

2018 CANDIDATE QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS

The material contained in this information sheet is not comprehensive. If you are running for office, it is your responsibility to become acquainted with relevant Florida election laws that might have a bearing on your campaign or qualifications to run for office.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER				
DISTRICT	INCUMBENT	SALARY	QUALIFYING PERIOD	QUALIFYING OFFICER
District 2 – At Large	Terry B. Krassner	\$44,163*	NOON, June 18, 2018 - NOON, June 22, 2018	Deborah Clark Supervisor of Elections Pinellas County, FL 13001 Starkey Rd. Largo, FL 33773 (727) 464-4987
District 3 – At Large	Peggy O’Shea		<i>Pre-qualifying papers may be accepted beginning June 4, 2018</i>	
District 6 – Single Member	Linda Lerner			
District 7 – Single Member	Rene Flowers			

* The qualifying fee is based on the salary as of July 1, 2017. This salary is subject to change.

TYPE OF ELECTION: Nonpartisan – At-Large Districts: Elected Countywide
Nonpartisan – Single-Member Districts: Elected within District

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 Years, beginning November 20, 2018

ELECTION DATES: Primary Election - August 28, 2018
General Election - November 6, 2018 (*Runoff, if necessary*)

RESIDENCY/ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- A registered Florida voter. [F.S. 99.021]
- School Board At-Large candidates must reside in the County. [School District Bylaws]
- School Board Single-Member candidates must reside in the district at the time of qualifying and must maintain residency in that district throughout their term of office. [School District Bylaws]

FORMS REQUIRED TO QUALIFY FOR THIS OFFICE [F.S. 105.031(4) & (5)]

- Form DS-DE 9 - Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository**
Candidate must file this form before opening a campaign account or collecting petitions
- Form DS-DE 84 - Statement of Candidate**
Candidate must file this form within ten (10) days after filing Form DS-DE 9
- Form DS-DE 304SB - Candidate Oath School Board Nonpartisan Office**
Candidate must file during the Pre-Qualifying or Qualifying Period
- Form 6 2017 - Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests**
Candidate must file during the Pre-Qualifying or Qualifying Period

Candidate qualifying forms can be found at www.VotePinellas.com/Candidates

CANDIDATE QUALIFYING METHODS

Qualifying Period: NOON, June 18, 2018 – NOON, June 22, 2018 [F.S. 105.031(1)]

- **Please call 727-464-4987 to make an appointment to file your qualifying documents**
- **Pre-qualifying papers can be accepted beginning June 4, 2018****

** Florida Statute 99.061(8) states that qualifying papers may be submitted to the qualifying officer up to 14 days prior to the qualifying period. However, the papers will not be processed and filed until the qualifying period actually begins. All papers submitted before the qualifying period are still subject to any and all requirements prescribed in Florida Statute 99.061(7)(a).

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATE QUALIFYING BY FEE [F.S. 99.092(1)]

- **4% of the salary of the office as of July 1, 2017 (*4% of the salary is \$1,766.52)**
- Campaign check made payable to Deborah Clark, Supervisor of Elections
- Campaign check to pay qualifying fee can only be accepted during the Pre-Qualifying or Qualifying Period

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATE QUALIFYING BY PETITION [F.S. 99.095, F.S. 101.254, Rule 1S-2.045]

- **Deadline to submit petitions: PRIOR to NOON, May 21, 2018**
- Candidates must collect signatures of 1% of the registered voters residing in the district or the county as of the last general election, November 2016
- At-Large Districts require **6,489** valid signatures
- District 6 requires **1,690** valid signatures; District 7 requires **1,569** valid signatures
- Petition Form—DS-DE 104 can be found at www.VotePinellas.com/Candidates
- Signature verification fee of \$0.10 per petition must be paid when petitions are submitted

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES [F.S. 99.061(4)(b)]

Names of write-in candidates **do not** appear on the ballot

MISSING OR INCOMPLETE INFORMATION [F.S. 99.061(7)]

- If the filing officer receives qualifying papers during the qualifying period which do not include all items required prior to the last day of qualifying, the filing officer shall make a reasonable effort to notify the candidate of the missing or incomplete items and shall inform the candidate that all required items must be received by the close of qualifying.
- **A candidate's name as it is to appear on the ballot may not be changed after the end of qualifying.** The filing officer performs a ministerial function in reviewing qualifying papers. In determining whether a candidate is qualified, the filing officer shall review the qualifying papers to determine whether all items required have been properly filed and whether each item is complete on its face, including whether items that must be verified have been properly verified pursuant to F.S. 92.525(1)(a). The filing officer may not determine whether the contents of the qualifying papers are accurate.