



## RESOLUTION # 2026-03

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA, CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY FOR THE OFFICE OF CITY COMMISSIONER, SEAT 4, FOR A TWO-YEAR UNEXPIRED TERM; SETTING THE DATE OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION AS TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026, TO BE HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH THE CITY'S REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND DUTIES OF THE CANVASSING BOARD; PROVIDING FOR THE CLOSING OF VOTER REGISTRATION BOOKS; DESIGNATING HOURS AND PLACE FOR VOTING; ESTABLISHING THE QUALIFYING PERIOD AND QUALIFYING FEE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, a vacancy occurred in the office of City Commissioner, Seat 4, as a result of the appointment of Natalie Milian-Orbis to the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners, District Six; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the City Charter, the City Commission appointed Gustavo J. Ceballos to fill the vacancy in City Commissioner, Seat 4, until the next municipal election; and

**WHEREAS**, the unexpired term for City Commissioner, Seat 4, is two (2) years, and the City Charter and §100.151, Florida Statutes, require that a Special Election be held to elect a Commissioner to serve the remainder of the unexpired term; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of the proposed Special Election has been provided to, and consent obtained from, the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections as to the date of the election, as required by §100.151, Florida Statutes.

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

**Section 1. Special Election Called.** A Special Election to Fill a Vacancy for the office of City Commissioner, Seat 4, for a two-year unexpired term, is hereby called and shall be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, concurrently with the City's regular municipal election.

The City Clerk, acting as the City's election official pursuant to the City Charter, is authorized and directed to publish the required Notice of Special Election, designate inspectors and clerks, and coordinate with the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections for the provision of voting equipment and election 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.** Any person desiring to become a candidate for the office of City Commissioner, Seat 4, in the Special Election shall file qualifying papers and pay the required qualifying fee no earlier than Monday, February 23, 2026, at 12:00 noon, and no later than Friday, February 27, 2026, at 12:00 noon, which period shall serve as the qualifying period for this Special Election and shall run concurrently with the qualifying period for the regular municipal election.

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

**Section 5. Election and Polling Location.** The Special Election shall be conducted in the manner prescribed by law for municipal elections. The polling place shall be located at the West Miami Community Center, 901 SW 62nd Avenue, West Miami, Florida. Polls shall be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Election Day.

**Section 6. Qualifying Fee of Mayor and Commission members.** Pursuant to Section 2-24 of the City Code, candidates for the office of City Commissioner, Seat 4, shall pay a qualifying fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). The qualifying fee shall be paid from funds on deposit in the candidate's primary campaign depository by check drawn on the campaign account and made payable to the City of West Miami.

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

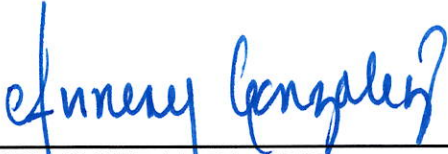
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

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>