

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Maricruz R. Fincher, Office of Counsel

DATE: September 10, 2026

SUBJECT: Governing Board Policy: Election of Officers of the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board

Agenda Item Background:

To ensure consistency among all Water Management Districts, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) issued a guidance memorandum requesting a uniform policy for Governing Board officer elections. District staff recommends updating Chapter 101, Agency Administration, Section 101-1 to include a policy detailing the nomination and election of officers, terms, and procedures related to officer vacancies. This policy is consistent with the guidance provided by DEP and with the policies of the other Water Management Districts.

Governing Board members are citizen volunteers who are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Florida Senate. The Governing Board sets policy for the District, whose mission is to safeguard and restore South Florida's water resources and ecosystems, protect our communities from flooding, and meet the region's water needs while connecting with the public and stakeholders.

Additional Item Background:

The District Governing Board adopts policies for the administration and operations of the agency. A full listing of all adopted Board policies are available at:
https://library.municode.com/fl/south_florida_water_management_district.

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ATTACHMENTS:

[Resolution No. 2026-0906](#)

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