

Voting Information

Election Day Voting Voting in a precinct in which you do not live is illegal. You must vote only at the precinct in which you reside. You are encouraged to report any changes in your registration (i.e., address, name, party affiliation) to the Elections Office. A current and valid picture / signature ID is required.

Vote by Mail (Absentee) Any registered voter may apply by mail, phone, e-mail, or in person to the Elections Office for an absentee ballot. Absentee ballots will not be forwarded, so please keep your address updated. An absentee ballot must be received by your Elections Office no later than 7 p.m. Election Day.

Early Voting The law permits voters to vote in person prior to election day. Early Voting begins up to 15 days before election day and ends the Saturday before election day. A current and valid picture/ signature ID is required.

To Remain a Voter Registration is permanent as long as you remain a qualified voter and a resident of Florida. Please **keep** your **address current** with the Supervisor of Elections. You may **change your address**, by phone, in person or in writing. Also, if you **change your party** OR **change your name** by marriage or other legal process, you must complete a new voter application.

Identification Requirements: In order to vote you must present a current and valid picture/signature identification. It can be one form, such as a Florida driver's license or Florida issued ID, or two separate forms of identification. A provisional ballot will be issued if you do not have proper ID.

Voting System in Okeechobee County:

Instructions on how to use the voting system will be available at the polling locations during early voting and on Election Day.

Primary Election

Registration Closes: July 25, 2022

Early Vote: August 13-20

8:30 - 7:00

Primary Election: August 23, 2022

Polls open 7 am - 7 pm

General Election

Registration Closes: October 10, 2022

Early Vote: October 29-November 5

8:30 am - 7:00 pm

General Election: November 8, 2022

Polls open 7 am - 7 pm



GUIDE TO ELECTED OFFICIALS
VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

REMEMBER...

Your **OPINION** is **IMPORTANT**
BUT it is your **VOTE** that **COUNTS!**

YOU MAY VOTE IF...

1. You are a Citizen of the United States of America
2. You are 18 or older
3. You are registered to vote
4. You are not a convicted felon, or if you are, your rights to vote has been restored
5. You are not adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting or, if you have, your right to vote has been restored

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

PRESIDENT

Joseph R. Biden (D) 2024

VICE PRESIDENT

Kamala D. Harris (D) 2024

The White House
(202) 456-1111 or (202) 456-1414
www.whitehouse.gov (4 Year Term)

U.S. SENATORS (6 Year Term)

Rick Scott (R) 2024

United States Senate

(202) 224-5274

Toll Free in Florida: 1-888-671-4091
www.rickscott.senate.gov

Marco Rubio (R) 2022

United States Senate

(202) 224-3041

Toll Free in Florida: 1-866-630-7106
www.rubio.senate.gov

U.S. HOUSE 17TH DISTRICT (2 Year Term)

Gregory Steube (R) 2022

(202) 225-5792 DC or (863) 402-9082
www.steube.house.gov

STATE GOVERNMENT

Governor/Lieutenant Governor and Cabinet

The Capitol, 400 South Monroe Street

Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

www.flgov.com

(4 Year Term - 2022)

GOVERNOR

Ron DeSantis (R) (850) 488-7146

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Jeanette M. Nunez (R) (850) 488-7146

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Ashley Moody (R) (866) 966-7226

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

Nikki Fried (D) (800) 435-7352

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Richard Corcoran (R) (850) 245-0505

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Jimmy Patronis (R) (877) 693-5236

STATE LEGISLATORS

SENATE DISTRICT 26 (4 Year Term)

Ben Albritton (R) 2022

150 North Central Ave

Bartow, FL 33830

(863) 534-0073 or 850-487-5026 TLH

www.flsenate.gov

HOUSE OF REPS DISTRICT 55 (2 Year Term)

Kaylee Tuck (R) 2022

55 S Parrott Ave

Okeechobee, FL 34974

(863) 462-5019 or (850) 717-5055 TLH

www.myfloridahouse.gov

LOCAL POLITICAL PARTY

OKEECHOBEE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Weston Harvey 863-634-2848

OKEECHOBEE REPUBLICAN PARTY

Jim Craig 574-249-9495

OKEECHOBEE CITY GOVERNMENT

(Nonpartisan / City Residents Only)
(4 Year Term)

55 SE 3rd Avenue
Okeechobee, FL 34974
863-763-3372

www.cityofokeechobee.com

CITY COUNCIL

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| <i>Noel Chandler</i> | 2024 |
| <i>Monica Clark</i> | 2024 |
| <i>Bob Jarriel</i> | 2022 |
| <i>Bobby Keefe</i> | 2022 |
| <i>Mayor Dowling R. Watford, Jr.</i> | 2022 |

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| CITY CLERK <i>Lane Gamiotea</i> | 2022 |
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OKEECHOBEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

COUNTY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

(4 Year Term)
(Terms Expire 2024)

SHERIFF *Noel Stephen* (R)
(863) 763-3117
www.okeesherriff.org

CLERK OF THE COURT *Jerry D. Bryant* (R)
(863) 763-2131
www.clerk.co.okeechobee.fl.us

PROPERTY APPRAISER *Mickey Bandi* (R)
(863) 763-4422
www.okeechobeepa.com

TAX COLLECTOR *Celeste Watford* (R)
(863) 763-3084
www.okeechobeecountytaxcollector.com

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS *Melissa Arnold* (R)
(863) 763-4014
<http://www.voteokeechobee.gov/>

COUNTY JUDGE

(6 Year Term)

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| <i>William Wallace</i> | 2024 |
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(863) 763-3193

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

(Elected at Large)
(4 Year Term)

304 NW 2nd Street, Room 123
Okeechobee, FL 34972
863-763-6441
www.co.okeechobee.fl.us

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| Dist. 1 <i>David Hazellief</i> (R) | 2024 |
| Dist. 2 <i>Vacant</i> | 2022 |
| Dist. 3 <i>Brad Goodbread</i> (R) | 2024 |
| Dist. 4 <i>Terry Burroughs</i> (R) | 2022 |
| Dist. 5 <i>Kelly Owens</i> (R) | 2024 |

SCHOOL BOARD

(Nonpartisan / Elected at Large)
(4 Year Term)
700 SW 2nd Avenue
Okeechobee, FL 34974
863-462-5000
www.okee.k12.fl.us

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| Dist. 1 <i>Joe Arnold</i> | 2022 |
| Dist. 2 <i>Malissa Morgan</i> | 2024 |
| Dist. 3 <i>Melisa Jahner</i> | 2022 |
| Dist. 4 <i>Amanda Reidel</i> | 2024 |
| Dist. 5 <i>Jill Holcomb</i> | 2022 |

JUDICIAL OFFICES

19TH CIRCUIT STATE ATTORNEY (4 Year Term)
Thomas Bakkedahl (R) 2024

312 NW 3rd Street, Suite 260
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 763-5557

19TH CIRCUIT PUBLIC DEFENDER (4 Year Term)
Diamond R. Litty (R) 2024

312 NW 3rd Street, Suite 220
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 763-7977

19TH CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES

(6 Year Term)

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| <i>Dan L. Vaughn</i> (#3) | 2024 |
| <i>Robert E. Belanger</i> (#12) | 2024 |
| <i>Brett M. Waronicki</i> (#17) | 2026 |
| <i>Gary L. Sweet</i> (#10) | 2026 |

Voter's Bill of Rights

Each registered voter in this state has the right to:

1. Vote and have his or her vote accurately counted.
2. Cast a vote if he or she is in line at the official the closing of polls in that county.
2. Ask for and receive assistance in voting.
3. Receive up to two replacement ballots if he or she makes a mistake prior to the ballot being cast.
4. An explanation if his or her registration or identity is in question.
6. If his or her registration or identity is in question, cast a provisional ballot.
7. Written instructions to use when voting, and, upon request, oral instructions in voting from elections officers.
8. Vote free from coercion or intimidation by elections officers or any other person.
9. Vote on a voting system that is in working condition and that will allow votes to be accurately cast.

Voter Responsibilities

Each registered voter in this state should:

1. Familiarize himself or herself with the candidates and issues.
2. Maintain with the office of the Supervisor of Elections a current address.
3. Know the location of his or her polling place and its hours of operation.
4. Bring proper identification to the polling station.
5. Familiarize himself or herself with the operation of the voting equipment in his or her precinct.
6. Treat precinct workers with courtesy.
7. Respect the privacy of other voters.
8. Report any problems or violations of election laws to the Supervisor of Elections.
9. Ask questions, if needed.
10. Make sure that his or her completed ballot is correct before leaving the polling station.

NOTE TO VOTER: Failure to perform any of these responsibilities does not prohibit a voter from voting.

STATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

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| <i>Charles T. Canady</i> | (6 Year Term) | 2022 |
| <i>Jorge Labarga</i> | | 2022 |
| <i>C. Alan Lawson</i> | | 2024 |
| <i>Carlos G. Muniz</i> | | 2024 |
| <i>John D. Couriel</i> | | 2024 |
| <i>Ricky Polston</i> | | 2022 |
| <i>Jamie R. Grosshans</i> | | 2024 |

Registration Information

How to Register: You may pick up an application from one of the following locations:

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| Supervisor of Elections office | WIC/Driver's License Office |
| Senior Services Center | CPS Public Library |
| Hunting/Fishing License Locations | |

or you may call the elections office and a form will be mailed to you. You may also visit our website at <http://www.voteokeechobee.gov/> where you will find an easy to complete online registration form.

Once you have completed your voter registration application, mail or deliver it to the Elections Office. A voter information card will be mailed to you.

Requirements to Register: You may register to vote if you are:

- a U.S. Citizen
- a resident of the State of Florida (your county of residence)
- 18 years of age (you may pre-register at 16)
- If you are a felon with rights restored
- You must **register at least 29 days prior to voting in any Election.**

Closed Primary: Florida is a closed primary state. In a primary election, registered voters may only vote for candidates in their party of registration. By not selecting a party when you register, your vote is limited in the primary election to nonpartisan races and issues. In the general election, you may vote for any candidate, regardless of party affiliation.

Party Affiliation: You may choose to register in a political party (major or minor) or register with no party affiliation. You may change your party affiliation, however the completed application must be submitted at least 29 days prior to a primary election.

EXCEPTION: UNIVERSAL PRIMARY CONTEST
If all candidates have the same party affiliation and the winner will have no opposition in the general election, then **ALL** qualified voters may vote on that "Universal Primary Contest" in the primary election.

Melissa Arnold

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