# Grand Bahama Council

# Progressive Liberal Party

Freeport, Grand Bahama



# **PRESS RELEASE**

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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### PLP Council elects new officers

A new slate of officers from Progressive Liberal Party Branches throughout

Grand Bahama was elected to the Grand Bahama PLP Council to direct the Party's

affairs on the island during a Special Meeting held on Wednesday night in

Freeport.

Senator Pleasant Bridgewater was the unanimous selection of the branches to again head the body. Joining her are Dr. Michael Darville, Vice Chairman; Bernadette Bethel, Secretary; Constance Hanna, Treasurer; Denise Lewis, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer; and Executive Officers, Cassietta McIntosh, La Quay Laing, and Eulita Strachan.

The meeting and elections was conducted by former National Chairman of the Party, the Member of Parliament for West End & Bimini, Obie Wilchcombe assisted by Assistant Secretary-General Michelle Reckley.

Sen. Bridgewater immediately challenged the new officers and supporters in attendance at Party Headquarters to prepare themselves for a focused effort to return the PLP as the government and resume the progress of the country delayed from May of 2007.

"We have a challenge ahead of us," she said following the meeting, "but we have done this before and we will do it again.

"I was concerned today when hearing of the vandalization of the new public school and want to make it understood that we condemn such actions which has no place in our community, and which could possibly impact the start of the new school year.

"Within the next week we will visit as many of the schools on the island as possible to see for ourselves just how close are they to being ready for receiving our students for the new term; we also want to hear from the teachers and principals about staffing and supplies," said Miss Bridgewater.

Mr. Wilchcombe urged Branch representatives to be proactive in addressing the concerns that are escalating from the communities throughout Grand Bahama.

"We must ensure that those persons who are experiencing rough time are seen and heard and where possible assisted; in these trying times the PLP must be seen as organization that can possibly bring relief to their pains," said Mr. Wilchcombe.



## CAPTION:

NEW GRAND BAHAMA PLP COUNCIL OFFICERS pose following their election on Wednesday evening. Seated, left to right, National Asst. Secretary-General, Michelle Reckley; Secretary, Bernadette Bethel; Council Chairman, Sen. Pleasant Bridgewater; and Vice Chairman, Dr. Michael Darville. Standing, left to right, Executive Officer, LaQuay Laing; Treasurer, Constance Hanna; Executive Officer, Eulita Strachan; Asst. Secretary/Treasurer, Denise Lewis; Executive Officer, Cassietta McIntosh, and, Member of Parliament, West End & Bimini Constituency, Obie Wilchcombe, former National Chairman.