

STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS,

Petitioner,

v.

Reform Party of Florida (21195),

Respondent.

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Final Order No. DOS 23- 09 DE

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**FINAL ORDER**

The Petitioner, Division of Elections, Florida Department of State (the "Division") having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Section 103.095(5), Florida Statutes, and Rule 1S-2.050, Florida Administrative Code, hereby enters its Final Order canceling Reform Party of Florida's ("Respondent") filings as a minor political party in the State of Florida.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Respondent is a registered political party. Respondent's registration number is 21195.
2. On April 6, 2023, the Division mailed a Notice of Intent to Cancel (attached and incorporated by reference) to the most recent address on file for Respondent's Chairperson. The notice stated that Respondent had failed to comply with the 2022 annual public audit requirements of Section 103.121(2), Florida Statutes, as required by Rule 1S-2.050(2)(c), Florida Administrative Code.

3. The Notice of Intent to Cancel informed Respondent of the opportunity to provide documentation to the Division showing that Respondent's filings should not be canceled.

4. By letter dated May 5, 2023 (attached and incorporated by reference), Respondent requested "guidance on how to proceed in rectifying this issue."

5. Beginning May 22, 2023, division staff contacted Respondent's chairperson by telephone and email on multiple occasions attempting to provide Respondent with guidance on filing the outstanding annual public audit. By email dated June 15, 2023 (attached and incorporated by reference), Respondent's chairperson stated, "I have not been able to find a CPA that will complete this work for a reasonable cost, and the party has not received or raised any funds. Please proceed with your processes as needed and we will continue to work towards finding a reasonable auditor for less than \$1,000."

6. On June 16, 2023, the Division mailed Respondent a Final Notice of Intent to Cancel (attached and incorporated by reference) to the most recent address on file for the Respondent's Chairperson. The final notice informed Respondent of the right to a hearing and advised Respondent that if a request for hearing was not filed within 30 days of the date of the Final Notice of Intent to Cancel, the right to a hearing would be waived, and final action taken by the Division.

7. Respondent did not timely request a hearing.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**


8. As provided in Section 103.095(5), Florida Statutes, the Division is the agency having jurisdiction to administer and enforce the provisions of this section.

9. Rule 1S-2.050, Florida Administrative Code, establishes procedures for the Division to cancel the filings of a party. Subsection (2)(c) provides that the Division may cancel the filings of a party, to include its registration and approved status as a party, when “[t]he party fails to comply with the annual public audit requirements of Section 103.121(2), F.S.”

### CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing and a complete review of the record, it is ORDERED that the filings of Reform Party of Florida as an approved minor political party in the State of Florida, is hereby CANCELED pursuant to Section 103.095(5), Florida Statutes, and Rule 1S-2.050, Florida Administrative Code.

DONE AND ORDERED at Tallahassee, Florida, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 2023.

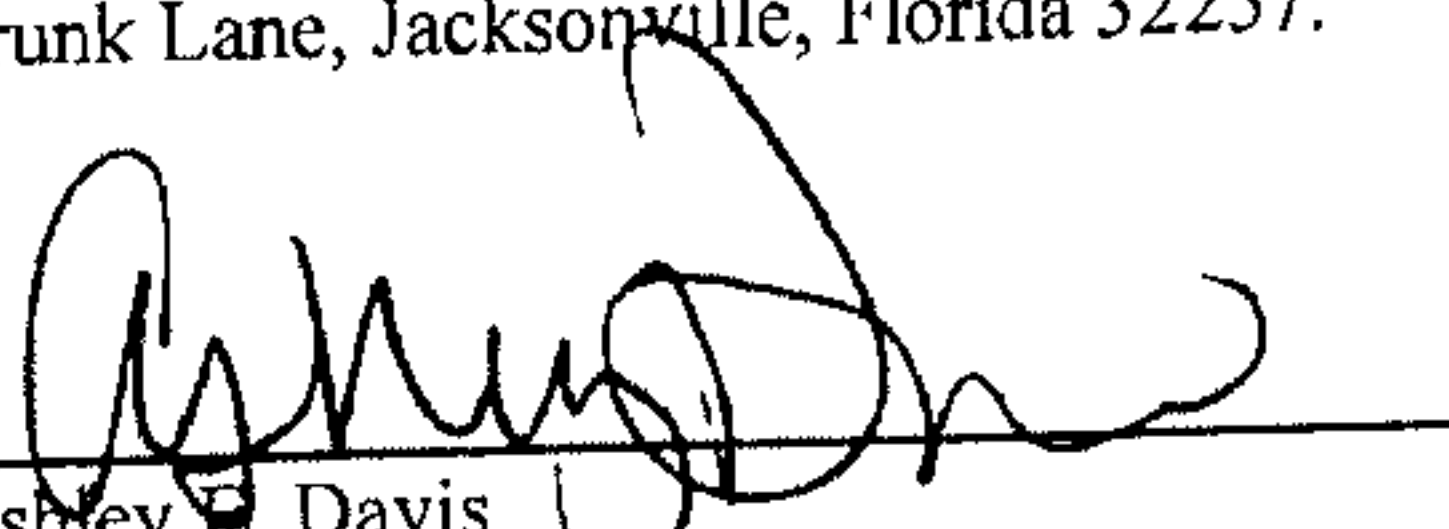
  
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Maria Matthews, Director  
Division of Elections

### NOTICE OF RIGHTS

This Order constitutes final agency action. Judicial review may be sought pursuant to Section 120.68, Florida Statutes, by filing a notice of appeal in the First District Court of Appeal, and a copy with the clerk of the Department of State. Such notice must be filed within 30 calendar days of the date indicated in the Certificate of Service.

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the original of the foregoing Final Order was hand-delivered to the Agency Clerk, Department of State, R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250 and that a true and correct copy of the foregoing final order was mailed on this 30 day of August, 2023, by certified U.S. mail to Jenniffer Desatoff, Chairperson, Reform Party of Florida, 10904 Grand Trunk Lane, Jacksonville, Florida 32257.



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Ashley E. Davis  
Deputy General Counsel  
Florida Department of State  
Florida Bar No. 48032  
500 S. Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399



## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**RON DESANTIS**  
Governor

**CORD BYRD**  
Secretary of State

April 6, 2023

Jenniffer Desatoff, Chairperson  
Reform Party of Florida (21195)  
10904 Grand Trunk Lane  
Jacksonville, Florida 32257

**RE: INITIAL NOTICE OF INTENT TO CANCEL**

Dear Ms. Desatoff:

Pursuant to Rule 1S-2.050, Florida Administrative Code, you are hereby notified of the Division's intent to cancel your political party's registration based on the following:

**Failure to comply with the 2022 annual public audit requirements of Section 103.121(2), Florida Statutes.**

If you object to this cancellation, you must provide documentation showing that the party's registration and approved status as a political party should not be canceled. Documentation must be provided within 30 days of the date of this letter to Department of State, Division of Elections, Bureau of Election Records, The R.A. Gray Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250.

If you have any questions, please call Malcolm Chellman at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna S. Brown".

Donna S. Brown, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

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**1S-2.050 Cancellation of Political Party Filings.**

**(1) Definitions.**

**(a) "Division" means the Division of Elections.**

**(b) "Most recent address on file" means, as applicable, the last address provided to the filing officer for the party's chairperson or other officer as contained in any written filing or statement of change to a filing.**

**(c) "Party" means, except where the context clearly indicates otherwise in this rule, any political party, to include a minor political party.**

**(2) Cancellation. The division may cancel the filings by a party, to include its registration and approved status as a party, when:**

**(a) The party fails to have any voters registered as party members;**

**(b) The party fails to file campaign finance reports for more than 6 months;**

**(c) The party fails to comply with the annual public audit requirements of Section 103.121(2), F.S.;**

**(d) The party's aggregate reported contributions and expenditures reported pursuant to Chapter 106, F.S., during the calendar year, other than the calendar year in which the party was organized, are \$500 or less;**

**(e) The party fails to maintain a public website;**

**(f) The minor political party fails to file with the division the name and address of any replacement officer within 5 days after the death, resignation or removal of a party's officer;**

**(g) The minor political party fails to file with the division changes to its filing certificate within 5 days after such change; or**

**(h) The minor political party fails to adopt and file with the division the governing documents containing the provisions specified in Section 103.095(2), F.S.**

**(3)(a) Initial notice of intent to cancel. The division shall send notice to the party's chairperson of the intent to cancel the party's filings to the most recent address on file with the division for the chairperson. If the notice is returned undeliverable, the division shall send the notice to another officer of the party at the most recent address on file with the division. Within 30 days of the date of the division's mailing of the initial notice of intent to cancel to the chairperson, the party may provide additional documentation to the division showing why the party's filings should not be canceled.**

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*Rulemaking Authority 20.10(3), 97.012(1), 103.095(5) FS. Law Implemented 103.091, 103.095, 103.121, 106.29 FS. History—New 9-7-11, Amended 3-5-15.*

# Reform Party of Florida



May 5, 2023

Florida Division of Elections  
R. A Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

RECEIVED  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
2023 MAY -5 PM 2:32  
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

Dear Donna S. Brown,

I received a notice from the Division of Elections regarding a delinquent treasurer's report which we failed to submit in a timely manner.

I have attempted to contact the help desk numerous times to request guidance on what actions to take as the Reform Party of Florida does not have any funds incoming or outgoing to report or to have audited. I have not received any return call or assistance in this matter.

This is my last attempt at trying to resolve the issue without guidance on how to proceed in rectifying this issue.

If this is still not an acceptable way to handle this issue, please contact me immediately.

Thank you in advance for your time and assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Desatoff  
Chairwoman | Reform Party of Florida

**Recipient Information**

**To: Donna S Brown**  
**Company: Bureau of Election Records**  
**Fax #: 18502456260**

**Sender Information**

**From: Jennifer Desatoff**  
**Company: Reform Party of Florida**  
**Email address: chairman@reformpartyfl.org (from 45.134.140.38)**  
**Phone #: 9049146170**  
**Sent on: Friday, May 5 2023 at 2:27 PM EDT**



Please see the attached one page letter regarding the notices we have received via mail.

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DIVISION OF ELECTORAL  
AFFAIRS

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**From:** Florida <florida@reformparty.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 15, 2023 6:51 PM  
**To:** Chellman, Malcolm C. <Malcolm.Chellman@dos.myflorida.com>  
**Cc:** chairman@reformpartyfl.org  
**Subject:** Re: 2022 Annual Audit Due

EMAIL RECEIVED FROM EXTERNAL SOURCE

Good evening, Mr. Chellman,

I have not been able to find a CPA that will complete this work for a reasonable cost, and the party has not received or raised any funds.

Please proceed with your processes as needed and we will continue to work towards finding a reasonable auditor for less than \$1000.00.

Thank you.



## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

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June 16, 2023

Jenniffer Desatoff, Chairperson  
Reform Party of Florida (21195)  
10904 Grand Trunk Lane  
Jacksonville, Florida 32257

**RE: FINAL NOTICE OF INTENT TO CANCEL**

Dear Ms. Desatoff:

On April 6, 2023, the Division sent you a Notice of Intent to Cancel pursuant to Rule 1S-2.050, Florida Administrative Code. The notice informed you of the Division's intent to cancel your party's certification as an active political party based on the following:

**Failure to comply with the 2022 annual public audit requirements of Section 103.121(2), Florida Statutes.**

You did not provide a response within 30 days of the Initial Notice to show why the party's registration should not be canceled. Accordingly, the Division hereby issues a Final Notice of Intent to Cancel.

If you object to this cancellation, you must file a request for hearing within 30 days of the date of this Final Notice of Intent to Cancel. The request must be filed with the Department of State, Division of Elections, Bureau of Election Records (use the address listed below). The request for hearing will be forwarded to the Florida Elections Commission (FEC). The FEC will conduct a hearing based on your request and any supporting documentation. If you want to appear personally in the hearing, you must ask to appear in the request for the hearing. If you fail to request a hearing, you waive your right to a hearing and a final order will be issued canceling the party's registration.

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