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### **Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce Announces Endorsement Slate for Daytona Beach, Volusia County elections**

Daytona Beach, FL - July 15, 2026 - The Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce has announced its endorsements for the Daytona Beach City Commission, Volusia County School Board and Volusia County Council for the upcoming election cycle in 2026. The list includes candidates across the 10 races up for election on the November ballot. The endorsements were issued through the Daytona Regional Chamber's *Advocacy Task Force* which is comprised of Chamber members and local business leaders.

All candidates who qualified for these seats were given the opportunity to be interviewed by the *Advocacy Task Force* over the course of 3 weeks. In total, the *Task Force* conducted 22 candidate interviews; 4 candidates declined to participate or did not respond to the invitation. The Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce thanks all candidates who participated in the endorsement process.

"As the voice of business for the Daytona Beach region, the Daytona Regional Chamber is committed to supporting candidates who understand the importance of a strong, competitive economy and vibrant quality of life for our residents and employers," said **Kristin Weiss**, President & CEO of the Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce. "These endorsements reflect a thoughtful, data-informed process led by our Advocacy Task Force Committee to identify leaders who will prioritize job creation, safe and thriving neighborhoods, and long-term investment in Daytona Beach and Volusia County."

The endorsements issued include:

#### **Daytona Beach City Commission**

**Monica Paris**, Zone 1

**Quanita May**, Zone 3

**Willie Williams**, Zone 5



### **Volusia County School Board**

**Jamie Haynes**, District 1

**Jessie Thompson**, District 3

**Ruben Colón**, District 5

### **Volusia County Council**

**Nancy Miller**, At-Large

**Don Dempsey**, District 1

**Danny Robins**, District 3

**David Santiago**, District 5

The Chamber has now issued 20 endorsements since 2024 and will roll out its second round of endorsements for 2026 in late August. The races included in these endorsements will be Florida House Districts 27, 28, 29, & 30, and Florida Senate District 8.

The Daytona Regional Chamber's endorsement decisions are based on questionnaire responses and an extensive interview process with the goal of supporting candidates who will foster a strong business environment in Daytona Beach and Volusia County as a whole.