



2026

MUNICIPAL ELECTION  
CANDIDATE HANDBOOK

**Provided by the Office of the City Clerk  
City of North Miami Beach, Florida**

**Andrise Bernard, MMC, City Clerk**



Dear Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in becoming a candidate for the City of North Miami Beach Commission (Group/Seats 2, 4, and 6).

Please find important information here about the Tuesday, November 3, 2026, City of North Miami Beach General Election.

This Candidate Handbook is provided for your information and is intended to assist you in the election process. In this packet, you will find information for the filing of Campaign Treasurer's Reports, common reporting forms, qualifying documents, and pertinent election information. Please be advised that the blue, underlined text will lead you to the respective form or website page. This Candidate Handbook will also be available on the City of North Miami Beach website on the City Clerk's page under [Municipal Elections](#).

While we attempt to provide accurate information, you are legally responsible to ensure that your actions comply with applicable laws and regulations. We encourage you to familiarize yourself with all the election laws and requirements.

Should you require additional assistance, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 305-787-6001 or via email at [Andrise.Bernard@citynmb.com](mailto:Andrise.Bernard@citynmb.com)

Sincerely,

*Andrise Bernard*

Andrise Bernard, MMC, City Clerk

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## **General Information**

A General Election will be held on **Tuesday, November 3, 2026**. The members of the City Commission shall be elected from groups numbered 2, 4, and 6 for Four (4) year terms and 1, 3, 5, and 7 for Two (2) year terms. The groups shall be elected citywide by the qualified electors of the City of North Miami Beach. Commencing with the 2015 election and at each general election each four (4) years thereafter, the members of the City Commission running groups 1, 3, 5 and 7 shall be elected for four (4) year terms. The annual salary for the Mayor is \$3,600, and the annual salary for each Commission Member is \$3,000. The Run-Off Election would be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2026, if needed.

Each candidate must be a qualified elector of the City of North Miami Beach at the time of filing for the position; not have been convicted in this or any other State of any offense involving moral turpitude within the preceding five (5) years; not have been adjudicated insane or incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction with adjudication stands unrevoked; and be a bona fide resident of the City of North Miami Beach for one year prior to qualifying, and express an intent to remain permanently a bona fide resident of the City the entire term of office for which she or he is a candidate.

## **How to Begin Your Campaign:**

- Read all of the enclosed materials
- Appoint a Campaign Treasurer who must be a registered voter of the State of Florida. You may appoint Deputy Treasurers at any time. Note: A candidate may be her/his own Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer.
- Complete Form DS-DE9 "Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository: and return the original form to the Office of the City Clerk at 17011 N.E. 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, North Miami Beach, FL 33162
- Open a campaign account at a bank authorized to do business in the State of Florida. This account must be separate from any personal or business accounts. The bank should provide you with deposit slips and checks indicating it is a campaign account.
- Complete Form DS-DE 84 "Statement of Candidate" and return the original form to the Office of the City Clerk at 17011 N.E. 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, North Miami Beach, FL 33162 within ten (10) days. Upon filing of this form, the candidate may begin to collect and spend monies for the campaign.

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## Qualifying Information

Candidates may file their paperwork anytime from the start of qualifying on Monday, August 10, 2026 through Friday, August 14, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday, August 15, 2026<sup>h</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to before 12 Noon.

**\*\* We request that Candidates make individual appointments with the City Clerk in order to maintain a safe and healthy environment. \*\***

The following will be necessary for the filing of a candidacy:

- [Form DS-DE9](#) "Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository" - **if not already filed**
- [Form DS-DE 84](#) "Statement of Candidate" - **if not already filed**
- Qualifying Fee: (Must be payable to the "City of NMB" from a campaign account check.)  
Commission Seat (2-7) \$150.00 \* Mayor's Seat (1) \$180.00 \*
- [Loyalty Oath](#) City (Sections 876.05-876.10, 99.012, Florida Statutes)/  
and [Candidate Oath](#) State (Section 99.021, Florida Statute)
- Fingerprinting at the North Miami Beach Police Department - Ordinance 2010-27
- [Form 1](#), Statement of Financial Interests
- Affidavit of Candidate Residency Requirement
- Proof of Residency (one year prior to qualifying: FPL, Mortgage Deed, Lease, etc. Resolution 2009-12)
- Florida Voter's Information Card
- Florida Driver's License or Photo ID
- [Declaration and First Amendment Waiver](#) - Miami Dade County
  - Voluntary Statement of Fair Campaign Practices. (Optional)  
For candidates who agree to comply with the Voluntary Statement of Fair Campaign Practices.

\* Includes a State of Florida 1.0% Assessment Fee (Elections Commission Trust Fund/Elections Campaign Financing Trust Fund). This election assessment fee is not deposited in the City of North Miami Beach general fund. This fee is forwarded to the Department of State, Division of Elections, and is deposited in the following manner: two thirds of the amount is deposited in the State of Florida Elections Commission Trust Fund and one third is transferred to the State of Florida Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund.

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## Monthly/Quarterly Treasurer’s Reports

Florida’s campaign finance laws require candidates to file periodic reports of their campaign financial activities. All reports must be original, postmarked no later than the specified deadline and hand-delivered or mailed to the Office of the City Clerk. The following is a schedule for the 2026 Municipal Election:

Form	Reporting Period	Code	Due Date
Quarterly Report	11-01-24 to 12-31-24	24Q4	01-10-25
Quarterly Report	01-01-25 to 03-31-25	25Q1	04-10-25
Quarterly Report	04-01-25 to 06-30-25	25Q2	07-10-25
Quarterly Report	07-01-25 to 09-30-25	25Q3	10-10-25
Quarterly Report	10-01-25 to 12-31-25	25Q4	01-12-26
Quarterly Report	01-01-26 to 03-31-26	26Q1	04-10-26
Quarterly Report	04-01-26 to 05-31-26	26Q2	06-10-26
Report due on the 60 <sup>th</sup> day prior to the Primary Election	06-01-26 to 06-12-26	26P1	06-22-26*
Biweekly Report due prior to the Primary Election	06-13-26 to 06-26-26	26P2	07-03-26
Biweekly Report due prior to the Primary Election	06-27-26 to 07-10-26	26P3	07-17-26
Report due on the 25 <sup>th</sup> day prior to the Primary Election	07-11-26 to 07-17-26	26P4	07-24-26
Report due on the 11 <sup>th</sup> day prior to the Primary Election	07-18-26 to 07-31-26	26P5	08-07-26
Report due on the 4 <sup>th</sup> day prior to the Primary Election	08-01-26 to 08-13-26	26P6	08-14-26
Biweekly Report due prior to the General Election	08-14-26 to 08-21-26	26G1	08-28-26
Biweekly Report due prior to the General Election	08-22-26 to 09-04-26	26G2	09-11-26
Biweekly Report due prior to the General Election	09-05-26 to 09-18-26	26G3	09-25-26
Report due on the 25 <sup>th</sup> day prior to the General Election	09-19-26 to 10-02-26	26G4	10-09-26
Report due on the 11 <sup>th</sup> day prior to the General Election	10-03-26 to 10-16-26	26G5	10-23-26
Report due on the 4 <sup>th</sup> day prior to the General Election	10-17-26 to 10-29-26	26G6	10-30-26
<b>** Termination Reports **</b>			
For candidates whose qualifying ended 04-24-26 and whose name will not appear on the ballot	04-01-26 to 07-23-26	26TQJ	07-23-26
For candidates whose qualifying ended 06-09-26 and whose name will not appear on the ballot	06-01-26 to 09-04-26 *	26TQC	09-08-26*
For candidates whose qualifying ended 06-12-26 and whose name will not appear on the ballot	06-01-26 to 09-10-26	26TQS	09-10-26
For candidates who appear on General Election ballot	10-30-26 to 02-01-27	26TRG	02-01-27

\* Indicates that a Holiday pushed the deadline to the listed date.

Per Florida Statutes Title IX, Chapter 106, and City of NMB Code Section 7-8 Candidate Forms.

\*\* Candidates who are elected or eliminated in the General Election must close their campaign account and submit a final report by February 1, 2027. (90 days following the Election.)

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## 2026 Run Off Election Calendar of Candidate Reporting Dates

Form	Reporting Period	Code	Due Date
DS-DE 12 (Summary), DS-DE 13 (Contributions) and DS-DE 14 (Expenditures) or DS-DE 87 (Waiver)	10/31/26 - 11/12/26	RUN OFF	11/13/26 * (4 <sup>th</sup> day before Run off)
*DS-DE 12 (Summary), DS-DE 13 (Contributions) and DS-DE 14 (Expenditures) - FINAL REPORT	11/13/26 - 2/14/27	TR	2/15/27 * (90 <sup>th</sup> day after Run off)

\* [Per Florida Statutes Title IX, Chapter 106](#)

### Penalties for Violations of the Florida Election Code

Pursuant to Florida election laws, any candidate failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first three (3) days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for the reports due immediately preceding each primary or general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. For a candidate’s termination report, the fine shall be \$50 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. [Per Florida Statutes Title IX, Chapter 106.07\(8\)\(b\)](#)

All fines must be paid from the candidate’s personal funds - not campaign funds.

Additional information is available at the Florida Department of State’s web site:  
<https://www.dos.myflorida.com/elections/>