

Martin County Commissioners

- Commissioners are elected for a four-year term
- Terms are staggered so there are always experienced commissioners. Districts 1, 3, and 5 are elected in presidential years. Districts 2 and 4 are elected in non-presidential years.
- Commissioner races are **partisan**
- There are 5 geographic districts in the county numbered one to five
- Commissioners are elected at large. While the 5 commissioners must reside in and represent specific geographic districts, they are elected by a county-wide vote, meaning all voters in Martin County vote for each of the five commissioners.
- Elections for commissioners usually take place in the Primary election. However, if a political party has more than one candidate running for a commissioner's seat and there is a candidate from another party also running, then the Primary determines each party's candidate and the election for that seat will take place in the General Election.
- Former Stuart mayor **Chris Collins, Susan O'Rourke, and Althea Wiley Stoudemire** are vying for the District 2 seat. Stacey Hetherington is not running.
- **John Kazanjian** and **John Dial** (both Republicans) are running against the incumbent **Sarah Heard** (also Republican) for District 4.
- Qualifying period for commissioners began June 8, 2026 and ended June 12, 2026

Name	District	Opponent	Area Served	Term expires
Eileen Vargas	1		NE Martin County, including Hutchinson Island, Jensen Bch, North River Shores, Ocean Breeze, Rio, and Sewall's Point	November 2028
Stacey Hetherington Is not running for re-election	2	This is an open seat. Three candidates are running for this seat: Christopher Collins Susan O'Rourke Althea Wiley Stoudemire	Stuart and East Stuart	November 2026
Blake Capps	3		Hobe Sound, Indiantown, portion of Tequesta	November 2028
Sarah Heard	4	John Kazanjian John Dial	Eastern and Lower Martin County, including Port Salerno and Tropical Farms	November 2026
Ed Ciampi	5		Western Martin County, including Palm City and part of Indiantown	November 2028