

Miami-Dade County 2022 School Board Member Candidate Qualifying Information

QUALIFICATIONS: [\[F.S. 1001.34\]](#) and F.S. [1001.361](#)]

- Each member of the district school board shall be a qualified elector of the district in which she or he serves, shall be a resident of the district school board member residence area from which she or he is elected, and shall maintain said residency throughout her or his term of office.
- Each candidate for district school board member shall, at the time she or he qualifies, be a resident of the district school board member residence area from which the candidate seeks election.

TYPE OF ELECTION: Nonpartisan [\[F.S. 1001.361\]](#)

ELECTION AREA: District [\[F.S. 1001.361\]](#)

DISTRICTS UP FOR ELECTION: [\[F.S. 1001.362\(2\)\(c\)\]](#)

District	Incumbent
2	Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall
4	Perla Tabares Hantman
6	Mari Tere Rojas
8	Marta Pérez

TERM: Four (4) years [\[F.S. 100.041\(3\)\(a\)\]](#) and [F.S. 1001.362\(2\)\(c\)\]](#)

The term for School Board Member shall commence on the second Tuesday following the General Election (November 22, 2022). [\[F.S. 100.041\(3\)\(a\)\]](#)

SALARY: The salary of a School Board Member shall be fixed according to [F.S. 1001.395](#)
(As of July 1, 2019, the annual salary for School Board Members was \$44,892.00 – Salary TBD for July 1, 2021)

ELECTION DATES: August 23, 2022 – Primary
[\[F.S. 105.051\(1\)\(b\)\]](#) and [F.S. 100.061\]](#)

November 8, 2022 – General (should a run-off election be required)
[\[F.S. 105.051\(1\)\(c\)\]](#) and [F.S. 100.031\]](#)

QUALIFYING DATES: Noon, Monday, June 13, 2022, through Noon, Friday, June 17, 2022
[\[F.S.105.031\(1\)\]](#)

A qualifying office may accept and hold qualifying papers submitted not earlier than 14 days prior (Monday, May 30, 2022) to the beginning of the qualifying period to be processed and filed during the qualifying period. [\[F.S. 99.061\(8\)\]](#) *{Please note that our office will be closed on May 30, 2022 in observance of Memorial Day.}*

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QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS:

The following items must be submitted to the Miami-Dade Elections Department located at 2700 NW 87th 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. [Declaration for Candidates Not Automatically Covered](#) (optional)
7. Candidate Oath – School Board Nonpartisan Office ([Form DS-DE 304SB](#))
8. Form 6 – Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests ([CE Form 6 - 2021](#) - *will be available after 1/1/2022*), 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.
9. Qualifying fee: TBD. The fee shall 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." Qualifying fee is 4% of the annual salary as of July 1 of the preceding year (3% filing fee plus 1% election assessment fee). [[F.S. 105.031\(3\)](#)]. (*For the 2020 election cycle, the qualifying fee was \$1,795.68.*)
10. 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](#)]

** These forms must be submitted to the Miami-Dade Elections Department at time of announcing candidacy.*

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](#))*
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4. Campaign Treasurer's Report – Miami-Dade County Electronic Filing Requirement ([Form MD-ED 10](#))*
5. [Declaration and First Amendment Waiver](#) (optional)
6. [Declaration for Candidates Not Automatically Covered](#) (optional)
7. Candidate Oath – School Board Nonpartisan Office ([Form DS-DE 304SB](#))
8. Form 6 – Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests ([CE Form 6 - 2021](#) - *will be available after 1/1/2022*), 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.
9. Candidate Petition ([Form DS-DE 104](#))
10. 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 [F.S. 105.035](#)]

Any registered elector in the County 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:

2022 Petition Signature Requirements by District For Miami-Dade County School Board Members Registered Voters as of Book Closing for November 3, 2020 General Election

District	Total Registered Voters In District	1% of Total Registered Voters
2	164,668	1,647
4	151,979	1,520
6	174,671	1,747
8	183,307	1,834

Deadline for Submitting Petitions: [[F.S. 99.095\(3\)](#) and [F.S. 105.035](#)]

Candidates must submit petitions for verification to the Miami-Dade Elections Department no later than noon of the 28th day preceding the first day of the qualifying period (Monday, May 16, 2022). All petitions submitted must contain the voter's original signature.

Petition Verification: [[F.S. 99.097](#) and [F.S. 105.035](#)]

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 7th day before the first day of the qualifying period (Monday, June 6, 2022) and submit such certification to the Division of Elections. [[F.S. 105.035\(4\)\(b\)](#)]

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. [Declaration for Candidates Not Automatically Covered](#) (optional)
7. Candidate Oath – School Board Nonpartisan Office ([Form DS-DE 304SB](#))
8. Form 6 – Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests ([CE Form 6 - 2021](#) - *will be available after 1/1/2022*), 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.
9. No qualifying fee required; a blank space will be provided on the general election ballot for names of write-in candidates. [[F.S. 99.061\(4\)\(b\)](#)]
10. 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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Miami-Dade County 2022 School Board Member Candidate Forms and Additional Resources

The following list is a compilation of forms to be used by School Board Member candidates who qualify with the Miami-Dade County Elections Department and their campaign treasurer(s). For your convenience, a hyperlink has been provided for each form.

Opening of Account	
DS-DE 9	Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates
DS-DE 84	Statement of Candidate
MD-ED 2	Access to Handbook and the Election Laws of the State of Florida
MD-ED 10	Campaign Treasurer's Report – Miami-Dade County Electronic Filing Requirement
Declaration & First Amendment Waiver	Declaration and First Amendment Waiver (optional)
Declaration for Candidates Not Automatically Covered	Declaration for Candidates Not Automatically Covered by the Mandatory Provisions – Optional
Qualifying	
DS-DE 104	Candidate Petition
DS-DE 19A	Affidavit of Undue Burden – if unable to pay for the verification of signatures
DS-DE 304SB	Candidate Oath – School Board Nonpartisan Office
CE Form 6 (2021)	Form 6 – Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests – 2021; along with any other forms, if applicable. <i>(Will be available after 1/1/2022)</i>
Campaign Reporting (included in online Campaign Reporting Software)	
DS-DE 12	Campaign Treasurer's Report Summary
DS-DE 13	Campaign Treasurer's Report – Itemized Contributions
DS-DE 14	Campaign Treasurer's Report – Itemized Expenditures
DS-DE 14A	Campaign Treasurer's Report – Itemized Distributions
DS-DE 94	Campaign Treasurer's Report – Fund Transfers
DS-DE 87	Waiver of Report
DS-DE 86	Request for Return of Contribution
DS-DE 2	Contributions Returned
Termination Reports	
DS-DE 73	Campaign Loans Report
DS-DE 73A	Campaign Loans Report Itemized
Elected Officials – Opening an Office Account	
DS-DE 48	Office Account Report
DS-DE 48A	Office Account Disbursement or Deposit Information

In addition, the following resources are available online:

- [Calendar of Reporting Dates](#)
- [The Florida Election Code](#)
- [School District Governance Laws of the State of Florida](#)
- [Ethical Campaign Practices Ordinance, Miami-Dade County Code at Sec. 2-11.1.1](#)
- [Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook](#)
- [Candidate Petition Handbook](#)
- [Elected Officials Information](#)
- [Precincts in School Board Districts](#)
- [School Board Districts Map](#)