

**NASSAU COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
CONSTITUTION**

ARTICLE I – NAME

SECTION 1.1

The name of this organization shall be the Nassau County Republican Executive Committee (hereinafter called the “REC”). It shall be constituted as the Republican Executive Committee of the Republican Party within Nassau County, Florida, in accordance with the applicable statutes in Florida and the Party Rules of the Florida Republican State Executive Committee.

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES

SECTION 2.1

General purposes of this organization as a “political party” are to achieve the following objectives and aims:

- (a) Election to office of qualified Republican persons;
- (b) Determination of public issues under the accepted democratic processes of the nation;
- (c) Foster loyalty to the Republican Party;
- (d) Promote an informed electorate through political education;
- (e) Increase Republican registration;
- (f) Seek qualified Republican candidates for local, county, state and federal offices;
- (g) Promote the election of all Republican candidates in the General Election
- (h) In general to uphold the principles of freedom, equality and justice on which the Republican Party and the government of this nation is founded, as set forth in the constitution of the United States and the State of Florida.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 3.1

The Nassau County Executive Committee shall consist of one man and one woman, each being a registered Republican residing within each precinct. However, any precinct with more than 1000 registered voters shall have additional members in accordance with the provision of the Rules of Procedure of the Republican party of Florida.

Pursuant to the State party Constitution, the state committeeman and state committeewoman shall be voting members at large of the Nassau County Executive Committee for all purposes including the election of officers at the organizational meeting. In addition, pursuant to F.S. 103.091(6)(a)1, the Nassau County Executive Committee shall include all members of the Legislature who are residents of Nassau county and members of the Republican Party and who shall be known as at-large committeemen and committeewomen.

Each member of the committee shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

SECTION 3.2 - VACANCIES

- 3.2.1 In the event no precinct committeeman or committeewoman is elected or a vacancy occurs for any other cause in the Nassau County Executive Committee, the vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of those present at a regular or special meeting of the REC at which due notice of the meeting has been given to all members and at which a quorum is present.
- 3.2.2 Such vacancy shall be filled by a qualified member of the Republican Party residing in the precinct where the vacancy occurred. Any person desiring to fill a precinct vacancy shall attend two (2) out of three (3) consecutive meetings of the Nassau County Republican Executive Committee. At the second regularly scheduled REC meeting, the individual may be elected pursuant to the wishes of the Executive Committee.
- 3.2.3 Such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term. The newly-elected precinct committeeman or woman shall not be deemed a member until the candidate oath (pursuant to F.S. 99.021) has been signed and filed with the Nassau County Supervisor of Elections and the loyalty oath has been filed with the chairman of the Nassau County Republican Executive Committee (pursuant to Rule 9).
- 3.2.4 At the meeting following the election and completion of required filings, the newly elected committeeman or woman shall be sworn in and shall take office immediately. The swearing in shall be the first order of business.

SECTION 3.3 - ALTERNATES

There may be as many alternate precinct committee members as there are duly elected members in each precinct. Alternate members shall have no vote, except in the absence of the member they duly represent. Each alternate member shall possess the qualifications required of the members represented and shall be elected by the Nassau County REC. Alternate precinct committee members shall meet the same attendance requirements prescribed for precinct committee members.

ARTICLE IV – ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 4.1

The outgoing chair of the Nassau County REC shall, within thirty (30) days after the committee members take office, call an organizational meeting for the purpose of electing officers. All officers elected shall be members of the Nassau County REC and shall be elected for a two-year term.

It shall be the responsibility of the outgoing Chair to open the meeting, and the first order of business shall be the election of the Chair. Thereafter, the new chair shall preside, and the agenda shall include the election of a vice chair, recording secretary, corresponding secretary and treasurer, and any other business which may appropriately come before the committee.

The election of officers shall be by ballot. In the event there is but one nomination for any officer or office, the ballot may be dispensed with by unanimous vote of the membership eligible to vote and present. All nominations shall be from the floor. No ballot shall be preprinted with the name of any candidate.

The above officers shall be members of the county Executive Committee, and all county party officers shall be elected for a two-year term. At the conclusion of each two-year term, officers shall be elected in the same manner as is required at the organizational meeting. Officer elections held at the organizational meetings are final and are not subject to recall.

A person may hold only one position as a county chair or a state committeeman or state committeewoman.

ARTICLE V – REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

SECTION 5.1

Any member or officer of the Nassau County REC may be removed from office upon a two-thirds vote of the membership of the committee present at any regular or special meeting after ten (10) days notice to membership of the committee that a motion for the purpose of removal of a member or officer will be considered at said meeting, provided that two-thirds vote constitutes at least a majority of the full committee. The removal may be for any cause, including, but not limited to, an alleged violation of oath of office. However, any person wrongfully removed for violation of oath of office may qualify for reinstatement and reimbursement, including attorney fees as provided under Florida Statute 103.141. Removal shall be valid through the end of the respective member's term of office.

SECTION 5.2

The member and/or officer cited with removal charges shall be served by certified mail at least ten (10) days prior to said regular or special meeting at which time the removal motion is to be heard with a complaint which shall set forth in particular the reasons for the removal charge.

SECTION 5.3

Every political party office of the REC shall be deemed vacant in the following cases:

- 5.3.1 by the death of the incumbent;
- 5.3.2 by his or her resignation;
- 5.3.3 by his or her removal as set forth above;
- 5.3.4 by his or her ceasing to be an inhabitant of the county or precinct for which he shall have been elected or appointed;
- 5.3.5 by his or her refusal to accept the office;
- 5.3.6 the conviction of the incumbent of any felony;
- 5.3.7 the decision of the Executive Board and Executive Committee declaring void his or her election or appointment;
- 5.3.8 by his or her failure to attend, without good and sufficient reason, three (3) consecutive meetings, regular or called, of the Nassau County REC of which he or she is a member;

SECTION 5.4 REMOVAL FOR NON-ATTENDANCE AT COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 5.4.1 A county executive committee member who is absent for three (3) consecutive meetings without a valid excused absence shall be removed from the County Executive Committee as of the date of the third consecutive missed meeting.

- 5.4.2 Prior to missing such third consecutive meeting, any member may request, in writing, that an absence be excused indicating the reason for such absence. Excused absences may be granted by the membership of the county Executive Committee by a majority vote of the County Executive Committee at which a quorum is present. Once granted the excused absence, that committee member shall be treated as present only for the purpose of meeting the committee member's individual attendance requirements. Authorization to grant such excused absences may not be delegated by the County Executive Committee, except upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the County Executive Committee present and voting at a regularly called meeting thereof; provided always that such delegation of authority may be rescinded at any time upon the majority vote of the County Executive Committee or by the action of the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida.

ARTICLE IV – POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 6.1

- 6.1.1 The Chair and Treasurer shall be accountable for the REC funds and jointly liable for their proper expenditure for authorized purposes only. All financial transactions shall require two authorized signatures. They shall furnish adequate bond, but not less than \$5,000 dollars, conditioned in effect upon the faithful performance of such party officer of this duty and for this faithful accounting for party funds. Bonds for the Chair and Treasurer shall be filed with the Nassau County Supervisor of Elections. The cost of these bonds shall be borne by the Nassau County REC.
- 6.1.2 The REC shall annually appoint an audit committee from among its members for the purpose of auditing the financial affairs of the REC and cause the same to be made public. Such audit shall be performed at the end of each calendar year and a copy of such audit filed with the Nassau County Supervisor of Elections and the State Executive Committee prior to April 1st of the ensuing year.
- 6.1.3 The Nassau County REC is prohibited from borrowing or lending money for any purpose.
- 6.1.4 The Nassau County REC has the authority to:
- 6.1.4.1 Adopt a constitution by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the full REC;
 - 6.1.4.2 Adopt such Rules of Procedure as deemed necessary by a majority vote of the full committee. Such rules may not be in conflict with Florida Statutes, The RPOF Constitution, the RPOF rules of Procedure, or the Model County Constitution;
 - 6.1.4.3 Conduct regularly scheduled meetings;
 - 6.1.4.4 Make party nominations when required by law;
 - 6.1.4.5 Conduct campaigns for the party nominees;
 - 6.1.4.6 Raise and expend party funds for the maintenance and administration of the party organization and to do anything that is considered by custom and practice as proper for party committees,, except as expressly prohibited, provided, however, that no funds may be spent by a committee except for bona fide services or materials rendered to and received by the committee for the advancement of the party organization;
 - 6.1.4.7 Approve all candidate campaign contributions prior to distribution of funds that are recommended by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS

Any amendments to this Constitution shall be adopted by no less than two-thirds (2/3) vote of the full committee after receiving due notice of said meeting a minimum of ten (10) days in advance.

ARTICLE VIII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

SECTION 8.1

The latest revision of “Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised” shall be constituted as the authority governing the rules of procedure, except as otherwise limited by the laws of the State of Florida, the rules of Procedure of the Republican Party of Florida, and the constitution of the Republican party of Florida and the Constitution duly adopted by this organization.

This constitution of the Nassau County Republican Executive committee was duly adopted by the membership of the said committee this ____ day of _____ A.D. 2007, at which a quorum of the membership was present. This Constitution supersedes all previous Constitutions.

Chairman, Nassau County Republican Executive Committee

Date

Recording Secretary

Date