce
5. All such Judges and Qualified Electors are hereby authorized to attend all

meetings convened for the County Canvassing Board, as required, and are hereby authorized to sign all documents pertaining to this Election as required or as authorized by law.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 12th day of March 2026.

**ARIANA FAJARDO ORSHAN, CHIEF JUDGE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**