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## Seminole County Elections Office Sets the Table for Solutions with Inaugural Voter Advocacy Workgroup

Supervisor of Elections Amy Pennock convenes leaders from across the community and political spectrum to strengthen voter access and engagement.

**SANFORD, Fla. (September 16, 2025)** — With Florida Voter Registration Week underway, the Seminole County Supervisor of Elections Office held its **inaugural Voter Advocacy Workgroup** — a deliberate effort to bring together community organizations with broad reach, alongside some of the most active voter advocacy and civic engagement operations. The gathering of executives worked to identify barriers to voting, prioritize challenges, and collaborate on real, practical solutions. Leaders from across the civic, political, educational, veteran, business, and advocacy sectors were invited.

Organizations represented included the NAACP, League of Women Voters, Americans for Prosperity, Turning Point USA, Florida Debate Initiative, Seminole County Chamber, Hispanic Chamber of Metro Orlando, African American Chamber of Commerce of Central Florida, Seminole County Democratic, Republican and Libertarian Parties, Seminole State College, Seminole County Veteran Services, and other local civic leaders and advocates.

While planning for this session had been underway for months, demonstrating the SOE's long-term commitment to access and fairness, the timing made the discussion particularly poignant.

## **Supervisor of Elections Amy Pennock** emphasized the value of the initiative:

"Our elections are strongest when every voice is represented at the table. This workgroup shows that no matter where we come from or what perspective we bring, we can work together to ensure voting in Seminole County remains accessible, fair, and trusted."

Participants' discussion centered on practical ways to expand engagement, increase early voting opportunities, improve ADA accessibility, strengthen Spanish-language signage and translation support, and broaden civic education efforts for younger voters and new registrants. Participants also raised operational improvements such as clearer non-solicitation zone maps, accommodations for veterans, and vote-by-mail support and reenrollment efforts.

The meeting concluded with commitments to continue working together and to advance joint initiatives around voter registration and awareness of elections. As one participant noted, the big takeaway was clear: "It's better when we all work together."

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