



Brevard Republican Executive Committee Elects New Chairman

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BREVARD COUNTY, FL- The Brevard Republican Executive Committee (BREC) has elected John Dittmore as its new County Chairman during a duly-called election meeting held on November 24, 2025. The meeting was convened to fill the vacancy created by the removal of former Chairman Rick Lacey, in accordance with the Republican Party of Florida (RPOF) Rules of Procedure, the RPOF County Model Constitution, and the BREC Bylaws.

Chairman Dittmore was warmly welcomed by the RPOF Executive Director. The Chairman brings to the role decades of public service and leadership experience, including:

- U.S. Navy veteran
- Retired police officer for the City of Canton, Ohio
- Former West Melbourne City Council Member (2018–2024)
- Business owner and insurance agent
- President of the Hammock Lakes Homeowners Association
- Life member of VFW Post 4206 and active member of the Fraternal Order of Police
- Chair of BREC's Audit Committee

"I am honored to have been elected," said Chairman Dittmore. "Brevard County deserves a strong Republican Party that is transparent and accountable. I look forward to working with our members, volunteers, and elected officials to advance conservative principles and deliver results for our community."

The Chairman committed to serve in the position for only one year until the next leadership election in December 2026. He will not seek re-election. He stated his goal for the next year is to "right the ship." Given the former chair was removed for financial improprieties, rules violations, and causing party division, Chairman Dittmore has emphasized keeping clean books, abiding by the rules, and avoiding conflict with elected Republicans in the county.

During the meeting, State Committeeman Randy Fine formally resigned his position. Josiah Gattle was elected to fill the State Committeeman vacancy.

State Committeeman Josiah Gattle brings the following experience to his new role:

- Former Chair of the Republican Liberty Caucus of Brevard
- Former President of the Space Coast Young Republicans
- Regional Director of the Young Republicans National Federation
- Business owner
- Space Coast Economic Development Commission
- Brevard County Redistricting Committee
- Rockledge Board of Adjustment and Business Development Committee

“This role allows me to amplify the voices of conservative voters.” noted Gattle. “I will work hard to represent the grassroots activists of our party who believe in Making America Great Again through fiscal responsibility and limited government.”

The RPOF acknowledged the election and welcomed the two new members of the State Executive Committee. Members of the BREC executive board who were close to the disgraced former chair, Rick Lacey, attempted to subvert the legitimate reinstatement of members and violated multiple rules trying to hold an improper meeting in place of the election. Despite the establishment’s failed attempt to continue their corruption and hold on to power, the election proceeded legally and without incident.

“BREC has been out of step with the rank and file members of our party for years.” shared State Committeewoman Marie Rogerson. “With this change in leadership, I hope to see a local organization that better represents the grassroots members of our party who support President Trump’s endorsed candidates, his America First policies, and the RPOF rules of procedure.”



(Left: John Dittmore, Right: Josiah Gattle)

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