Emerald Coast Republican Liberty Caucus
President Sherry Chapman
Vice President Rene Johnmeyer
Treasurer David Farrow
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Sherry Chapman Called the Meeting to Order

✨ Summary

The meeting addressed the approval of previous minutes, updates from the Republican Liberty Caucus (RLC), and a presentation by Trey McMullen regarding his candidacy and background. Key decisions included the approval of the RLC's new chairman, the need for upcoming elections after December 1st, and a focus on security, mental health, and community engagement. The group discussed the impact of political decisions on families, the importance of mental health support, school safety, privacy concerns, and the necessity of thorough background checks for school personnel. Diane Warner's report focused on concerns regarding election integrity in Florida, particularly the management of vote-by-mail processes and the need for legislative reforms. Key decisions included plans to advocate for reducing vote-by-mail ballots by 70% and efforts to engage with legislators and influential figures to support election reform bills.

📋 Outline

- **Approval of Previous Minutes • 00:00:01**
  - The minutes from the last meeting were approved with a motion by Susan Graf and a second by Donna Long.
  - Members were reminded that dues of $65 are due in October and should be submitted to David Farrow.
- **RLC Updates • 00:02:10**
  - Regional Director Sharon Regan presented the state update. The RLC of Florida (RLCFL) convention took place in Cape Canaveral on August 30th, where new officers were elected, including a new chairman named David Wallis. Regan was re-elected Regional Director for the panhandle region.

- The previous chairman, Bob White, resigned after a decade of service so it was an important change of command. The Regional Directors constitute the Board of directors of RLCFL, and another duty of the role is to create new RLC chapters.

- **Press Release Controversy • 00:05:01**

- The new Chairman of RLCFL issued a press release prematurely when neither the meeting nor the press release was pre-approved by the RLCFL Board; the press release stated that an agreement between the RLC and the GOP was reached at a meeting, which was untrue.
- The press release was retracted after an emergency board meeting, clarifying that there was no agreement and emphasizing the RLCFL's independence from the GOP.

- **Upcoming Elections and Leadership Changes • 00:13:12**

- David Wallis, the new chairman, resigned after easily surviving a "no confidence" vote, and Karyn Morton the vice chairman is now the acting chairman of RLCFL.
- Elections for new leadership will be held at the next Board meeting called by the acting chairman. My guess is the election will be held on or after December 1st to allow new board members to meet eligibility requirements.
- **National Convention: Nov 2025. Regan anticipates being nominated for a national seat, either as an officer or for the southeast region. The duties on that Board involve quarterly electronic Board meetings. Q&A- all questions were asked and answered.**

5. Trey McMullen's Candidacy • 00:19:24

- Trei McMullen introduced himself, sharing his military background and experiences that led him to pursue a political career.
- He emphasized the importance of standing up for freedom of speech and the need for active participation in politics to protect individual rights.

6. Security Concerns and Political Influence • 00:25:57

- Trei McMullen expressed concerns about the influence on children and the need for free speech in various environments, including schools and public events.
- The speaker criticized the current political climate, highlighting the negative impact of government shutdowns on American families and job security.

7. Importance of Community Engagement • 00:27:41

- Trei McMullen emphasized the need to listen to constituents and represent their voices in politics, despite challenges in the political system.
- The speaker shared personal experiences and motivations for engaging in politics, particularly regarding the safety and future of children.

8. School Safety and Mental Health • 00:28:55

- The speaker highlighted recent security incidents at schools, including an active shooter and bomb threat, stressing the urgency of addressing school safety.
- There was a call for improved mental health programs for parents and children to prevent tragedies and support families.

9. Technology and Privacy Concerns • 00:31:48

- Trei McMullen raised concerns about the increasing surveillance and loss of privacy due to technology, particularly in law enforcement.
- The speaker advocated for smaller government and more control for the people to prevent current issues, such as government shutdowns.

10. Legislative Actions and Community Support • 00:39:03

- Trei McMullen discussed the need for legislative action to address mental health issues and the importance of reopening state hospitals for mental health support.
- The speaker acknowledged the need for proactive measures to support individuals with mental health challenges rather than focusing solely on weapons.

11. Background Checks for School Personnel • 00:54:42

- Trei McMullen emphasized the necessity of thorough background checks for all school personnel to ensure the safety of children.
- There was a discussion about the issue of 'passing the trash,' where individuals with problematic histories can move between positions without accountability.

12. Future Aspirations in Politics • 00:57:16

- Trei McMullen shared aspirations for future political roles, expressing a desire to continue serving the community and potentially aiming for higher office.
- The speaker indicated a commitment to community engagement and addressing local issues as a priority.

13. Election Integrity Concerns • 00:00:00

- There are significant concerns about the oversight of temporary workers involved in elections, particularly in counties with high temporary worker costs.
- Florida ranks fifth in election security, contrary to claims of being the "golden state" for elections.

14. Vote-by-Mail Issues • 00:02:27

- Florida lacks a qualified vote-by-mail system, unlike 14 other states, leading to a bloated vote-by-mail process.
- Experts recommend reducing vote-by-mail ballots by 70% to improve election integrity and save over $20 million.

15. Legislative Challenges • 00:04:49

- There is skepticism about passing five proposed election reform bills due to lack of support from Governor DeSantis and other legislators.
- A mini version of the main bill has been created to increase chances of passage, but support is still uncertain.

16. Advocacy Efforts • 00:10:11

- The team plans to visit Tallahassee to advocate for election reform and educate legislators on the importance of these changes.
- Efforts are underway to communicate with President Trump and other influential figures to garner support for election reform initiatives.

17. Community Engagement • 00:13:46

- A suggestion was made to organize a town hall meeting to inform the public about election issues and mobilize support for reform.
- The urgency of addressing these issues before the upcoming election year was emphasized to avoid being "dead in the water.".

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Motion to approve minutes Susan Graf and Donna Long

Motion to Adjourn Renee Johnmeyer and Diane Warner

Next Meeting 6 November 2025

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