School Board Member – 2024 Candidate Qualifying Information					
District	Incumbent	Salary	Qualifying Period	Qualifying Officer	
1 - At Large	Laura Hine	\$50,243*	NOON, June 10, 2024 - NOON, June 14, 2024 Pre-qualifying papers will be accepted beginning May 28, 2024**	Julie Marcus Supervisor of Elections Pinellas County 13001 Starkey Rd. Largo, FL 33773	
4 - Single Member	Eileen M. Long				
5 - Single Member	Carol J. Cook				

^{*} The qualifying fee is based on the salary as of July 1, 2023. This amount is subject to change.

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Term of Office	Election Dates	Type of Election
4 Years – Beginning November 14, 2024	 Primary Election - August 20, 2024 General Election - November 5, 2024 (Runoff, if necessary) 	Nonpartisan At Large Districts - Elected Countywide; Nonpartisan Single Member Districts - Elected Within District

Residency / Additional Requirements

- A registered Florida voter. [F.S. 99.021]
- School Board At-Large candidates must reside in the County by the date they assume office. [Florida House Bill (2023), F.S. 1001.361]
- School Board Single-Member candidates shall be elected only by the qualified electors who reside in the same residence area as the member. [F.S. 1001.362(2)(b)]
- A person required to Resign-to-Run must do so by providing a written resignation letter to the Supervisor of Elections Office at least 10 days prior to the first day of qualifying (May 31, 2024). [F.S. 99.012(3)]

Forms Required to Qualify for this Office Candidate qualifying forms can be found at VotePinellas.gov/Candidates

- 1. Form DS-DE 9 (Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository)

 Candidate must file this form before opening a campaign account [F.S. 106.021]
- 2. Form DS-DE 84 (Statement of Candidate)

 Candidate must file within ten (10) days after filing Form DS-DE 9 [F.S. 106.023]
- 3. <u>Form DS-DE 304SB</u> (Candidate Oath School Board Nonpartisan Office)

 Candidate must file during the Pre-Qualifying or Qualifying Period [F.S. 99.021]
- 4. Form 6 2023 (Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests)

 Candidate must file during the Pre-Qualifying or Qualifying Period [F.S. 99.061(5)]

Candidate Qualifying Methods [F.S. 99.061]

Qualifying Period: NOON, June 10, 2024 - NOON, June 14, 2024

- Please call (727) 464-4987 or email Comms@VotePinellas.gov to make an appointment to file your qualifying forms
- Pre-qualifying papers will be accepted beginning May 28, 2024*

F.S. 99.061(8) states that qualifying papers may be submitted to the qualifying officer beginning 14 days prior to the qualifying period.

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School Board Member Candidate Qualifying by Fee [F.S. 99.092]

- The qualifying fee is 4% of the salary of the office as of July 1, 2023 (\$2,009.72)*
- Campaign check made payable to Julie Marcus, Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections
- Campaign check to pay qualifying fee can only be accepted during the Pre-Qualifying or Qualifying Period

Candidate Qualifying by Petition [F.S. 99.095, F.S. 99.097]

- Deadline to submit petitions: PRIOR to NOON, May 13, 2024
- Candidates must collect signatures of 1% of the registered voters residing in the district or the county as of the last general election, November 8, 2022.
 - ➤ District 1 At Large candidates require 6,958 valid signatures
 - ➤ District 4 Single Member candidates require **1,809** valid signatures
 - ➤ District 5 Single Member candidates require **1,632** valid signatures
- Petition Form DS-DE 104 can be found at VotePinellas.gov/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.

The material contained in this information sheet is not comprehensive in nature. 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.