

Republican Party of Texas
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Austin, Texas 78701
Attn: Tina Benkiser

April 25, 2008

Ref: Challenges

Madam Chair:

Please deliver the following challenges to the Republican State Officials Committee as constituted in the bylaws of the SREC and to the Temporary Credentials Committee of the State Convention.

The signers of this challenge, all of whom voted in the Republican General Primary and reside in the same county and/or senatorial district as the delegate or alternate being challenged, individually and collectively challenge the delegate status of the following persons:

1. Yvonne Dewey, Brazoria County Republican Party Chairman
2. Kathleen Liles, SD17 Convention Chairman

Failure to provide copies of precinct convention minutes as required as it relates to the challenge against Ms. Dewey:

Pursuant to Rule 22b, "A copy shall be public record." As the permanent chairman of the Brazoria County Precinct 45 Republican Convention elected as a delegate to the Senatorial District 17 Republican Convention, I requested copies of the minutes of all of the Brazoria County Republican Precinct Conventions. In an email sent to Mrs. Yvonne Dewey, Brazoria County Republican Chairman, dated March 20, 2008 11:00:56 AM (copy attached) a request was made for these precinct convention minutes.

On March 27, 2008 following the conclusion of the temporary nominations committee meeting, I again made a direct request to Mrs. Dewey asking, "How can I get a copy of all the (Brazoria County) precinct convention minutes (from the March, 2008 primary). Mrs. Dewey responded, "You will not receive them because they are not a matter of public record. See the Rules for all Conventions and Meetings. "

I replied, "Copies are a matter of public record."

Mrs. Dewey then responded, "The rules state they are not for public record and I do not have the time to copy them. Why do you (Jason Fricke, Heather Unruh, Bruce Bolock) need these?" I replied, "Please see Rule 22 b. The last sentence states: The copy shall be public record."

I again asked when I could receive a copy of the minutes. Again the response was that I would not receive them. Mrs. Dewey reiterated her position stating that she has been too busy taking care of the Republican convention business, preparing for the Senatorial

District Convention. Again she stated, "She was not obligated to provide these copies" in spite of my pointing out Rule 22 b. She suggested I ask Kathleen Liles, Senate District Temporary Chairman.

I then appealed to Mrs. Dewey that I would be willing to take the precinct convention minutes and make the copies at my expense if she could not find the time to do it. Her reply was, "I am not permitted to allow the originals out of my hands. No, you may not take them and copy them."

I stated, "Aren't the precinct convention minutes required to be submitted in duplicate? Why can't I have the copy to take to make the copies? I need them as a member of the Credentials Committee."

Again I was rebuffed by Mrs. Dewey that she did not have a copy available for my use. She then informed me that I was no longer on the Credentials Committee. I took exception to being removed from the Credentials Committee.

A final attempt was made to obtain the precinct convention minutes as we were walking down the hallway to exit the building following the March 27 committee meetings. Mrs. Dewey was walking with Mrs. Amerine, Ms Tasto, and Mrs. Liles (also included in this challenge). I approached and asked Mrs. Dewey, "I want to be sure I correctly understand you. Please provide me with a copy of the precinct convention minutes for all the precincts in the 17th Senatorial District."

Mrs. Dewey's response was once again, "No, I do not have to provide these to you. They are not a matter of public record. Would you like for me to write the Attorney General for a ruling on this?"

My response was, "No, that will do me no good. This is just another attempt to delay and frustrate our efforts."

After the SD 17 Convention, on Sunday, March 30, 2008, I visited the residence of Mrs. Dewey and again asked for a copy of the Brazoria County Republican Precinct Convention Minutes. I was told she would make a copy the next morning and I could have them that afternoon. I returned on Monday, March 31, 2008, and was given a copy of the precinct minutes, but only those for Senatorial District 17. Those from Senatorial District 11 were not yet available and Mrs. Dewey indicated she was requesting the chairman of the SD 11 Convention fax a copy to her. She indicated that she expected to receive them within the next several days. I again returned to Mrs. Dewey's residence on Thursday, April 4, 2008, and was met by Mrs. Dewey at the door questioning why I was there.

I responded, "I am here for the SD17 Precinct Convention Minutes."

Mrs. Dewey replied, "I have not received them yet. I will phone you when I have them."

As of April 25, 2008, I have not received any notification from Mrs. Dewey that a copy of the SD 11 Precinct Convention minutes are available for me.

Failure to provide copies of precinct convention minutes as required as it relates to the challenge against Ms. Liles:

I approached Mrs. Kathleen Liles on the evening of March 27, 2008, at the conclusion of the resolutions committee meeting to ask, "Do you have a copy of the precinct convention minutes? I would like to have a copy."

Mrs. Liles responded, "I do not have a copy of the precinct convention minutes. I can not give you a copy of something that I do not have." Please note in the email dated March 20, 2008 7:57 PM (copy attached) wherein Mrs. Dewey stated, "she no longer has them, that the SD Chairs needed them." Either Mrs. Liles or Mrs. Dewey have been less than truthful.

Mrs. Liles was the designated Temporary Senatorial District Convention Chairman. Why on the Thursday night preceding the scheduled Saturday Senatorial District Convention, would the convention chairman not have the precinct convention minutes? Is she not responsible for assigning delegates to the temporary committees, including the Credentials committee?

Failure to facilitate open meetings as required:

Rule 14 stipulates, "All meetings of any committee or sub-committee of any convention, whether it be in temporary or permanent organization, shall be open to any delegate or alternate to that convention, any State or County Republican Party Officer, any elected Republican Public Officeholder or any Republican Candidate. These same people shall have the right to appear before any convention committee or subcommittee and make recommendations for the committee's consideration or testify concerning any item under purview of the committee. The committee may adopt reasonable rules including time limits for such presentations and may establish a reasonable limit of time for these presentations. This privilege shall include delegates and alternates under challenge at any convention.

I also submitted my request to be appointed to one or more of the temporary committees for the 17th Senatorial District Convention of Brazoria County.

Mrs. Dewey responded to that request with her email dated March 20, 2008 7:57 PM (copy attached).

Please note her comment #1, wherein she rebuffs my request for the minutes stating first, she no longer has them, that the SD Chairs needed them, and she checked the rules and determined they 'are not public record at this time

After several other email exchanges, I agreed to serve on both the Credentials and the Nominations Committees and requested additional information on all committees and

time/location for their meetings. Another email was received from Mrs. Dewey, dated March 26, 2008 8:44 AM (copy attached) suggesting she was limiting the size of committees and committee assignments were changing.

I was never provided time and location information regarding any temporary committee meetings other than that for the Nominations Committee, as had been requested. In not providing this information, I was denied my right to attend those meetings and to share the information with other delegates. Those other delegates from my district, who had also expressed interest in attending these meetings, were denied their right to participate.

I, Bruce Bolock, contend the following rule violations and questionable behavior on the part of Mrs. Dewey, Brazoria County Republican Chairman, and Mrs. Liles, SD 17 Convention chairman:

Brazoria County Precinct Convention Minutes from the March, 2008, Republican Precinct Conventions were denied to Bruce Bolock, Jason Fricke, and Heather Unruh following requests by these persons. This action denied these party members access to critical information that is a matter of public record.

Pursuant to the rules of the Texas Republican Party, I respectfully request that these challenges be found valid and that, accordingly, neither Ms. Dewey nor Ms. Liles be seated as delegates at the state convention nor be eligible to serve as delegates to the national convention..

The above challenges have been sent via certified or registered mail return receipt requested not later than thirty (30) days following the date of the SD convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce K. Bolock

Jason Fricke

Heather Unruh

CC: Yvonne Dewey
Kathleen Liles