MINUTES of Franklin County Democratic Party
Central & Executive Committee Meeting
Held on February 12th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting was held on Thursday, February 12th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 189 Union Hall located at 1250 Kinnear Rd, Columbus, OH 43212.

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Elder Larry Price.

Comments from Chairman Sexton on the Passing of Auditor Hugh Dorrian. Moment of silence for Mr. Hugh Dorrian.

Introduction of elected officials from Chairman Mike Sexton.

Rules of the Central & Executive Committee meeting explained by Chairman Sexton (speakers must be recognized by the Chairman, limited to three minutes each, only one person may speak at a time, all speakers may only speak once on a given issue, all comments must be relevant to the discussion at hand and all votes must be by a show of hands). Motion to accept rules approved by majority vote.

Chet Ridenour requests from the floor that minutes be send out sooner after the meeting for members who cannot attend and requests that bylaws be sent out to entire committee
Minutes from the September 25th, 2025 meeting approved by unanimous vote.

FCDP Treasurer Mike Schadek delivers Treasurers report.

John Gilligan delivers presentation on precinct captain program, voter turnout, invites committee members to participate.

Motion to approve appointments to the Franklin County Democratic Party Central and Executive Committees. The following individuals were approved by unanimous vote:

Central Committee:
Kathy Green, Columbus Ward 2
Manny Heilman, Columbus Ward 16
Brian Shinn, Columbus Ward 22
Kawther Musa, Columbus Ward 78
Chris Hann, Hamilton Township
Amy Kallner, Plain Township

Executive Committee:
Millie Vaughn
Mohamed Omar

Oath of Office for new Executive and Central Committee Members administered by FCDP Parliamentarian Brian Shinn and Judge Mike Mental

Gretchen James, Chair of the FCDP Screening Committee, presented the Committee report and recommendation for endorsements for the May 5th, 2026 Primary/Special Election for the U.S. House of Representatives, 3rd District, Ohio Senate Districts 15 and 25, Ohio House of Representatives Districts 1 – 12, County Commissioner, and County Auditor. Committee members included Chris Binder, Steve Campbell, Deborah Curry, Gretchen James (Committee Chair), Andie McDonald, Dominic Mendiola, Kawther Musa, Chadd Smith, Melissa Sull, Michael Sexton (FCDP Chair), and Mary Woods.

FCDP Parliamentarian Brian Shinn reads rules, which include:

No debate
No Q & A
Voted on in order of nomination
60% vote to pass

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation for the endorsement of Congresswoman Joyce Beatty for the U.S. House of Representatives, 3rd District

Motion passes by majority vote

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation for the endorsement of Senator Bill DeMora for Ohio Senate District 25

Motion passes by majority vote

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation for the endorsement of Latyna Humphrey for Ohio Senate District 15

Motion passes by majority vote

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation for the endorsement of State Representative Dontavius Jarrells for Ohio House District 1

Motion passes by majority vote

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation for the endorsement of State Representative Ismail Mohamed for Ohio House District 3

Motion passes by majority vote

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation for the endorsement of State Representative Beryl Brown-Piccolantonio for Ohio House District 4

Motion passes by majority vote

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation for the endorsement of State Representative Meredith Lawson-Rowe for Ohio House District 5

Motion passes by majority vote

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation for the endorsement of State Representative Christine Cockley for Ohio House District 6

Motion passes by majority vote

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation for the endorsement of State Representative Anita Somani for Ohio House District 8

Motion passes by majority vote

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation for the endorsement of State Representative Munira Yasin Abdullahi for Ohio House District 9

Motion passes by majority vote

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation for the endorsement of State Representative Mark Sigrist for Ohio House District 10

Motion passes by majority vote

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation for the endorsement of State Representative Crystal Lett for Ohio House District 11

Motion passes by majority vote

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation for the endorsement of County Commissioner Erica Crawley for County Commissioner

Motion passes by majority vote

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation for the endorsement of County Auditor Michael Stinziano for County Auditor

Motion passes by majority vote

Comments from FCDP Chairman Michael Sexton on Ohio House District 2 and 7

Brian Shinn, Chair of the FCDP Judicial Screening Committee, presented the Committee report and recommendation for endorsements for the May 5th, 2026 Primary/Special Election for the Tenth District Court of Appeals and the General Division, Domestic Relations Division & Juvenile Branch, and Probate Division of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas. Committee members included Brian Shinn, Esq. (Committee Chair), Garrison Carr, Esq. (Committee Vice Chair), Michael Sexton (FCDP Chair), John Gilligan, Esq., Mary Duffey, Esq., Evan Lewis, Esq., Upper Arlington City Councilmember Ben Tracy, Esq., Mellissia Fuhrmann, Esq., Sean Mentel, Esq., State Representative Ismail Mohamed, Esq., Mike Schadek,

Esq., Sean Walton, Esq., Janica Pierce Tucker, Esq., Amy Flowers, Esq., Gahanna City Attorney Priya Tamilarasan, Esq., Mark Rutkus, Marquise Lovejoy, Mary Woods, Jayme Staley, Jeff Hunley, Richanne Zymkoski

Motion to adopt the Judicial Screening Committee recommendation for the endorsement of Judge Terri Jamison for Tenth District Court of Appeals

Motion passes by majority vote

Motion to adopt the Judicial Screening Committee recommendation for the endorsement of Judge Mike Mentel for Tenth District Court of Appeals

Motion passes by majority vote

Motion to adopt the Judicial Screening Committee recommendation for the endorsement of Judge Carl Aveni for the Court of Common Pleas, General Division

Motion passes by majority vote

Motion to adopt the Judicial Screening Committee recommendation for the endorsement of Judge Chris Brown for the Court of Common Pleas, General Division

Motion passes by majority vote

Motion to adopt the Judicial Screening Committee recommendation for the endorsement of Judge Andy Miller for the Court of Common Pleas, General Division

Motion passes by majority vote

Motion to adopt the Judicial Screening Committee recommendation for the endorsement of Judge David Young for the Court of Common Pleas, General Division

Motion passes by majority vote

Motion to adopt the Judicial Screening Committee recommendation for the endorsement of Judge LaSheyl Stroud for the Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division & Juvenile Branch

Motion passes by majority vote

Motion to adopt the Judicial Screening Committee recommendation for the endorsement of Kelley Boller for the Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division & Juvenile Branch

Kelley Boller and Judge George Leach give remarks

Motion passes by majority vote

Motion to adopt the Judicial Screening Committee recommendation for the endorsement of Magistrate Kelly Green for the Court of Common Pleas, Probate Division

Motion passes by majority vote

Steve Campbell moves to give the Chair the authority to make endorsements until the committee meets again

Motion passes by majority vote

Old Business

New Business
Kids Voting Ohio – conference weekend after meeting
FCDP retreat in April
Voter registration deadline April 6th
Early voting begins April 7th
March 21st women's ballot brunch at boathouse from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
New President for FCYD, new FCYD board

Motion to adjourn passes unanimously