



DUVAL COUNTY ELECTION ADVISORY PANEL

2018-19 ANNUAL REPORT

Membership

9 members: 3 members of the general public appointed by the Council President; 3 members of the general public appointed by the Mayor; 2 members appointed by the Supervisor of Elections; 1 employee of the Supervisor of Elections Office appointed by the Supervisor. All members must be registered Duval County voters. The panel's membership is completely filled at present, with six members serving beyond the end of expired terms while awaiting reappointment or replacement (Mayoral appointees Cynthia Alfred, Ingrid Montgomery and Jon McGowan, City Council appointee Daniel Henry and Supervisor of Elections appointees Justin Portlock and Charles McWhite).

Meetings

The Election Advisory Panel adjusted its meetings for the year to coordinate with the scheduled State and City elections. The panel met in June, September and December of 2018 and January and April 2019. The May 2019 meeting was not held due to lack of a quorum.

Sampling of topics discussed and recommendations made in 2018-19

- Preparations for August and November 2018 state primary and general election
- Mailing of sample ballots to all registered voters (not required by state law, but all 67 counties do it)
- Third party registration organizations generating mailings to voters using outdated public records that may cause properly registered voters to believe that they are not registered or that they need to take some remedial action that is not necessary
- Voter signature updates initiative
- Passage of Ordinance 2018-383 revising the Election Advisory Panel's legislative authorization in Ordinance Code Chapter 59
- Discussion of the need for and recruitment of bi-lingual (Spanish-speaking) poll workers
- Tabulation problem in August 2018 primary election due to minutely oversized ballots; lack of uniformity in how different precincts handled the ballot feeding problem
- Early voting sites on college campuses – UNF and Edward Waters College
- Court ruling requiring some Florida counties to provide all election information in Spanish; implications for sample ballots at early voting sites
- City Council District 12 special election filing period public notification process
- November 2018 general election recount process and results
- Constitutional Amendment #4 – restoration of ex-felons' voting rights; lack of instructions from the state on implementation procedures; difficulty in tracking number of ex-felons taking advantage of the amendment to register
- Verification of signatures on vote-by-mail ballots; methods of contacting voters to deal with challenged signatures
- Preparations for March and May 2019 City elections
- Changes in polling locations
- Poll worker demographics – aging population, increasing participation by No Party Affiliation voters, recruitment of younger workers, college students, high school students, bi-lingual speakers
- Request by the City of Jacksonville Beach for the Supervisor to process that city's candidate applications
- Discussion of the rules regarding standing requests for vote-by-mail ballots and when those requests expire

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Member Name	Terms	Reappt Eligible	Original Appt Date	Term End Date	Appointing Authority	Category
Alfred, Cynthia P.	1 of 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9/2/2014	4/16/2017	Mayor 2014-510-A	Duval Registered Voter
Chrisman, Nancy G.	1 of 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	12/11/2018	4/16/2022	Council President 2018-801-A	Duval Registered Voter
Henry, Daniel L. Vice Chair	1 of 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5/2/2016	4/16/2019	Council President 2016-230-A	Duval Registered Voter
Maldonado, Robert B.	0 of 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1/10/2019	4/16/2020	Council President 2018-732-A	Duval Registered Voter
McGowan, Jon	1 of 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8/25/2017	4/16/2019	Mayor 2017-547-A	Duval Registered Voter
McWhite, Charles L.	1 of 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9/14/2016	4/16/2019	Supv. Of Elections 2016-541-A	Duval Registered Voter
Montgomery, Ingrid K. Chair	0 of 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5/29/2015	4/16/2016	Mayor 2015-261-A	Duval Registered Voter
Phillips, Robert	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	4/3/2018		Supv. Of Elections	Elections Employee
Portlock, Justin E.	0 of 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9/14/2016	4/16/2017	Supv. Of Elections 2016-540-A	Duval Registered Voter