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Candidate Name	Nominated Office	Ward (if applicable)
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Scrutineer Name

Take notice that, pursuant to the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (MEA), I, the undersigned certified candidate, hereby appoint the person named above to act as a scrutineer to represent me during the 2026 Clarington Municipal Elections. The scrutineer has agreed to conduct themselves in accordance with the rules of the MEA and the Municipality. By signing this form, I understand that, if the conduct of this individual in any way violates any provision of the MEA or the Municipality, they may be asked to vacate an Election Activity Area indefinitely and not allowed to enter another Election Activity Area for the duration of the election.

Candidate Signature

Date

Oral Oath of Secrecy

I, _____, do solemnly declare:

(state name of scrutineer)

- That I will adhere to the rules of the MEA and the Municipality;
- That I will maintain, and aid in maintaining, the secrecy of the voting; and
- That I will not, nor attempt to:
 - ✓ interfere with an elector when they are voting;
 - ✓ obtain, or communicate, any information as to how an elector is about to vote or has voted; or
 - ✓ directly, or indirectly, induce an elector to show how they voted.

Conduct of Scrutineers:

- (1) Only one scrutineer for each candidate may be present within any of the Election Activity Areas during voting. Election Activity Areas include Election Assistance Centres (EACs), Special Voting Locations, Advance Voting short duration EACs, Clarington Libraries, the Municipal Administration Centre, and Election Headquarters, and includes the entire property. Candidates are considered to be scrutineers unless they are entering for the purpose of voting. The candidate and their scrutineer are NOT permitted to be present at the same Election Activity Area at the same time.
- (2) The Election Officials are responsible for the conduct of the EAC and no candidate or scrutineer has the right to interfere with any Election Official in the discharge of their duties.
- (3) Anyone who is creating a disturbance at an Election Activity Area will be removed by the Supervisor of that location.
- (4) The role of Candidates and Scrutineers in the Election Activity Area is to scrutinize the integrity of the process. It is not a communicative role. Therefore, Candidates and Scrutineers are prohibited from speaking directly to voters in the Election Activity Area.
- (5) Scrutineers wishing to observe the voting process MUST be in the EAC prior to 8:00 p.m. on Voting Day. No one will be admitted to the EAC after 8:00 p.m.

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(6) **Scrutineers may:**

- Observe transportation of equipment, from the point that the equipment leaves the Election Headquarters building to the EAC or SVL and back, where applicable.
- Demonstration of technology or mock elections (if any), subject to location restrictions and any health restrictions.
- Enter the EAC 15 minutes before it opens, to visually inspect the equipment and all other papers, forms, and documents, but not so as to delay the timely opening of the EAC.
- Observe election assistance provided by Election Officials.
- Move to different Election Activity Areas.
- Object to a person being added to the Voters' List (Note: a record will be made of all objections, however Election Officials shall make the final decision regarding whether to add an elector to the Voters' List, make a revision to the Voters' List, or issue a voting PIN).
- Be present to verify and ensure that total votes cast are at "0" prior to the opening of the vote;
- Observe activities in the public areas of Election Headquarters, including the close of voting procedures and results display.
- Observe a Recount Event (if applicable).

(7) **Scrutineers shall:**

- Before being admitted to an EAC, produce and show their "Appointment" to the Election Official, and take the Oral Oath of Secrecy from the Election Official before being permitted to remain in the Election Activity Area.
- Sign the Candidate/ Scrutineer Log Sheet when entering and exiting the Election Activity Area, and wear the Election Scrutineer ID tag, as supplied by the Election Official, at all times while within the Election Activity Area building.
- Speak to their Candidates outside of the Election Activity Area.

(8) **Scrutineers shall not:**

- Organize, advertise, offer, or provide election assistance to voters in casting their ballot, whether in person, online, by telephone, or by any other means, using any device, technology, or communication method. This prohibition applies regardless of location, including but not limited to private property, public spaces, street corners, events, municipal facilities, or in proximity to an Election Activity Area.
- Wear campaign material (buttons, hats, T-shirts, etc.), hand out campaign material, or park a vehicle displaying campaign material in the parking lot of an Election Activity Area.
- Attempt to directly, or indirectly, influence how an elector votes.
- Enter a voting compartment while occupied by an elector or to be in a position to see how the elector votes in an Election Activity Area.
- Observe how an elector votes or interfere with the voting process.
- Be present when an Election Official assists in marking a ballot of a voter who requests assistance.
- Act as an interpreter or provide assistance to any elector in an Election Activity Area.
- Obtain, or attempt to obtain, in any place where someone is voting, information about how a voter intends to vote or has voted or communicate any such information or do anything that might compromise the secrecy of the vote.
- Speak to voters anywhere on the Election Activity Area property.

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- Touch voting technology (such as laptops or tablets) except during demonstrations prior to the Voting Period.
- Sit at the tables provided for Election Officials. Scrutineers may wish to bring a clipboard for their use.
- Use cell phones and other electronic communication / recording devices within any Election Activity Area and they shall be placed on silent mode.