

**MINUTES of Franklin County Democratic Party
Central & Executive Committee Meeting
Held on April 29, 2021**

Meeting was held on Thursday, April 29, 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 Shay Anthony and Al Gabel.

Guest speaker Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley spoke about his candidacy for Ohio Governor.

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 January 28, 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 January 28, 2021 was \$76,784.00. Contributions through April 29, 2021 were \$33,202.50 and expenses through April 29, 2021 were \$35,822.80. Current balance on hand is \$74,163.70. 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:

Nick Tuell-Columbus Ward 52

Executive Committee:

Jordan Hawkins

Crystal Lett

Dominic Mendiola

Kyndal Sowers

Brian Shinn 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 Committee included Antone White, Monica Cerrezuela, Pat Deering, Rodney French, Jen House, Marquise Lovejoy, Kayla Merchant, Scott Solsman, Shanette Strickland and Mary Woods.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Zach Klein for Columbus City Attorney, Megan Kilgore for Columbus City Auditor and Shannon Hardin, Nick Bankston and Lourdes Barroso de Padilla for Columbus City Council approved by majority vote after discussion.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Tina Cottone, Ruth Miller, Sarah Schregardus and Jordan Smith for Hilliard City Council approved by majority vote after discussion.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Mildred Johnson for Reynoldsburg City Auditor and Stacie Baker, Kristin Bryant and Franklin Davis for Reynoldsburg City Council approved by majority vote after discussion.

Voter Education and Engagement Committee report provided by Co-Chair Erin Gibbons.

Unity Committee report provided by Co-Chair Pat Deering.

Progress and Principles for People of Color Committee report provided by Co-Chair Lamar Peoples.

Constitutional Review Committee report provided by Chair Bill DeMora.

Motion to take from the table the Judicial Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Judge James O'Grady for the Franklin County Municipal Court approved by majority vote after discussion.

Motion to approve the Judicial Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Judge James O'Grady for the Franklin County Municipal Court approved by majority vote after discussion.

Announcements included the need for future discussion of the 15th Congressional district vacancy and the need to determine whether to endorse or not. FCDP golf outing to be held on July 16th.

Motion to adjourn approved by majority vote.