

**Miami-Dade County**  
**2020 Board of County Commissioners**  
**Candidate Qualifying Information**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:**    [\[Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 1, Section 1.04\]](#)

1. Qualified elector of Miami-Dade County.
2. Resident of Miami-Dade County at least three (3) years prior to qualifying.
3. Resident of District at least six (6) months prior to qualifying.

**TYPE OF ELECTION:** Nonpartisan [\[Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 3, Section 3.03\]](#)

**ELECTION AREA:** District [\[Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 1, Section 1.04\]](#)

**DISTRICTS UP FOR ELECTION:**    [\[Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 3, Section 3.01\(A\)\]](#)

District	Incumbent	District	Incumbent
01	Barbara J. Jordan	09	Dennis C. Moss
03	Audrey M. Edmonson	11	Joe A. Martinez
05	Eileen Higgins	13	Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
07	Xavier L. Suarez		

**TERM:**    Four (4) years [\[Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 3, Section 3.01\(A\)\]](#)

The term for Board of County Commissioners shall commence on the second Tuesday next succeeding the date of the General Election in November (November 17, 2020). [\[Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 3, Section 3.01\(C\)\]](#)

**TERM LIMIT:**    Two (2) terms [\[Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 3, Section 3.01\(E\)\]](#)

No person shall be elected as Commissioner for more than two consecutive four-year terms. No term of service as a Commissioner commencing prior to 2012 shall be considered a part of or counted toward the two term limit.

**SALARY:**    \$6,000 Annually [\[Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 1, Section 1.06\]](#)

**ELECTION DATES:**    August 18, 2020 – Primary  
[\[Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 3, Section 3.01\(A\)\]](#) and [F.S. 100.061](#)

November 3, 2020 – General (should a run-off election be required)  
[\[Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 3, Section 3.01\(B\)\]](#) and [F.S. 100.031](#)

**QUALIFYING DATES:** 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 26, 2020, through Noon, Tuesday, June 9, 2020  
[\[Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 3, Section 3.04\(A\)\]](#)

A qualifying office may accept and hold qualifying papers submitted not earlier than 14 days prior (May 12, 2020) to the beginning of the qualifying period, to be processed and filed during the qualifying period. [\[F.S. 99.061\(8\)\]](#)

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## **QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS:**

The following items must be submitted to the Miami-Dade Elections Department located at 2700 NW 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Miami FL, 33172:

### **Qualifying Method – Qualifying Fee**

1. Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates ([Form DS-DE 9](#))\*
2. Statement of Candidate ([Form DS-DE 84](#))\*
3. Access to Handbook and the Election Laws of the State of Florida ([Form MD-ED 2](#))\*
4. Campaign Treasurer's Report – Miami-Dade County Electronic Filing Requirement ([Form MD-ED 10](#))\*
5. [Declaration and First Amendment Waiver](#) (optional)
6. Miami-Dade County Candidate Oath – Nonpartisan Office ([Form MD-ED 25](#)) and proof of residency.
7. Form 6 – Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests ([CE Form 6 - 2019](#)), along with any other applicable forms. Public officers who have filed financial disclosure with the Florida Commission on Ethics may file a copy with filing officer at time of qualifying. *This form will be available on the State of Florida Commission on Ethics [website](#) after January 1, 2020.*
8. Qualifying fee of \$360 is to be paid by means of a bank check drawn from the candidate's campaign account as prescribed in [F.S. 106.11\(1\)\(a\)](#), made payable to "Miami-Dade County." (Filing fee of \$300.00 plus an election assessment equal to 1% of the annual salary as of July 1, 2019). [[Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 3, Section 3.04\(A\)](#)] and [F.S. 99.092\(1\)](#)].
9. If you currently hold an elected or appointed position, please consult with your attorney to determine whether you are required to resign from the office you presently hold to run for this office. [[F.S. 99.012](#)]

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### **Qualifying Method – Petitions**

1. Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates ([Form DS-DE 9](#))\*
2. Statement of Candidate ([Form DS-DE 84](#))\*
3. Access to Handbook and the Election Laws of the State of Florida ([Form MD-ED 2](#))\*
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8. Candidate Petition ([Form DS-DE 104](#))
9. If you currently hold an elected or appointed position, please consult with your attorney to determine whether you are required to resign from the office you presently hold to run for this office. [[F.S. 99.012](#)]

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Who Can Sign Petitions? [[F.S. 99.095](#) and [Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 3, Section 3.04\(B\)](#)]

Any registered elector in the geographical area of candidacy may sign a petition.

Signatures may not be obtained until the candidate has filed the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates pursuant to [F.S. 106.021](#) and valid only for the qualifying period immediately following such filings.

Petition signatures of at least 1% of the total registered electors in the geographical area represented by the office sought for the immediately preceding general election are required as follows:

### 2020 Petition Signature Requirements by District for Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners Registered Voters as of Book Closing for November 6, 2018 General Election

District	Total Registered Voters in District	1% of Total Registered Voters
01	114,452	1145
03	98,902	990
05	98,952	990
07	132,522	1326
09	113,205	1133
11	121,850	1219
13	92,961	930

Deadline for Submitting Petitions: [[F.S. 99.095](#) and [Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 3, Section 3.04\(B\)](#)]

Candidates must submit petitions for verification to the Miami-Dade Elections Department no later than noon of the 28<sup>th</sup> day preceding the first day of the qualifying period (April 28, 2020). All petitions submitted must contain the voter's original signature.

Petition Verification: [[F.S. 99.097](#) and [Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 3, Section 3.04\(B\)](#)]

There is a charge of 10 cents per name for verification of signatures, which must be paid to the Miami-Dade Elections Department upon submission of petitions. The candidate may file an "[Affidavit of Undue Burden](#)" with the Miami-Dade Elections Department to waive the cost of verification. [[F.S. 99.097\(4\)](#)]

If any person is paid to solicit signatures on a petition, an undue burden oath may not subsequently be filed in lieu of paying the fee to have signatures verified for that petition. If an undue burden oath has been filed and payment is subsequently made to any person to solicit signatures on a petition, the undue burden oath is no longer valid and a fee for all signatures previously submitted to the supervisor of elections and any that are submitted thereafter shall be paid by the candidate who submitted the undue burden oath. [[F.S. 99.097\(6\)](#)]

The Supervisor of Elections must certify the number of valid signatures no later than the 7<sup>th</sup> day before the first day of the qualifying period (May 19, 2020) and submit such certification to the Division of Elections.

If the candidate is unable to collect the required number of signatures, he/she may still qualify by paying the qualifying fee.

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### Qualifying Method – Write-In Candidate

1. Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates ([Form DS-DE 9](#))\*
2. Statement of Candidate ([Form DS-DE 84](#))\*
3. Access to Handbook and the Election Laws of the State of Florida ([Form MD-ED 2](#))\*
4. Campaign Treasurer's Report – Miami-Dade County Electronic Filing Requirement ([Form MD-ED 10](#))\*
5. [Declaration and First Amendment Waiver](#) (optional)
6. Miami-Dade County Candidate Oath – Nonpartisan Office ([Form MD-ED 25](#)) and proof of residency.
10. Form 6 – Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests ([CE Form 6 - 2019](#)), along with any other applicable forms. Public officers who have filed financial disclosure with the Florida Commission on Ethics may file a copy with filing officer at time of qualifying. *This form will be available on the State of Florida Commission on Ethics [website](#) after January 1, 2020.*
7. Qualifying fee of \$300.00 is to be paid by means of a bank check drawn from the candidate's campaign account as prescribed in [F.S. 106.11\(1\)\(a\)](#), made payable to "Miami-Dade County" (Filing fee of \$300.00, no election assessment fee). [[Miami-Dade County Charter, Article 3, Section 3.04\(A\)](#)].
8. If you currently hold an elected or appointed position, please consult with your attorney to determine whether you are required to resign from the office you presently hold to run for this office. [[F.S. 99.012](#)]

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## **Public Financing**

### **Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund** [[Miami-Dade County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12, Section 12-22](#)]

If applying for Public Funding, candidate must:

1. File the Public Financing Acknowledgement Statement ([MD-ED 11](#)).
2. File the Irrevocable Statement and Application for Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund for Initial and Run-off Elections ([MD-ED 13](#)) no later than ninety (90) days after opening a campaign account or thirty (30) days before the first day of qualifying with the Supervisor of Elections, whichever shall come first. Since the 30<sup>th</sup> day before the first day of qualifying falls on Sunday, April 26, 2020, we strongly encourage candidates to submit this form by Friday, April 24, 2020. If the form is provided to the Supervisor of Elections' Office after the close of business on Friday, it must be received via email at [campaigns@miamidade.gov](mailto:campaigns@miamidade.gov) or fax at 305-499-8501 no later than Sunday. The original signed document must be provided to the Supervisor of Elections' Office in order to be processed.

Alternatively, if participating in the Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund for a run-off election only, file the Irrevocable Statement and Application for Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund – Runoff Election Only ([MD-ED 14](#)) and the Affidavit for Run-off Election Expenditure Limits ([MD-ED 17](#)) by the third business day after the certification of the results of the initial election to the Supervisor of Elections.

3. Limit the loans or contributions from the candidate's personal funds to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).
4. Receive the required number of contributions between \$100 and \$500 from the required number of qualified contributors in the District (at least 300 but no more than 360 contributors).
5. Submit the Contributions List for Application for Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund ([MD-ED 15](#)) no later than twenty (20) business days prior to the first day of qualifying (April 27, 2020).
6. Attend, along with the Campaign Treasurer, a seminar conducted by the Miami-Dade County Ethics Commission regarding state and local campaign financing laws, which shall be completed prior to the receipt of contributions from the Fund.
7. File the Trigger Reporting Form for Public Financing Candidates Only ([MD-ED 16](#)) [[Miami-Dade County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12, Section 12-22](#)]. Any candidate for Board of County Commissioners that is participating in the Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund must file a report within 24 hours of receiving contributions or making expenditures that exceed one hundred percent (100%) of the applicable expenditure limits. The expenditure limits are as follows:

Initial election for Board of County Commissioners	\$200,000	(100%)
Run-off election for Board of County Commissioners	\$150,000	(100%)

Such reports must be filed with the Miami-Dade Elections Department using the Trigger Reporting Form together with a Campaign Treasurer's Report covering the period from the date of the last report to the date that the ceiling was reached. Additionally, the Campaign Treasurer's Report must be filed electronically through the website provided by the Elections Department.

## Miami-Dade County 2020 Board of County Commissioners Candidate Forms and Additional Resources

The following is a compilation of forms used County Commissioner candidates who qualify with the Miami-Dade County Elections Department and their campaign treasurer(s). A hyperlink has been provided for each form.

<b>Opening of Account</b>	
<a href="#">DS-DE 9</a>	Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates
<a href="#">DS-DE 84</a>	Statement of Candidate
<a href="#">MD-ED 2</a>	Access to Handbook and the Election Laws of the State of Florida
<a href="#">MD-ED 10</a>	Campaign Treasurer's Report – Miami-Dade County Electronic Filing Requirement
<a href="#">Declaration &amp; First Amendment Waiver</a>	Declaration and First Amendment Waiver (optional)
<b>Public Funding</b>	
<a href="#">MD-ED 11</a>	Public Financing Acknowledgement Statement
<a href="#">MD-ED 13</a>	Irrevocable Statement and Application for Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund
<a href="#">MD-ED 14</a>	Irrevocable Statement and Application for Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund – Runoff Election Only
<a href="#">MD-ED 15</a>	Contributions List for Application for Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund
<a href="#">MD-ED 16</a>	Trigger Reporting Form – 24 hours after exceeding 100% of the applicable ceiling
<a href="#">MD-ED 17</a>	Affidavit for Run-off Election Expenditure Limits
<a href="#">ACH Form</a>	Authorization Agreement for Automatic Deposit of Miami-Dade County Warrants
<b>Qualifying</b>	
<a href="#">DS-DE 104</a>	Candidate Petition
<a href="#">DS-DE 19A</a>	Affidavit of Undue Burden – if unable to pay for the verification of signatures
<a href="#">MD-ED 25</a>	Miami-Dade County Candidate Oath – Nonpartisan Office
<a href="#">CE Form 6</a> (2019)	Form 6 – Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests - 2019; along with any other forms, if applicable. <i>This form will be available on the State of Florida Commission on Ethics <a href="#">website</a> after January 1, 2020.</i>
<a href="#">MD-ED 12</a>	Irrevocable Statement for Candidates Voluntarily Abiding by Campaign Financing Limits – If not applying for Public Financing, it is voluntary
<b>Campaign Reporting</b> (included in online Campaign Reporting Software)	
<a href="#">DS-DE 12</a>	Campaign Treasurer's Report Summary
<a href="#">DS-DE 13</a>	Campaign Treasurer's Report – Itemized Contributions
<a href="#">DS-DE 14</a>	Campaign Treasurer's Report – Itemized Expenditures
<a href="#">DS-DE 14A</a>	Campaign Treasurer's Report – Itemized Distributions
<a href="#">DS-DE 94</a>	Campaign Treasurer's Report – Fund Transfers
<a href="#">DS-DE 87</a>	Waiver of Report
<a href="#">MD-ED 26</a>	Miami-Dade County Paid Campaign Workers Participating in Vote-by-Mail Ballot Activities Form <i>Per <a href="#">Section 12-14.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County</a>, candidates running for Miami-Dade County Commissioner must file a separate campaign report to disclose the names of paid campaign workers engaged in vote-by-mail ballot activities. Submit via email to <a href="mailto:campaigns@miamidade.gov">campaigns@miamidade.gov</a>.</i>
<a href="#">MD-ED 28</a>	Miami-Dade County Elections Department – Reporting of Solicitation of Contributions for Political Committees, Electioneering Communications Organizations, 501(c)(4) Organizations and Political Parties
<a href="#">DS-DE 86</a>	Request for Return of Contribution
<a href="#">DS-DE 2</a>	Contributions Returned

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<b>Termination Reports</b>	
<a href="#">DS-DE 73</a>	Campaign Loans Report
<a href="#">DS-DE 73A</a>	Campaign Loans Report Itemized
<b>Elected Officials – Opening an Office Account</b>	
<a href="#">DS-DE 48</a>	Office Account Report
<a href="#">DS-DE 48A</a>	Office Account Disbursement or Deposit Information

In addition, the following resources are available online:

- [Calendar of Reporting Dates](#)
- [The Florida Election Code](#)
- [Miami-Dade County Code of Ordinances](#)
- [Miami-Dade County Home Rule Amendment and Charter](#)
- [Ethical Campaign Practices Ordinance, Miami-Dade County Code at Sec. 2-11.1.1](#)
- [Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund, Miami-Dade County Code at Sec. 12-22](#)
- [Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook](#)
- [2020 Candidate Petition Handbook](#)
- [Elected Officials Information](#)
- [Precincts in County Commission Districts](#)
- [Commission District Map](#)