



RESOLUTION # 2026-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA, CALLING FOR THE ELECTION OF THE MAYOR AND TWO COMMISSION MEMBERS (SEATS 1 AND 2), ELECTED AT LARGE, WITH THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026, AS PROVIDED BY THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI; PROVIDING FOR DESIGNATION OF THE CANVASSING BOARD; PROVIDING FOR THE CLOSING OF REGISTRATION BOOKS; DESIGNATING HOURS AND PLACES FOR VOTING, AND ESTABLISHING THE QUALIFYING FEE FOR MAYOR AND COMMISSION MEMBERS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Charter and City Code of the City of West Miami requires an election for the Mayor and City Commission Members elected at large; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City Charter and City Code of the City of West Miami and Florida Statute, a canvassing board is required to be appointed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the City Commission of the City of West Miami as follows:

Section 1. Election. An election will be called on April 14th, 2026 for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two Commission Members, elected at large, with designated seats. The City Clerk, acting as Supervisor of Elections, is authorized and directed to publish a Notice of Election as provided by law and to designate the Inspectors and Clerks of the election. The City Clerk is further authorized and directed to make appropriate arrangements with the proper officials of Miami-Dade County, Florida, for the use of the necessary voting machines and for any other elections services.

Section 2. Designation of Canvassing Board. The canvassing for the Election shall be conducted by a Canvassing Board constituted and acting pursuant to Chapter 102, Florida Statutes, and applicable provisions of the City Charter and City Code.

The Canvassing Board shall consist of the following members:

1. The City Clerk of the City of West Miami;
2. One (1) elected judge residing in Miami-Dade County; and
3. The Chairperson of the City of West Miami Planning and Zoning Board.

In the event the Chairperson of the Planning and Zoning Board is unavailable, unable to serve, or if such position is vacant, the most senior member of the Planning and Zoning Board, as determined by length of service, shall serve, proceeding down the order of seniority until an eligible member is available to serve.

The City Clerk shall serve as Clerk to the Canvassing Board.

Section 3. Qualifying Period of Candidates. It shall be the duty of any person desiring to become a candidate for election to the office of the Mayor or City Commission under the provisions of the City Charter, to file such intention in writing as provided, together with a signed acceptance and the required filing fee not earlier than Monday, February 23rd, 2026 at 12:00 noon and no later than Friday, February 27th, 2026 at 12:00 noon, which period of time is the qualifying period as mandated by the City Charter.

Section 4. Registration Books. The registration books of the City of West Miami, under the supervision of the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections, shall be closed for a period of twenty-nine (29) days before the election (March 16th, 2026) and shall remain closed subsequent to the election as provided by Section 97.055, Florida Statutes

Section 5. Election and Polling Location. The election shall be held and conducted in the manner prescribed by law for holding general elections. The polling location shall be at the West Miami Community Center located at 901 SW 62nd Avenue, West Miami, Florida. The polls shall be open at the voting places on the date of any election from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM on the specified day. All qualified electors residing within the City shall be permitted to vote at the election for Mayor and City Commissioners, at large.

Section 6. Qualifying Fee of Mayor and Commission members. Pursuant to ARTICLE II. Section 2-24 of the City Code, all candidates for the office of Mayor or City Commissioner, in regular or special elections shall pay a qualification fee of fifty (\$50.00) dollars, such fee shall be paid to the City Clerk at the time each candidate shall qualify and such fee shall be paid from funds on deposit in the primary campaign depository only by means of a check drawn upon the campaign account of the candidate, payable to the City of West Miami.

Section 7. Effective Date. The Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

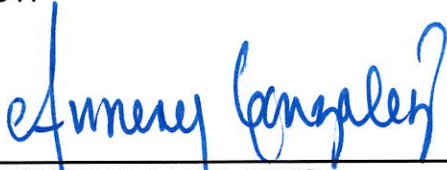
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of January 2026.

APPROVED:



ERIC DIAZ-PADRON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



**ANNERY GONZALEZ, MMC
CITY CLERK**

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



DEXTER W. LEHTINEN, CITY ATTORNEY

ROLL CALL VOTE:

This Resolution was offered by Commissioner Suarez, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanes. The vote was as follows:

MAYOR ERIC DIAZ-PADRON	<u>Y</u>
VICE-MAYOR IVAN CHAVEZ, JR	<u>ABSENT</u>
COMMISSIONER JUAN M. BLANES	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER GUSTAVO J. CEBALLOS	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER LUCIANO L. SUAREZ	<u>Y</u>