

**WASHINGTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
ORDER DISPENSING WITH ELECTION CONTEST
AND DECLARATION OF NOMINEE IN SINGLE CANDIDATE RACE**

IN THE MATTER OF: Washington County Election Commission
Dispensation of Election Contest and Declaration of Nominee in Single Candidate Race
pursuant to Mississippi Code Ann. § 23-15-359(9)

On this 18th day of September, 2025, pursuant to Mississippi Code Ann. § 23-15-359(9), the Washington County Election Commission hereby dispenses with the holding of election for a certain uncontested race scheduled for November 4, 2025 and declares the nominee in a single candidate race.

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Secretary of State's Office has confirmed and cited that "Section 7 of Chapter 85 of the laws of 1930, required the vacancy to be filled in the same manner as provided for the filling of vacancies in county offices" and that "candidates are clearly required to qualify seventy-five days prior to a special election for filling a vacancy in a county or county district office under 23-15-839.

WHEREAS, no other candidate has qualified nor applied for qualification for the office.

WHEREAS, the Washington County Election Commission telephonically held another special called meeting on September 17, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. concerning the dispensing of the election. Present for the meeting were members of the Washington County Election Commission, Jacqueline Thompson (District 1), Sandra Reed (District 2), Rose Sturdevant (District 3), Sadie Seard-Sherdon (District 4), and Naomi Curtis (District 5).

WHEREAS, the Washington County Election Commission has certified that the following candidate is the only qualified candidate for the respective office, and no contest exists for said position:

1. **Levee Commissioner**
 - o Drew Newsom (sole qualified candidate)

WHEREAS, Mississippi Code Ann. § 23-15-359(9) provides that when there is no contest for an office, the election commissioners may dispense with the holding of an election for such office;

WHEREAS, no contest exists for the aforementioned offices and that dispensing with the election for these positions serves the public interest by reducing unnecessary administrative costs and burden;

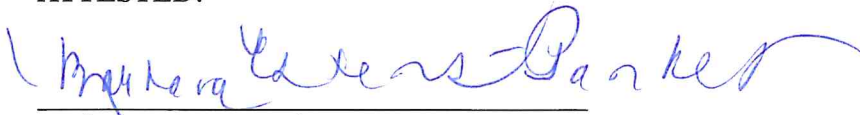
NOW, THEREFORE, the Washington County Election Commission hereby acts and declares, as follows:

1. The holding of elections on November 4, 2025, is hereby **DISPENSED WITH** for the following offices:
 - o Levee Commissioner
2. The following candidates are hereby **DECLARED ELECTED** without opposition to their respective offices by virtue of being the sole qualified candidates:
 - o **Drew Newsom** - Levee Commissioner
3. The Washington County Election Commission shall:
 - a. Issue certificates of election to the above-named candidates;
 - b. Notify the appropriate governing bodies of the results;
 - c. Take all other actions necessary to effectuate the declaration of each candidate elected without opposition for the November 4, 2025 election.
4. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall be filed with the Secretary of State as required by law.

FILED this 19th day of September, 2025.


Jacqueline Bush Thompson, Chair
Washington County Election Commission

ATTESTED:

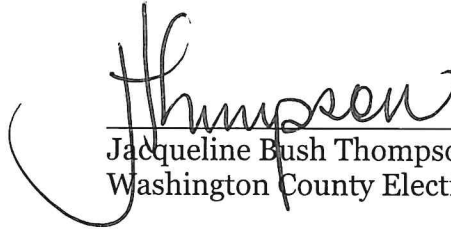

Barbara Esters-Parker
Circuit Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing ORDER DISPENSING WITH ELECTION CONTEST AND DECLARATION OF NOMINEE IN SINGLE CANDIDATE RACE for the November 4, 2025 Election has been served upon the following by depositing same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, or by hand delivery, this 17th day of September, 2025:

Washington County Circuit Court Clerk
P.O. Box 1276
Greenville, MS 38702

Secretary of State of Mississippi
125 S. Congress Street
Jackson, MS 39201



Jacqueline Bush Thompson, Chair
Washington County Election Commission