



**Minutes of the  
Franklin County Republican Party Central and Executive Committees  
June 4, 2026  
Organizational Meetings  
Ohio Brewing Company  
421 E 2nd Ave, Columbus, OH 43201**

Central Committee Minutes

Tim Rankin, as the retiring chair and pursuant to ORC 3517.04, called the meeting of the Franklin County Republican Party Central Committee to order at 6:40 pm.

Chris Junga gave the invocation and Richard Cole led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Don Brey was presented with a certificate to honor his many years of service to the FCGOP as Legal Counsel in celebration of his retirement.

Lisa Chaffee gave the reading of the official meeting notice and roll call, a quorum was found to be present.

The body of Central Committee members were sworn in.

Retiring Chair Rankin asked for a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes from the March 3, 2026 meeting. Upon motion duly made by Dave Dobos to waive the reading of and approve the minutes from the March 3, 2026 meeting,

seconded by James Leezer, the motion was carried via voice vote.

Jonathon McGee gave the Nominating Committee Report for Central Committee Officers as follows: Chair - Tim Rankin, Vice Chair- Meredith Freedhoff, Secretary - Lisa Chaffee, and Treasurer Kara Polichetti.

The Chair accepted the Nominating Committee report and placed the Committee's recommendations into nomination. The Chair opened the floor for further nominations. Greg Sharp nominated Joseph Healy for Vice chair. No other nominations were made. Adam Slain moved to close nominations which was seconded by Dave Dobos. After a voice vote in favor, nominations were closed.



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William Schuck moved to conduct the vote for Chair by secret ballot which was seconded by \_\_\_\_\_. After much discussion, Dave Dobos moved to close debate, which motion was seconded by Jim Leezer, and the debate was closed following a voice vote on the motion. Next, a standing vote was conducted on the motion to conduct the vote by secret ballot and the motion failed.

Meredith Freedhoff and Joseph Healy then gave remarks explaining why they were seeking the office of vice chair. Several members of the body also gave remarks in support of Meredith Freedhoff. David Dobos called the question which was seconded by Adam Slain and discussion was closed without objection.. A standing vote was conducted: 58 votes for Meredith Freedhoff and 18 votes for Joseph Healy. Meredith Freedhoff was elected Vice-Chair

The remaining three offices were next brought forward. There being no other nominations, the following officers were elected by the Central Committee by Acclamation as follows: Tim Rankin - Chair, Lisa Chaffee - Secretary, and Kara Polichetti - Treasurer.

Member Rankin conducted the remainder of the meeting as the duly elected chair.

The Chair gave the report for recommendations for appointment of three ward vacancies for previous Central Committee members whose petitions were rejected: Ale Pavloff Columbus Ward 8, Nick Wahoff Columbus Ward 77 and Omar Tarazi Hilliard Ward 3. The Chair asked for a motion to approve the appointment of the three mentioned individuals, which was made by Jack Etheridge and seconded by Greg Lawson. A voice vote was conducted and the motion passed.

Andrew Havas presented the Judicial Screening Committee report recommending that Chris Junga be endorsed for Franklin County Probate Judge. Upon motion duly made by



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David Dobos, which was seconded by James Leezer, to endorse Chris Junga for Franklin County Probate Judge, a voice vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously by those members present

The Chair brought forward for consideration the endorsement of Jay Edwards for State Treasurer. Greg Lawson duly moved that the Central Committee endorse Jay Edwards for State Treasurer which was seconded by Dave Dobos. A voice vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously by those members present

There being no further business to be conducted, the Central Committee meeting was adjourned by the Chair without objection at 8:00 p.m.

Executive Committee Minutes

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by the retiring Chair Meredith Freedhoff pursuant to ORC 3517.04 at 8:00 pm.

The Chair asked for a motion to accept the call of the roll from the previous meeting; Jack Etheridge moved to accept the call of the roll from the previous meeting which was seconded by James Leezer. A voice vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously by those members present.

Meredith Freedhoff was presented with a bouquet of flowers to thank her for her dedication and hard work to FCGOP as outgoing Executive Committee Chair.

Chair Freedhoff called for the Nominating Committee Report for the Executive Committee officers which was presented by Jonathon McGee. The recommendation was as follows: Chair - Rob Sharrah, Vice Chair - Andrew Havas, Secretary - Andrea Healfrich, and Treasurer - Vlad Benn.



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The Chair accepted the Nominating Committee report and placed the Committee's recommendations into nomination. The floor was opened for nominations. None being made, Dave Dobos moved to close nominations which was seconded by Alex Pavloff. A voice vote was conducted, the motion carried, and nominations were closed.

As there were no contested elections, the Chair declared the above slate of candidates elected by acclamation.

Rob Sharrah took the gavel as the new Executive Committee Chair. He announced the appointment of Jonathon McGee as Parliamentarian and Ryan Spitzer as Legal Counsel. He also announced that additional Executive Committee members would be announced at a later date.

Chair Sharrah gave remarks.

There being no further business to be conducted, the Executive Committee meeting was adjourned by the Chair, without objection, at 8:30 p.m.



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The following Central Committee Members were in attendance.

<b>Ward/Township</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>
BEXLEY WARD 1	TODD APPELBAUM	No
BEXLEY WARD 3	PRISCILLA HAPNER	Yes
BEXLEY WARD 4	FRANK REED	Yes
BROWN TOWNSHIP	GREGORY SHARP	Yes
CANAL WINCHESTER	MICHELE REYNOLDS	No
COLUMBUS WARD 01	MEGHAN WADSWORTH	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 02	DOUGLAS PREISSE	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 03	JOHN HOLT	No
COLUMBUS WARD 05	JOSEPH HEALY	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 09	Dalton Throckmorton	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 10	Caleb Cowgill	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 11	ROLAND LANE	No
COLUMBUS WARD 12	Julie Erickson	No
COLUMBUS WARD 13	Rachel Healy Lipscomb	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 14	DEBORAH JOHNSON	No
COLUMBUS WARD 15	SARA ZIEMBA	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 17	DONALD HAWK	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 18	SETH GOLDING	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 19	SUSAN POHLER	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 20	Jack ETHERIDGE	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 22	COREY ROBLEE	No
COLUMBUS WARD 23	CLIFFORD SCARBERRY	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 24	JEFFREY GOLDING	No
COLUMBUS WARD 26	DANIEL COLEMAN	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 27	JAMES SAMUEL	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 30	Doug MOODY	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 31	Elizabeth DeFranco	No
COLUMBUS WARD 32	JACOB BELL	Yes



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COLUMBUS WARD 33	JOHN O'BRIEN	No
COLUMBUS WARD 34	COLIN HATCH	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 35	SARAH LARGER	No
COLUMBUS WARD 36	DAVID DOBOS	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 37	JOHN FRYE	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 42	JEFFREY LANNING	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 43	MATTHEW DAMSCHRODER	No
COLUMBUS WARD 44	BRIAN HOLYCROSS	No
COLUMBUS WARD 47	Jordan Tucker	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 51	MARK LARGER	No
COLUMBUS WARD 53	LAURIE GATTON	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 54	MARK BELL	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 57	DARIO SCOTT	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 59	DAVIDE CUGINI	No
COLUMBUS WARD 60	LUIS GIL	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 61	William Richards	No
COLUMBUS WARD 62	JAMES BURGESS	No
COLUMBUS WARD 63	WILLIAM SCHUCK	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 64	DENNIS DAMON	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 65	MARC SCHARE	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 66	KAREN RANKIN	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 69	DONALD KLINE	No
COLUMBUS WARD 70	Heather Laura Slattery	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 71	ANDREW SHIFFLETTE	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 72	MARK STONE	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 73	DAVID PAYNE	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 74	Kelly Hunter-Kalagidis	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 76	BRIAN CARNAHAN	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 78	MATTHEW JACKSON	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 80	WILLIAM TEETS	No
COLUMBUS WARD 81	THANH PHAM	No
COLUMBUS WARD 82	GLEN CLERMONT	No



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COLUMBUS WARD 83	JAMES WHITAKER	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 84	LINDA LARGER	No
COLUMBUS WARD 85	William Rice	No
COLUMBUS WARD 86	LISA SCHACHT	Yes
COLUMBUS WARD 87	ADAM SLANE	Yes
DUBLIN WARD 1	STUART HARRIS	Yes
DUBLIN WARD 2	KARI HERTEL	Yes
DUBLIN WARD 3	CHARLES MCCLENAGHAN	Yes
DUBLIN WARD 4	JD KAPLAN	Yes
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP	JAMES LEEZER	Yes
GAHANNA WARD 1	PAMELA MERCHANT	Yes
GAHANNA WARD 2	BRIAN METZBOWER	Yes
GAHANNA WARD 3	Brian Larick	No
GAHANNA WARD 4	JAMES MCGREGOR	No
GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS	TIMOTHY ADAMS	Yes
GROVE CITY WARD 1	TED BERRY	Yes
GROVE CITY WARD 2	RICHARD STAGE	Yes
GROVE CITY WARD 3	Alan Sturm	Yes
GROVE CITY WARD 4	George Holinga	Yes
GROVE CITY WARD 5	JEFFREY RITCHIE	Yes
GROVEPORT	ABDULLAH ANSAR	Yes
HAMILTON TOWNSHIP	CHRISTIE WARD	No
HILLIARD WARD 1	Bevan Schneck	Yes
HILLIARD WARD 5	NATHANIEL LATHY	Yes
JACKSON TOWNSHIP	Julie Ruzicka	Yes
JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP	MATTHEW CARLE	Yes
MADISON TOWNSHIP	Charles Morrison	Yes
MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP	CHARLISA MARCUM	No
NEW ALBANY	MARSHALL SPALDING	Yes
NORWICH TOWNSHIP		
PLEASANT TOWNSHIP	BRIAN GILLEN	No
PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP	LISA CHAFFEE	Yes



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REYNOLDSBURG WARD 1	BRADLEY MCCLOUD	Yes
REYNOLDSBURG WARD 2	MONICA DEBROCK	Yes
REYNOLDSBURG WARD 3	ELAINE TORNERO	Yes
REYNOLDSBURG WARD 4	CHRISTOPHER LONG	No
SHARON TOWNSHIP	Gary Hickman	Yes
TRURO TOWNSHIP	CHRISTOPHER BAER	No
UPPER ARLINGTON WARD 1	JULIE ZOGBAUM	Yes
UPPER ARLINGTON WARD 2	ANDREA HELFRICH	No
UPPER ARLINGTON WARD 3	KEVIN CRAINE	Yes
UPPER ARLINGTON WARD 4	JANET POPA	No
UPPER ARLINGTON WARD 5	SUSAN HUGHES	No
UPPER ARLINGTON WARD 6	James Hitt	Yes
WESTERVILLE WARD 1	JANET DAVIS	Yes
WESTERVILLE WARD 2	GREG LAWSON	Yes
WESTERVILLE WARD 3	META HAHN	No
WESTERVILLE WARD 4	TRAVIS BECKETT	Yes
WESTERVILLE WARD 5	DEBORAH MCCUTCHEN	No
WHITEHALL WARD 3	James Allen	No
WHITEHALL WARD 4	ROBERT VOGEL	No
WORTHINGTON WARD 1	SKYE VALLEY	Yes
WORTHINGTON WARD 3	SUSAN FUNK	Yes
WORTHINGTON WARD 4	STEPHEN KETTER	Yes