

**MINUTES of Franklin County Democratic Party
Central & Executive Committee Meeting
Held on September 21, 2023**

Meeting was held on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the IAFF Local 67 Union Hall located at 379 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Candidate for OH-15, Zerqa Abid, spoke to the committee.

Introduction of elected officials by Chairman Sexton.

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). Motion to accept rules approved by majority vote.

Minutes from the July 26, 2023 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 July 26, 2023 was \$58,947.66. Contributions through September 20, 2023 were \$29,985.00. Expenses through September 20, 2023 were \$40,544.11. Current balance on hand is \$48,388.55.

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

Central Committee:

Lamar Peoples - Columbus 23

Rodney French - Grove City 5

Brian Shinn administered the oath of office to new members.

FCDP Screening Committee Report recommendations provided by Committeemember Gretchen James. Members of the Screening Committee included Eli Bohnert, Steve Campbell, Deborah Curry, Daria DeNoia, Ajmeri Hoque, Gretchen James, Marquise Lovejoy, and Mary Woods.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Issue 2: Marijuana Statute in the General Election on November 7, 2023 approved by majority vote.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Issue 11: Columbus City Schools Levy in the General Election on November 7, 2023 approved by majority vote.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Issue 16: Columbus Metropolitan Library Levy in the General Election on November 7, 2023 approved by majority vote.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Issue 23: Grandview Heights Aggregation in the General Election on November 7, 2023 approved by majority vote.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Greta Kearns for Grandview Heights Mayor in the General Election on November 7, 2023 approved by majority vote.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Rebekah Hatzifotinos, Emily Keeler, and Denise Walker for Grandview Heights City Council in the General Election on November 7, 2023 approved by majority vote.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Alex Silverman for Bexley City Council in the General Election on November 7, 2023 approved by majority vote.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Aaron Miller for Grove City City Council, Ward 5 in the General Election on November 7, 2023 approved by majority vote.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse John Kulewicz, Heidi Munc, and Andrej Rotter for Upper Arlington City Council in the General Election on November 7, 2023 approved by majority vote.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Tom Burns, Rachael Dorothy, and Amy Lloyd for Worthington City Council in the General Election on November 7, 2023 amended to motion to endorse Peter Bucher, Rachael Dorothy, and Amy Lloyd for Worthington City Council in the General Election on November 7, 2023 approved by majority vote.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Deb Steele for Clinton Township Fiscal Officer in the General Election on November 7, 2023 approved by majority vote.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Amy Messick and Diva Sony for Dublin City School Board in the General Election on November 7, 2023 approved by majority vote.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Kelley Arnold and Brian Perry for Hilliard City School Board in the General Election on November 7, 2023 approved by majority vote.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Jenn Fuller and Joe Quigley for New Albany-Plain Local School Board in the General Election on November 7, 2023 approved by majority vote.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Jeni Quesenberry and Neal Whitman for Reynoldsburg City School Board in the General Election on November 7, 2023 approved by majority vote.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Amber Epling and Stephanie Harless for Worthington City School Board in the General Election on November 7, 2023 approved by majority vote.

Motion for a quorum check triggered a member count which did not meet quorum, ending the meeting immediately.