



<b>Lealman Special Fire Control District            2024 Candidate Qualifying Information</b>				
Seat	Incumbent	Salary	Qualifying Period	Qualifying Officer
1	James Banning	<b>\$500/month</b>	<b>NOON, June 10, 2024            - NOON, June 14, 2024</b>  <i>Pre-qualifying papers may            be accepted beginning            May 28, 2024*</i>	<b>Julie Marcus            Pinellas County            Supervisor of Elections</b>  <b>13001 Starkey Rd.            Largo, FL 33773</b>
3	Jay Alexander			
5	Jorge Mercado			
<i>*Pinellas County Elections Offices will be CLOSED in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 27, 2024</i>				
Term of Office		Election Dates		Type of Election
4 Years - Beginning November 2024		General Election - November 5, 2024		Nonpartisan - Elected At Large
Residency Requirements				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A registered Florida voter. [F.S. 99.021]</li> <li>• Must be a qualified elector of the district at the time he or she qualifies and continually throughout his or her term.</li> <li>• 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)]</li> </ul>				
Forms Required to Qualify for this Office				
<i>Candidate qualifying forms can be found at <a href="http://VotePinellas.gov/Candidates">VotePinellas.gov/Candidates</a></i>				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Form DS-DE 9 (Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository) OR *Affidavit of Intention Form</b>   <i>Candidate must file a Form DS-DE 9 before opening a campaign account [F.S. 106.021]</i>   <i>*F.S. 99.061(3) - Special District Candidates have the option not to open a campaign account and not to appoint a campaign treasurer if the candidate does not collect contributions and the only expense is the qualifying fee or petition signature verification fee.</i> </li> <li>2. <b>Form DS-DE 84 (Statement of Candidate)</b>  <i>Candidate must file within ten (10) days after filing Form DS-DE 9 [F.S. 106.023]</i> </li> <li>3. <b>Form DS-DE 302NP (Candidate Oath - Nonpartisan Office)</b>  <i>Candidate must file during the Pre-Qualifying or Qualifying Period [F.S. 99.021]</i> </li> <li>4. <b>Form 1 2023 (Statement of Financial Interests)</b>  <i>Candidate must file during the Pre-Qualifying or Qualifying Period [F.S. 99.061(5)]</i> </li> </ol>				

### 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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### Special District Candidate Qualifying by Fee [F.S. 99.061(3)]

- \$25.00 (Check made payable to Julie Marcus, Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections)
- Check to pay for qualifying fee can only be accepted during the Pre-Qualifying or Qualifying Period

### Special District Candidate Qualifying by Petition [F.S. 99.095(2)(b)]

- **Deadline to submit petitions: PRIOR to NOON, May 13, 2024**
- 25 valid signatures of registered voters residing in the district
- Petition Form - DS-DE 104 can be found at [VotePinellas.gov/Candidates](http://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

### Special Fire District Contact Information

- Administrative Assistant Contact: Tami Bastian - TBastian@lealmanfire.com / (727) 526-5650 x222
- Address: 4360 55<sup>th</sup> Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33714

### 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.*