

BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2026

4:00 P.M.

COMMISSION CHAMBERS, FOURTH FLOOR, BAY COUNTY BUILDING

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. INVOCATION**
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- V. OATH OF OFFICE**
- VI. DESIGNATION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON TO CONDUCT ELECTION OF OFFICERS**
- VII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS – 2026**
 - A. CHAIRPERSON**
 - B. VICE CHAIRPERSON**
 - C. SERGEANT AT ARMS**
- VIII. CITIZENS INPUT**
- IX. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**
- X. NEW BUSINESS**
- XI. MISCELLANEOUS**
- XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- XIII. RECESS/ADJOURNMENT**

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ACTION TAKEN BY BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE	MOTION/RES.NO.	INTRODUCED/ SUBMITTED BY	SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION/MOTION	WITHDRAWN	
				REFERRED	TABLED
1/2/26	MOTION 2026-1	BEGICK	APPOINTED BAY COUNTY CLERK KATHLEEN B. ZANOTTI AS TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON FOR THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING		
1/2/26	MOTION 2026-2	DOCKETT	A UNANIMOUS BALLOT WAS CAST FOR COMM. BANASZAK TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR 2026	XX	
1/2/26	MOTION 2026-3	BANASZAK	A UNANIMOUS BALLOT WAS CAST FOR COMM. BEGICK TO SERVE AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR 2026	XX	
1/2/26	MOTION 2026-4	DOCKETT	A UNANIMOUS BALLOT WAS CAST FOR COMM. NIEMIEC TO SERVE AS SERGEANT AT ARMS OF THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR 2026	XX	
1/2/26	MOTION 2026-5	DOCKETT	ADJOURNED THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF JANUARY 2, 2026	XX	

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MEETING DATE: 01/02/2026

MOTION SPONSORED BY: COMM. BEGICK

MOTION SUPPORTED BY: COMM. DOCKETT

MOTION NO.: 1

APPOINTED BAY COUNTY CLERK, KATHLEEN B. ZANOTTI, AS
TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON FOR THE ORGANIZATIONAL
MEETING OF THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TO CONDUCT THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2026.

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A
Kathy Niemiec	X			Larry Beson	X			Jerome Crete			X
Tim Banaszak	X			Christopher T. Rupp	X						
Vaughn J. Begick	X			Jesse Dockett	X						

VOTE TOTALS:

ROLL CALL: YEAS NAYS EXCUSED

VOICE: XX YEAS 6 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1

DISPOSITION: ADOPTED XX DEFEATED WITHDRAWN
AMENDED CORRECTED REFERRED

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MOTION SPONSORED BY: COMM. DOCKETT

MOTION SUPPORTED BY: COMM. RUPP

MOTION NO.: 2

A UNANIMOUS BALLOT WAS CAST FOR COMM. BANASZAK
TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS FOR 2026.

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A
Kathy Niemiec	X			Larry Beson	X			Jerome Crete			X
Tim Banaszak	X			Christopher T. Rupp	X						
Vaughn J. Begick	X			Jesse Dockett	X						

VOTE TOTALS:

ROLL CALL: YEAS NAYS EXCUSED

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MOTION SPONSORED BY: COMM. BANASZAK

MOTION SUPPORTED BY: COMM. NIEMIEC

MOTION NO.: 3

A UNANIMOUS BALLOT WAS CAST FOR COMM. BEGICK TO
SERVE AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS FOR 2026.

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A
Kathy Niemiec	X			Larry Beson	X			Jerome Crete			X
Tim Banaszak	X			Christopher T. Rupp	X						
Vaughn J. Begick	X			Jesse Dockett	X						

VOTE TOTALS:

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MOTION SPONSORED BY: COMM. DOCKETT

MOTION SUPPORTED BY: COMM. RUPP

MOTION NO.: 4

A UNANIMOUS BALLOT WAS CAST FOR COMM. NIEMIEC TO
SERVE AS SERGEANT AT ARMS OF THE BAY COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS FOR 2026.

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A
Kathy Niemiec	X			Larry Beson	X			Jerome Crete			X
Tim Banaszak	X			Christopher T. Rupp	X						
Vaughn J. Begick	X			Jesse Dockett	X						

VOTE TOTALS:

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MOTION SUPPORTED BY: COMM. RUPP

MOTION NO.: 5

ADJOURNED THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF JANUARY
2, 2026. THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 4:05 P.M.

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A
Kathy Niemiec	X			Larry Beson	X			Jerome Crete			X
Tim Banaszak	X			Christopher T. Rupp	X						
Vaughn J. Begick	X			Jesse Dockett	X						

VOTE TOTALS:

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