

**MINUTES of Franklin County Democratic Party
Central & Executive Committee Meeting
Held on September 23, 2021**

Meeting was held on Thursday, September 23, 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 Lynn Friedman.

Guest speaker Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley spoke about her candidacy for Governor of Ohio.

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 June 24, 2021 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 April 29, 2021 was \$74,163.70. Contributions through September 23, 2021 were \$106,292.50 and expenses through September 23, 2021 were \$76,367.69. Current balance on hand is \$104,088.51. 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:

PR Casey-Columbus 72

Kristen McKinley-Columbus 77

Ajmeri Hoque-Dublin 1

Dennis Nicodemus-Truro Township

Executive Committee:

Matthew Kelly

Stella Shaw

Judge Eileen Paley administered the oath of office to new members.

Report and Recommendations of the FCDP Screening Committee presented by Committee Chair Antone White. Members of the Screening Committee included Antone White, Mary Woods, Marquise Lovejoy, Anthony Caldwell, Rodney French, Kayla Merchant, Erin Gibbons, Kim Kennedy, Sandi Allen, Melissa Sull, Erin Beck, Lucy Frank, Steve Campbell, Deborah Johnson and Shanette Strickland.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation for the endorsement of NO on Issue 7 (proposed City of Columbus Ordinance) approved by a majority vote.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation for the endorsement of YES on Issue 37 (Reynoldsburg City Schools proposed Bond Issue and Tax Levy) approved by a majority vote.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation for endorsement of the following Township Trustees approved by a majority vote:

Clinton Township Trustee: Jess Jessberger and Rebecca Grimm

Madison Township Trustee: Katherine Chipps

Hamilton Township Trustee: Chris Hann

Plain Township Trustee: Kerri L. Mollard

Truro Township Trustee: Dennis Nicodemus and Joseph Sorenson

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation for endorsement of the following Columbus School Board candidates approved by a majority vote:

Michael D. Cole

Ramona R. Reyes

Christina Vera

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendations for endorsement of the following Bexley School Board and Canal Winchester School Board candidates approved by a majority vote:

Bexley School Board: Jonathan Baker and Joanne Pickrell

Canal Winchester School Board: Vangela Barnes

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendations for endorsement of the following Dublin School Board candidates approved by a majority vote:

Dublin School Board: Tiffany DeSilva and Lindsay Gillis

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendations for endorsement of the following Gahanna-Jefferson School Board, Grandview Heights School Board, Groveport Madison School Board and Hamilton Local School Board candidates approved by a majority vote:

Gahanna-Jefferson School Board: Kara Coates, Sue Horn and Dion Manley

Grandview Heights School Board: Eric Bode, Katie Matney and Molly M. Wassmuth

Groveport Madison School Board: Seth Bower and LaToya Dowdell-Burger

Hamilton Local School Board: Amber Clark

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendations for endorsement of the following Hilliard School Board, New Albany-Plain Local School Board, Pickerington Local School Board and Reynoldsburg School Board candidates approved by a majority vote:

Hilliard School Board: Kelley Arnold and Kara Crowley

New Albany-Plain Local School Board: Precious Singo

Pickerington Local School Board: Vanessa Hayes-Williams

Reynoldsburg School Board: Angela Abram and Julie Towns

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendations for endorsement of the following South-Western City School Board, Upper Arlington School Board, Westerville School Board and Worthington School Board candidates approved by a majority vote:

South-Western City School Board: Cathy Johnson and Jamie Shumaker

Upper Arlington School Board: Carol Mohr and Nidhi Satiani

Westerville School Board: Tracy A. Davidson and Kristy Meyer

Worthington School Board: Kelli Davis and Nikki Hudson

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendations for endorsement of the following Dublin City Council and Gahanna City Council candidates approved by a majority vote:

Dublin City Council, Ward 1: Ajmeri Hoque

Gahanna City Council, Ward 1: Stephen A. Renner

Gahanna City Council, Ward 2: George Mrus

Gahanna City Council, Ward 3: Kaylee Padova

Gahanna City Council, Ward 4: Trenton Weaver

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendations for endorsement of the following Grandview Heights City Council candidates approved by a majority vote:

Grandview Heights City Council: Melanie Houston, Michelle Kozak and Chris Smith

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendations for endorsement of the following New Albany City Council and City of Obetz candidates approved by a majority vote:

New Albany City Council: Kimberly Minor and Andrea Wiltrout

City of Obetz Council: Robert Kramer

Motion to amend the Screening Committee recommendations for endorsement of Upper Arlington City Council candidates and add Andrej Rotter as an endorsed candidate approved by a majority vote.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendations for endorsement of the following Upper Arlington City Council candidates approved by a majority vote:

Upper Arlington City Council: Ukeme Awakessien Jeter, Kathy Adams and Andrej Rotter

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendations for endorsement of the following Whitehall City Council and Whitehall City Auditor candidates approved by a majority vote:

Whitehall City Council, Ward 2: JoAnna Heck

Whitehall City Council, Ward 4: Lori J. Elmore

Whitehall City Auditor: Steve Quincel

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendations for endorsement of the following Worthington City Council candidates approved by a majority vote:

Katy Brewer

Rebecca Hermann

Beth Kowalczyk

David Robinson

Announcements included the virtual Judicial Salute to be held on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at noon. GOTV Fundraiser will be held on October 19, 2021 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Motion to adjourn approved by majority vote.