

## Stuart City Commission

Elections take place in the Primary Election on August 18, 2026. (Aug 8 – 15 Early Voting)

A few facts about Stuart City Commission:

- City Commission elections are **non-partisan**.
- Commissioners serve a **four-year term**.
- Commissioner candidates must be residents of the City for more than 12 months immediately preceding the election and must maintain residency throughout their term.
- City Commissioners face **term limits**: They may serve no more than 12 consecutive years. (This was voted on in 2022.)
- City Commissioners select a Mayor and Vice Mayor through a vote by the Commission every year in December.
- Commissioners are elected at large – they represent the entire city. Each of the five Commissioners is designated with a Group number: 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5. Using Group numbers provides a staggered structure for electing new Commissioners. Voters in the City of Stuart can vote for any of the city commission candidates, regardless of where the voter lives within city limits.
- First day of qualifying: June 8, 2026  
Last day of qualifying: June 12
- Two commissioners – **Campbell Rich & Eula Clark** – are up for re-election in the 2026 midterms.
- Elected or appointed commissioners may not qualify as a candidate for another public office nor open a bank account to receive campaign contributions for another public office - whether it be state, district, county, or municipal - without resigning first from the city commissioner position. **Christopher Collins** resigned April 23 so he could run for County Commissioner, Group 2. He will run against Stacey Hetherington, if she decides to run for reelection.

- In 2024, Laura Giobbi defeated Becky Bruner: 1,713 votes vs 1,449 votes  
In 2024, Sean Reed defeated Troy McDonald: 1,931 votes vs 1,310 votes

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>When Term Expires</b>
<b>Campbell Rich</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Will Laughlin</b>	<b>September 2026</b>
Laura Giobbi	2		September 2028
<b>Vacant</b> ( <b>Chris Collins</b> resigned to run for County Commissioner, District 2)	<b>3</b>	<b>Merritt Matheson</b> (In 2022 he lost to Collins by 97 votes) <b>Johnny Cealmov</b> <b>John Sansone</b>	
Sean Reed (Mayor)	4		September 2028
<b>Eula Clark</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Kylie Micciche</b>	<b>September 2026</b>

**Besides Stuart, these are the other municipalities in Martin County:**

**Village of Indiantown**

<https://www.indiantownfl.gov/village-council>

**Jupiter Island**

<https://townofjupiterisland.com/27/Government>

**Seabreeze**

<https://townofoceanbreeze.com/>

**Sewall's Point**

<https://www.sewallspoint.org/open-government/politics>

**Note: Each municipality regulates its own election. They provide the list of qualified candidates to the SOE to include on the ballot.**