

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Resolution 2026-399

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President Carrico

**Date of Introduction:** May 12, 2026

**Committee(s) of Reference:** R

**Date of Analysis:** May 12, 2026

**Type of Action:** Reappointment confirmation

**Bill Summary:** This bill confirms the Council President's reappointment of Carmen Martinez, to the Duval Election Advisory Panel, for a second full term ending April 16, 2028.

**Background Information:** The Duval County Election Advisory Panel is established pursuant to Chapter 59, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to study and make recommendations regarding the quality of voter registration and education efforts and ways to enhance the voter's election-day experience, including poll worker training, polling locations, ballot styles, and fraud prevention; evaluate and recommend improvements on the election effectiveness, including number of overvotes, undervotes and spoiled ballots, voter complaints, and voter turnout; review and comment on ballot styles, instructions and absentee ballot appearance; and make an annual report to Council on progress.

Section 59.103, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the members of the Duval County Election Advisory Panel shall be Duval County registered voters, and that three of the nine members shall be designated by the Council President and confirmed by the City Council.

Dr. Martinez is a retired physician with degrees from the University of Rochester and Boston University School of Medicine. She served as a poll worker in precinct 1314. Dr. Martinez resides and is registered to vote in Duval County in council district 13.

**Attendance:** Dr. Martinez attended 6 of 7 (86%) meetings in her first term.

**Policy Impact Area:** Duval County Election Advisory Panel operations

**Fiscal Impact:** No direct cost to the City

**Analyst:** Hampsey