

**REPUBLICAN PARTY OF FLORIDA
GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE**

TO: William Pitts
John Stevens

FROM: Tony Dimatteo, Chairman
RPOF Grievance Committee

DATE: July 7, 2009

RE: Grievance dated January 21, 2009, brought by William Blyth

**NOTICE OF WRITTEN GRIEVANCE, GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE
HEARING AND GRIEVANCE HEARING PROCEDURES**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the above-referenced written grievance was referred to the RPOF Grievance Committee on July 1, 2009 by the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida. A copy of the written grievance is attached to this Notice as Attachment "A." This matter is scheduled for hearing before the Grievance Committee on **July 25, 2009** at **1:00 PM EST.**, at **Gaylord Palms Hotel and Convention Center, 6000 W Osceola Parkway, Kissimmee, FL 34746.**

Hearing Procedures

1. **GOVERNING RULES** - The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the Constitution of the Republican State Executive Committee of Florida, the Party Rules of Procedure for the Republican State Executive Committee and the Rules of Procedure set forth in this Notice.

2. **EXCHANGE OF WITNESS LISTS AND EXHIBITS** - Any party intending

to call witnesses or introduce documents at the hearing must provide to Grievance Committee Chairman Tony Dimatteo, c/o Brad Herold, 420 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida, 32301, and to each party to the grievance, a list identifying each witness (including their name, address, telephone number and a brief description of their expected testimony), and a copy of each document or item intended to be introduced at the hearing. Witness lists and copies of exhibits must be provided by hand delivery, facsimile or e-mail, in order that they are received by the parties at least five days prior to the scheduled hearing.

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - If the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida determines that a member of the Grievance Committee has a conflict of interest related to the subject grievance, the RPOF Chairman will replace the Grievance Committee member with an alternate committee person.

4. SEQUESTRATION OF WITNESSES - At the commencement of the hearing, any party may move to invoke the rule of sequestration of witnesses who intend to give testimony at the hearing.

5. STATEMENT BY PETITIONER - The Grievance Committee Chairman will call the meeting to order and recognize the party who has brought the grievance, or their duly authorized representative, for no more than 30 minutes, to make an opening statement and offer testimony.

6. WITNESSES FOR PETITIONER - Following Petitioner's statement, Petitioner will have the opportunity to call no more than two witnesses, unless otherwise authorized by the Chair, to present testimony to the Committee for no more than 15 minutes for each witness.

7. STATEMENT BY RESPONDENT - The Chair will recognize the party who is the subject of the grievance, or their duly authorized representative, for their statement and testimony to the Committee, which shall be limited to 30 minutes.

8. WITNESSES FOR RESPONDENT - The party who is the subject of the grievance, or the duly authorized representative, will have the opportunity to call two witnesses to testify before the Committee for no more than 15 minutes for each witness.

9. EXTENSIONS OF TIME - Upon motion by either party or a Committee member, the Chair may call for a vote of the Committee to extend any time limit provided in these rules.

10. EXAMINATION BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS - After the parties have been given an opportunity to make a statement to the Committee and call witnesses, Committee members will be permitted to question any party or witness.

11. STATEMENT BY COUNTY REC CHAIRMAN, STATE COMMITTEEMAN OR WOMAN - Any county republican executive committee chairman, state committeeman or state committeewoman from any county within which the grievance arose, will be permitted to make a statement or offer testimony to the Committee for no more than 10 minutes, so long as the county chairperson, state committeeman or state committeewoman is not a party to the grievance.

12. CLOSING STATEMENTS - The Chairman will recognize each party to the grievance or their duly authorized representative to make a closing statement lasting no more than five minutes.

13. DELIBERATIONS OF THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE - At the

conclusion of closing statements, the Committee will convene in executive session to deliberate. Only Grievance Committee members and the general counsel to the Republican Party of Florida may be present in deliberations.

14. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GRIEVANCE

COMMITTEE - Within 30 days of the hearing, the Grievance Committee Chairman shall transmit the Committee's final written findings and recommendations to the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida. A copy of the Grievance Committee's recommendations shall be provided to the parties to the grievance.

15. COMMITTEE MEMBER NOTES - Notes and documents of individual Grievance Committee members shall remain the property of the individual members and shall not be deemed records of the Grievance Committee or the Republican Party of Florida.

Please govern yourselves accordingly.



Tony Dimatteo, Chairman
RPOF Grievance Committee

cc: Members of the RPOF Grievance Committee
Chairman James A. Greer
Brad Herold
Delmar W. Johnson, III