



Board of County Commissioners – 2024 Candidate Qualifying Information				
District	Incumbent (Party)	Salary	Qualifying Period	Qualifying Officer
1 - At Large	Janet Long (D)	\$112,711*	NOON, June 10, 2024 - NOON, June 14, 2024 <i>Pre-qualifying papers will be accepted beginning May 28, 2024**</i>	Julie Marcus Supervisor of Elections Pinellas County 13001 Starkey Rd. Largo, FL 33773
3 - At Large	Charlie Justice (D)			
5 - Single Member	Chris Latvala (R)			
7 - Single Member	Renè Flowers (D)			
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>*The qualifying fee is based on the salary as of July 1, 2023.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>**Pinellas County Elections Offices will be CLOSED in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 27, 2024.</i></p>				
Term of Office	Election Dates		Type of Election	
4 Years - Beginning November 19, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary Election - August 20, 2024 • General Election - November 5, 2024 		Partisan At Large Districts - Elected Countywide; Partisan Single Member Districts - Elected Within District	
Residency /Additional Requirements				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A registered Florida voter. [F.S. 99.021] • A resident of the district (At-Large or Single Member) on the date the county canvassing board certifies the election results. [F.S. 100.041(2)(a)] [Section 3.01 County Charter] • A person seeking nomination as a candidate of a political party to be a member of that political party for the 365 days <i>before</i> the beginning of the applicable qualifying period. Additionally, the law requires a person seeking to qualify for office as a candidate with no party affiliation to not be a member of any political party for the 365 days <i>before</i> the beginning of the applicable qualifying period. Therefore, the last day for a person to make a change is June 11, 2023. [F.S. 99.021(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				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Form DS-DE 9 (Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository) <i>Candidate must file this form before opening a campaign account [F.S. 106.021]</i> 2. Form DS-DE 84 (Statement of Candidate) <i>Candidate must file within ten (10) days after filing Form DS-DE 9 [F.S. 106.023]</i> 3. Form DS-DE 301SL (Candidate Oath - State and Local Partisan Office) <i>Candidate must file during the Pre-Qualifying or Qualifying Period [F.S. 99.021]</i> 4. Form 6 2023 (Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests) <i>Candidate must file during the Pre-Qualifying or Qualifying Period [F.S. 99.061(5)]</i> 				

Candidate Qualifying Methods [F.S. 99.061]

Qualifying Period: NOON, June 10 - 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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Major Party Candidate Qualifying by Fee [F.S. 99.092]

- The qualifying fee is 6% of the salary of the office as of July 1, 2023 (\$6,762.66)*
- 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 & 3 At Large candidates require **6,958** valid signatures
 - District 5 Single Member candidates require **1,632** valid signatures
 - District 7 Single Member candidates require **1,700** 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

No Party Affiliation & Minor Party Candidate Qualifying Methods [F.S. 99.0955, F.S. 99.096]

- The qualifying fee is 4% of the salary of the office as of July 1, 2023 (\$4,508.44)*
- Qualifications are in the same manner and at the same time as major party candidates
- Names are placed on the general election ballot
- Minor party candidates pay a party assessment if one has been levied by the minor party
- Petitioning and write-in requirements are the same as those for major party candidates

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.