



Franklin County Republican Party Central Committee
January 28, 2025
Himalayan Care Center
6954 Americana Pkwy, Columbus, OH

A meeting of the Franklin County Republican Central Committee and Executive Committee was held on January 28, 2025 at the Himalayan Care Center in Columbus.

The Central Committee meeting was called to Order by Tim Rankin at 6:40PM

The Invocation was given by Besa Sharrah and the pledge of Allegiance was led by Kashi Adhikari.

Reading of the Official Meeting Notice and Roll Call was conducted by the Secretary Lisa B. Chaffee, with 89 Central Committee members present. A quorum was affirmed.

Motion to waive reading of the September 16, 2024 meeting minutes (as they had been distributed in advance) was made by Jim Leezer and seconded by Chris Long. Motion passed on voice vote.

Motion to approve the September 16, 2024 meeting minutes was made by Kari Hertel and seconded by Jim Leezer. Motion passed on a voice vote.

A motion was made to recess the Central Committee meeting by Kevin Craine and seconded by Jim Leezer. Motion passed on a voice vote.

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Meredith Freedhoff.

Waiving of the reading of notice and roll call was motioned by Patrick Piccininni and seconded by Aaron Schlabach. Motion passed by a voice vote.

Meredith Freedhoff explained the duties of the members of the board of elections and recommended that Doug Preisse be recommended to the Secretary of State to serve again as member of the Franklin County Board of Elections.

Motion was made by Sue Pohler and seconded by Besa Sharrah to recommend Doug Preisse maintain his seat on the Franklin County Board of Elections. Motion passed by a voice vote.



Meredith asked for any other nominations. Seeing none, Chris Baer motioned to close the nominations which was seconded by Adam Slane. Motion was passed by a voice vote.

Don Brey gave an explanation as to why the resolution presented to Committee members by Joe Healy via email and in print would be out of order.

At the request of the Chair, legal counsel informed the members of the Executive Committee that if a motion were made to adopt the previously circulated Resolution on Election System Reforms, as drafted, that it would be ruled out of order because: (1) Motions that conflict with law are always out of order, and (2) it would be unlawful for the Central and Executive Committees to “urge, insist and require that our RECOMMENDED persons to be Members of the Franklin County Board of Elections embrace, advocate, act upon, and accomplish the necessary changes and improvements recommended [in that Resolution.]”

Meredith explained that some points in the Healy resolution are good and that David Payne (Franklin County Board of Elections) is willing to work with FCGOP to improve election integrity. If you would like to be a part of that process please email info@franklincountygop.org

Robert Sharrah gave the Treasurer report.

We began the year with \$6,700, and through your steadfast support, we raised an outstanding \$207,000. After necessary expenditures of \$148,000 to fuel our efforts, we closed the year with a robust ending balance of \$65,500. This achievement is a testament to our collective commitment to growth, financial stability, and advancing our mission.

Meredith gave an election recap report that was provided by Marc Schare:

First, the successes and there was quite a bit of it. One of the most important missions of the Franklin County GOP is to maximize Franklin County Republican turnout in order to contribute to statewide results. Franklin County and the City of Columbus are overwhelming blue and increasingly, so are our suburbs, but a vote for Trump from the East Side of Columbus counts towards his Ohio win just as much as a vote for Trump



from Pickaway County and we went into the year with a goal of turning out as many of those votes as we could. To that end, last April, we identified around 170,000 plausible Republican voters that we wanted to contact through various means, both digital and direct mail. In mid-October, voters who requested absentee ballots were sent digital slate cards that corresponded to their geographic location which is something the county party never did before. In the final week of the campaign, plausibly Republican voters who had yet to vote were similarly contacted.

It's not enough to deploy tactics. We also need to gauge how effective those tactics were. For our mid-October outreach, we ranked those Republicans who had not yet voted. Of our top 50,000 targets, 91.8% of them ultimately voted and on our entire list of 170,000 Republicans, 80.4% voted. The turnout rate overall in Franklin County was 66%. Obviously, we don't know if these people voted for our candidates, but our job was to turn them out and we did. President Trump pulled 210,830 votes out of Franklin County and Senator Moreno pulled 186,440 votes from our county. Our Supreme Court candidates pulled between 180,000 and 200,000 votes with our own Justice Dan Hawkins leading the way. None of these candidates came close to winning the county, but that's not the point. We sought to maximize turnout so that Franklin County did its part in statewide results. I'm proud to say that 201,890 Franklin County Residents, we have to assume are mostly Republican, voted NO on State Issue 1.

The campaign teams of both President Trump and Senator Moreno both said that they key to winning in 2024 was to emphasize so-called low-propensity Republican voters. This was a non-trivial task that required the support of central committee members throughout the county. In order for the task to not be overwhelming, we identified 40,103 voters and provided lists to Central Committee members by ward. A few dozen members of our central committee took us up on that and attempted to contact these voters. To those members of the Central Committee, we thank you. We weren't alone in this effort. Turning Point Action similarly provided an app that also targeted these voters, as did the campaigns themselves. As a result of these efforts, 51.3% of voters identified as not always voting in even-year elections voted in November of 2024, which is over 20,000 Republican votes that contributed to the statewide totals.

For the first time, the county party ran an election day calling operation. We took our top 50,000 targets and created dozens of call out lists. Volunteers called voters on election day to get them to the polls and that contributed to our 91.8% turn out rate of high priority targets.



The entire operation – from the early voter identification to the digital slate cards to the early vote center to the low propensity voter project to the election day operations was designed to turn out every last Republican vote and the Central Committee can be proud of those efforts.

Our county party was disappointed at the results of our state legislative races. Besa Sharrah, Jason Allevato, Aaron Neumann, Hussein Jubari, Stephenie Kunze and Brian Garvine all ran spirited races and came up short, highlighting the demographic shift that has happened to Franklin County over the last 10 years. In fact, the same phenomena is happening in the exurbs as well. Most people think Delaware County is solidly Republican. It was, but not so much any more. Senator Moreno won Delaware County, but by less than 2%. President Trump won Delaware County by 6%. These results demonstrate the need to nominate candidates in Franklin County House and Senate districts that fit the electorate in those areas. In the meantime, you can be proud of what happened in 2024. We quite literally saved the country because if Kamala Harris was President today with a House and Senate majority, we would be having a very different conversation today. Thank God, literally, that this didn't happen. Thank you for listening to this report.

A motion was made to adjourn the Executive Committee meeting by Alex Pavlov and seconded by Besa Sharrah. Motion passed by a voice vote.

The Central Committee meeting was reconvened.

Tim Rankin discussed the upcoming local elections and Cameron Bryant has compiled a list of open seats that will be emailed to all members. Tim encouraged members to help identify candidates and help with the campaign.

Several Central and Executive Committee members were recognized for their extraordinary efforts during 2024 - March Schare, Luis Gill, Sue Pohler and Elaine Clark Pace

Marshall Spalding was given the Central Committee Member of the Year award!

Tim discussed the volunteer opportunities available to all Central and Executive Committee Members including the Education Committee and Grassroots committee.



There will be more opportunities available soon. If you would like to join any committees or have ideas please email info@franklincountygop.org

Announcements:

1. Look for an email to have coffee with the Chairs. An opportunity to share ideas and concerns.
2. On Feb 25th we will be hosting the 2nd Annual Comedy Night. Tickets can be purchased on our website <https://www.franklincountygop.org/> If you have any questions please reach out to Lisa Chaffee lisabchaffeefcgop@gmail.com or 614-817-9999.

A motion was made to adjourn the Central Committee meeting by Brad McCloud and seconded by Besa Sharrah. The motion passed with a voice vote



Central Committee Members in attendance.

Bexley Ward 1	Todd Applebaum	present
Bexley Ward 2	Doug Segerman	present
Bexley Ward 4	Frank J. Reed, Jr.	present
Brown Township	Gregory Sharp	present
Canal Winchester	Tina L. Welch	present
Columbus Ward 1	Meghan Jean Wadsworth	absent
Columbus Ward 2	Douglas Prieis	present
Columbus Ward 3	John Holt	present
Columbus Ward 4	Jay Hout	absent
Columbus Ward 5	Joe Healy	present
Columbus Ward 7	Chelsea Wonski	absent
Columbus Ward 8	Alex Pavloff	present
Columbus Ward 9	Dalton Throckmorton	present
Columbus Ward 10	David Adkins	present
Columbus Ward 11	Roland I. Lane	absent
Columbus Ward 13	Rachel Healy	present
Columbus Ward 15	Sara B. Ziemba	present
Columbus Ward 18	Seth B. Golding	present
Columbus Ward 19	Sue Pohler	present
Columbus Ward 20	Michele Coldiron	present
Columbus Ward 21	Jon Crissinger	absent
Columbus Ward 22	Corey M. Roblee	absent
Columbus Ward 23	Cliff Scarberry	absent
Columbus Ward 24	Jeffrey J. Golding	present
Columbus Ward 26	Daniel Coleman	present
Columbus Ward 27	Jim Samuel	present



Columbus Ward 29	Tyler W. Rice	present
Columbus Ward 30	Doug Moody	present
Columbus Ward 32	Jake Bell	present
Columbus Ward 33	John Joseph O'Brien	present
Columbus Ward 34	Colin K. Hatch	present
Columbus Ward 35	Sarah Larger	present
Columbus Ward 36	David A. Dobos	absent
Columbus Ward 37	John Frye	absent
Columbus Ward 39	Chandler Wysocki	present
Columbus Ward 40	Emma Cardone	absent
Columbus Ward 42	J. Josiah Lanning	present
Columbus Ward 43	Matt Damschroder	present
Columbus Ward 44	Brian Holycross	present
Columbus Ward 45	Charles C. Sanders	absent
Columbus Ward 46	Elise Geig	absent
Columbus Ward 47	Jordan Tucker	absent
Columbus Ward 50	Sheila A. Oxsher	present
Columbus Ward 51	Mark A. Larger	present
Columbus Ward 52	Rachel Johanson	absent
Columbus Ward 53	Laurie Gatton	present
Columbus Ward 54	Mark Bell	present
Columbus Ward 55	Jonathan Field	present
Columbus Ward 56	Jill Eilerman	absent
Columbus Ward 58	Timothy Major	present
Columbus Ward 59	Davide V. Cugini	present
Columbus Ward 60	Luis Gil	present
Columbus Ward 62	Jim Burgess	present
Columbus Ward 63	William Schuck	absent
Columbus Ward 64	Dennis Damon	present



Columbus Ward 65	Marc Schare	absent
Columbus Ward 66	Sue Ellen King	present
Columbus Ward 67	Janet Cahill	absent
Columbus Ward 69	Don Kline	absent
Columbus Ward 70	Timothy P. Murnane	absent
Columbus Ward 71	Andy Shifflette	present
Columbus Ward 72	Mark F. Stone	present
Columbus Ward 73	David Payne	present
Columbus Ward 74	Aaron Neumann	present
Columbus Ward 75	Lisa B. Chaffee	present
Columbus Ward 76	Brian Carnahan	present
Columbus Ward 77	Nick Wahoff	present
Columbus Ward 78	Jack McGee	present
Columbus Ward 79	Hussein Jabiri	present
Columbus Ward 80	Bill Teets	present
Columbus Ward 81	Thanh X. Pham	present
Columbus Ward 82	Glen Clermont	present
Columbus Ward 83	James Whitaker	present
Columbus Ward 84	Linda A. Larger	present
Columbus Ward 86	Lisa Schacht	absent
Columbus Ward 87	Adam C. Slane	present
Dublin Ward 1	Stu Harris	absent
Dublin Ward 2	Kari B. Hertel	present
Dublin Ward 3	Charles H. McClenaghan	present
Franklin Township	Jim Leezer	present
Gahanna Ward 1	Pamela Merchant	present
Gahanna Ward 2	Elizabeth Thym Smith	present
Gahanna Ward 3	Betty Collins	absent
Gahanna Ward 4	Jim McGregor	present



Grandview Heights	Tim Adams	present
Grove City Ward 1	Ted A. Berry	present
Grove City Ward 2	Richard L. Stage	absent
Grove City Ward 3	Christine Houk	present
Grove City Ward 4	Roby Schottke	present
Grove City Ward 5	Jeff Ritchie	present
Groveport	Abdullah Chaudry Barsa	present
Hamilton Township	Christie Ward	absent
Hilliard Ward 3	Omar Tarazi	absent
Hilliard Ward 4	Zach Vorst	absent
Hilliard Ward 5	Jennifer Lupiba	present
Jackson Township	Julie Ruzicka	present
Jefferson Township	Matthew Carle	absent
Madison Township	Michele Reynolds	absent
Mifflin Township	Charlisa Marcum	present
New Albany	Marshall Spalding	present
Norwich Township	Mike McMeans	present
Obetz	Todd Gibbs	absent
Perry Township	Geoff Hatcher	present
Plain Township	Dave Ferguson	absent
Pleasant	Brian Gillen	present
Reynoldsburg Ward 1	Brad McCloud	present
Reynoldsburg Ward 2	Monica DeBrock	present
Reynoldsburg Ward 3	Elaine Tornero	present
Reynoldsburg Ward 4	Chris Long	present
Sharon Township	John H. Oberle	present
Truro Township	Christopher J. Baer	present
Upper Arlington Ward 1	Julie Bruce Zogbaum	absent
Upper Arlington Ward 2	Andrea Helfrich	absent



Upper Arlington Ward 3	Kevin Craine	present
Upper Arlington Ward 4	Janet Popa	present
Upper Arlington Ward 5	Susan Hughes	absent
Upper Arlington Ward 6	Susie O'Brien	present
Westerville Ward 1	Janet T. Davis	absent
Westerville Ward 2	Greg R. Lawson	absent
Westerville Ward 3	Meta Hahn	present
Westerville Ward 5	Deborah McCutchen	present
Whitehall Ward 3	Collin Claywell	present
Whitehall Ward 4	Robert Vogel	present
Worthington Ward 1	Jennifer Valley	present
Worthington Ward 2	Jean E. Szabo	present
Worthington Ward 4	Stephen Ketter	present