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OCEAN HIGHWAY AND PORT AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER

Special District

DISTRICTS	ELECTION CYCLE	TERM OF OFFICE (OHPA Charter)	COMMENCEMENT OF TERM	ANNUAL SALARY (OHPA Charter and determined by OHPA Board)
3, 4 and 5	2026	4 Year Term	November 17, 2026	\$24,000.00
1 and 2	2028		November 21, 2028	

Qualifying Officer	Janet H. Adkins, Nassau County Supervisor of Elections James S. Page Governmental Complex 96135 Nassau Place, Suite 3 Yulee, Florida 32097			
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Electorate	Eligible registered voters in Nassau County (FS 97.041, 189.04, OHPA Charter, Article VI Florida Constitution)			
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Election Dates	Primary August 18, 2026 General November 3, 2026 (FS 100.031, 100.051, 100.061, OHPA Charter)			
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QUALIFICATIONS

Individuals seeking to qualify for nomination as a candidate of any political party shall affirm that they have not been a registered member of any other political party for 365 days before the beginning of qualifying preceding the General Election for which they seek to qualify. The deadline to change party affiliation is June 8, 2025. (FS 99.021)

The candidate must be a citizen of the United States of America, a registered voter in Nassau County and must reside in the district at the time of the election. (FS 97.041, 99.021, OHPA Charter, DE Guide 0008)

No officer (elected or appointed) may qualify as a candidate for another state, district, county, or municipal public office if the terms or any part thereof run concurrently with each other without resigning from the office he or she presently holds. If required, written resignations are due May 29, 2026 (at least ten days before the first day of the qualifying period for the intended office) and are irrevocable. (F.S. 99.012)

Refer to the Federal Hatch Act for additional qualifications and the Florida Commission on Ethics for potential conflict of interest.

FILING TO RUN FOR OFFICE

Forms required to open a campaign account

Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository, must be filed with the qualifying officer before opening a campaign bank account, accepting contributions, spending funds, or collecting petition signatures. Within ten days after filing Form DS-DE 9, the candidate must file Form DS-DE 84, Statement of Candidate, with the qualifying officer.

DATES & QUALIFYING METHODS FOR BALLOT POSITION

Pre-qualifying begins May 25, 2026 Qualifying Period: Noon, June 8, 2026 - Noon, June 12, 2026

Qualifying packets will be available at www.votenassauFL.gov (FS 99.061, 189.04)

PETITION PROCESS		or	QUALIFYING FEE	WRITE-IN
Number of Valid Petitions Required to Qualify: 25			Partisan: \$ 25.00	A write-in candidate does not pay a qualifying fee, submit petitions, or appear on the ballot. A space shall be placed on the General Election ballot for voters to write the name of the candidate.
Petition Deadline (FS 99.061, 99.095, 99.097, 189.04): Before Noon, May 11, 2026			No Party Affiliated: \$ 25.00	
Special District candidates who do not intend to collect contributions or make expenditures are required to file an Affidavit of Intent, Nassau County Special District Candidate in lieu of Forms DS-DE 9 and DS-DE 84.			During the qualifying period, candidates will pay \$25.00 qualifying fee. (FS 99.061, 189.04, OHPA Charter)	
Required qualifying forms: Notarized DS-DE 301A/301B/301C Candidate Oath State and Local Partisan Office, Commission on Ethics Form 1 Statement of Financial Interests, and Qualifying Fee. (FS 99.061, 99.0955, 99.097, 106.021, 106.023, 106.141, 189.04)				

Information presented is valid for the current election cycle. Please contact our office for future election cycles. The candidate is responsible for compliance with Florida Election Law, local charters and regulations. This document is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice.