

**MINUTES of Franklin County Democratic Party
Central & Executive Committee Meeting
Held on January 28, 2021**

Meeting was held on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. virtually via Zoom in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 3517.02 to 3517.05 and the Constitution of the Franklin County Democratic Party.

Meeting called to order by Franklin County Democratic Party Chairman Michael Sexton.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Sexton.

Moment of silence held for the passing of Danni Palmore, longtime Democratic leader and activist.

Opening remarks made by Columbus Mayor Andrew J. Ginther.

Guest speaker Ohio Democratic Party Chairwoman Liz Walters introduced herself and shared her vision for the future of the ODP.

Rules of the Central & Executive Committee meeting explained by Chairman Sexton (speakers must be recognized by the Chairman, limited to 3 minutes each, only one person may speak at a time and all comments must be relevant to the discussion at hand and all votes must be by a show of hands, or in the case of a virtual meeting, by Zoom poll or phone). Motion to accept rules approved by majority vote.

Minutes from the September 17, 2020 meeting approved by majority vote.

Treasurer report provided by Treasurer Kim Marinello. Balance on hand as of the last Treasurer's report to the Committee on September 17, 2020 was \$77,446.00. Contributions through January 28, 2021 were \$411,028.00 and expenses through January 28, 2021 were \$419,948.00. Other income totaled \$8,258.00. Current balance on hand is \$76,784.00. Treasurer report approved by majority vote.

Motion to approve appointments to the Franklin County Democratic Party Central & Executive Committee. The following individuals were approved by majority vote:

Central Committee:

Maryellen O'Shaughnessy

Executive Committee:

Lloyd Blake

Tatiana Bozhinovski

Sarah Ingles

Kevin McCain

Lamar Peoples

Brian Shinn administered the oath of office to new members.

Michael Sexton nominated to the Franklin County Board of Elections Seat and approved by a majority vote.

Report and Recommendations of the FCDP Judicial Screening Committee presented by Committee Chair Shawn Dingus. Members of the Committee included Janet Grubb, Mary Woods, Marquise Lovejoy, Jeff Hunley, Michael Bivens, Brian Shinn, Janica Pierce-Tucker, Ashon McKenzie, Jason Kester, Garrison Carr, Jen House, Mark Rutkus, Mel Fuhrman, Richanne Zymkoski and Wes Phillips.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Judge Mark Hummer for Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court approved by majority vote after discussion.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Judge Eileen Paley for Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court approved by majority vote after discussion.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Judge Cynthia Ebner for Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court approved by majority vote after discussion.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Judge James O'Grady for Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court is tabled by majority vote after extensive discussion.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Bill Hedrick for Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court approved by majority vote after discussion.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Rena Shak for Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court approved by majority vote after discussion.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Michael McAllister for Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court approved by majority vote after discussion.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Mary Kay Fenlon for Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court approved by majority vote after discussion.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Scott Kirschman for Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court approved by majority vote after discussion.

Chairman Sexton then announced the following appointments of FCDP Committee Chairs which include:

1. Unity Committee: Sandi Allen & Pat Deering
2. Constitutional Review Committee: Bill DeMora
3. Voter Education and Engagement Committee: Debera Diggs & Erin Gibbons
4. Progress and Principles for People of Color Committee: Cheryl Brooks Sullivan & Lamar Peoples
5. Judicial Screening Committee: Shawn Dingus
6. Candidate Screening Committee: Antone White
7. Audit Committee: Mary Woods

Motion to adjourn approved by majority vote.