



Meeting Minutes
Franklin County Republican Party Central Committee
March 3, 2026
Vila Milano
1630 Schrock Rd, Columbus, OH 43229

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Rankin at 6:36 pm

The Invocation was given by Shawn Kaeser

The Pledge of Allegiance -was led by Denise D'Angelo

The Reading of notice and roll call was given by Lisa Chaffee. A quorum was present.

Motion was made by Jim Leezer and seconded by Susie O'Brien to waive the reading of meeting minutes–January 28,2025 meeting. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion was made by David Dobos and seconded by Jim Leezer to approve the minutes from January 28, 2025. A voice vote was held and the motion passed unanimously. Joe Healy had a discrepancy with the minutes. This will be addressed and if needed a vote to amend the minutes will be held.

We introduced our new Parliamentarian Jonathan McGee

The Central Committee meeting was recessed and the Executive Committee was called to order by Chairwoman Meredith Freedhoff.

Motion was made by Janet Davis and seconded by David Dobos to waive the reading of notice and roll call of the Executive Committee. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote

Meredith acknowledged the members of the three Screening Committees and thanked them for their hard work.

A motion was made to adjourn the Executive Committee meeting by David Dobos and seconded by Brian Holycross. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.



The Central Committee reconvened.

Andrew Havas presented the Report and recommendations of the Judicial Screening Committee. The committee recommended endorsing Justice Dan Hawkins for reelection and Colleen O'Donnell was recommended for endorsement to the Ohio Supreme Court .

A motion was made to close the vote by David Dobos and seconded by Jim Leezer. A voice vote was taken and all were unanimously in favor of endorsing Dan Hawkins for re-election.

March Schare nominated Judge Andrew King for endorsement for the Ohio Supreme Court. The motion to close nominations was made by Megan Wadsworth and seconded by David Dobos. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Colleen O'Donnell spoke on her behalf as well as Doug Preiss and Marshall Spalding. Judge Andrew King and Frank Reed spoke on his behalf. A vote by ballot was conducted and the Committee endorsed Colleen O'Donnell.

Nick Wahoff presented the Report and recommendations of the Legislative Screening Committee to endorse John Husted for U.S. Senate, Mike Carey for U.S. Congress D 15, Michele Reynolds for OH SD3, Joe Healy OH SD15, Don Roberts OH SD25, Joel Greff HD1, Bernadine Kennedy-Kent HD3, Richard Cole HD5, Matthew Jackson HD6, William Mercier HD7, Kelly Hunter-Kalagidis HD8, Bruce Euans HD9, Denise D'Angelo HD10, Shawn Kaeser HD11 and Brian Stewart HD12.

The Chairman asked for any other nominations for the U.S. Senate and none were offered. Motion to close nominations made by David Dobos and seconded by Jim Leezer. A voice vote was held and Senator John Husted was endorsed.

The Chairman asked for nominations for U.S. Congress D15 and none were offered. Motion to close nominations made by David Dobos and seconded by Jim Leezer. The motion passed by voice vote and Congressman Mike Carey was endorsed.

The Chairman asked for nominations for OH Senate District 3 and none were offered. Motion to close nominations was made by David Dobos and seconded by Jim Leezer. The motion passed by voice vote. A voice vote was conducted and the Committee endorsed Senator Michele Reynolds.



The Chairman asked for nominations for HD 12. Brian Gillen nominated Patty Hamilton. Motion to close nominations made by Marshall Spalding and seconded by David Dobos. A voice vote was made and passed unanimously.

Patty Hamilton spoke on her behalf. Brian Stewart spoke on his behalf. A ballot vote was conducted and the Committee endorsed Representative Brian Stewart.

Joe Healy made a motion to Consider Cleophus Dulaney for endorsement for Congressional District 3 and seconded by Sheila Oxsher. Much discussion and debate was held. Motion to close made by Linda Larger and seconded by Jim Leezer. The motion passed by voice vote. The Chairman asked for nominations for Congressional D3 seeing none the motion to close was made by Brian Carnahan and seconded by Jim Leezer.

Nick Wahoff provided the Screening Committees reason for not recommending Cleophus Dulaney for endorsement. A standing vote was conducted and the Committee did not endorse Cleophus Dulaney.

Karl Schneider presented the Report and recommendations of the Administrative Screening Committee which included Keith Faber for Attorney General, Frank Larose for State Auditor, Robert Sprague for Secretary of State, Dual endorsement for Kristina Roegner and Jay Edwards for State Treasurer and Vivek Ramaswamey for Governor.

The Chairman asked for nominations for the Governors race.

Sheila Oxsher nominated Casey Putsch.

Motion to close nominations was made by Alex Pavlov and seconded by Brian Gillen. Motion passed by voice vote.

A voice vote was conducted and Vivek Ramaswamy received the majority and earned the endorsement.

The Chairman asked for any nominations for the State Treasurer race. The motion to close was made by Davide Cugini and seconded by Jim Leezer. The Chairman explained the ballot process would include 3 options on the first ballot - vote for dual endorsement, vote to endorse Kristina Roegner, and vote to endorse Jay Edwards. Kristina Roegner spoke on her behalf and Senator Michel Reynolds and Marshall Spaulding spoke on behalf of Kristina. Jay Edwards spoke on his behalf.



The Chairman asked for any nominations for Attorney General seeing none the motion to close was made by David Dobos and seconded by Josiah Lanning.

A voice vote was taken and Keith Faber was unanimously endorsed.

The Chairman asked for any nominations for State Auditor, seeing none the motion to close was made by Davide Cugini and seconded by Jim Leezer. A voice vote was taken and Frank LaRose was unanimously endorsed.

Davide Cugini made a motion to have a standing vote for the Secretary of State vote which was seconded by Andrea Helfrich. A voice vote was conducted and the motion passed.

The Chairman asked for any nominations for the Secretary of State race. Glen Clermont nominated Marcell Strbich. The motion to close was made by Davide Cugini and seconded by Jim Leezer. A standing vote was held and the Committee endorsed Robert Sprague.

Doug Preisse made a motion seconded by Davide Cugini to amend the agenda to include the consideration of endorsement for the Franklin County Central Committee Members and the State Central Committee Members. After much deliberation a voice vote was conducted and the motion passed.

Doug Preisse made a motion seconded by Davide Cugini for the endorsement of incumbent Franklin County Central and State Central Committee members. Marc Schare made a motion seconded by Jim Leezer to amend the previous motion to exclude State Central Committee Members from the endorsement but there was no second this motion failed. A voice vote was held and that motion failed. A voice vote was held on the motion and the Committee endorsed the incumbent members.

Motion was made by Dennis Damon and seconded by Alex Pavlov to adjourn the meeting which was passed with a voice vote.



The following Central Committee Members were in attendance:

Bexley Ward 1	Todd Applebaum
Bexley Ward 2	Doug Segerman
Bexley Ward 4	Frank J. Reed, Jr.
Brown Township	Gregory Sharp
Columbus Ward 1	Meghan Jean Wadsworth
Columbus Ward 2	Douglas Preisse
Columbus Ward 3	John Holt
Columbus Ward 5	Joe Healy
Columbus Ward 8	Alex Pavloff
Columbus Ward 9	Dalton Throckmorton
Columbus Ward 10	David G Adkins
Columbus Ward 11	Roland I. Lane
Columbus Ward 15	Sara B. Ziemba
Columbus Ward 18	Seth B. Golding
Columbus Ward 19	Sue J Pohler
Columbus Ward 20	Michele Coldiron
Columbus Ward 21	Jon M. Crissinger
Columbus Ward 22	Corey M. Roblee
Columbus Ward 24	Jeffrey J. Golding
Columbus Ward 26	Daniel L. Coleman
Columbus Ward 27	Jim Samuel
Columbus Ward 30	Doug Moody
Columbus Ward 32	Jacob K. Bell
Columbus Ward 33	John Joseph O'Brien
Columbus Ward 34	Colin K. Hatch
Columbus Ward 35	Sarah Larger
Columbus Ward 36	David A. Dobos
Columbus Ward 37	John D. Frye
Columbus Ward 42	Jeffrey Josiah Lanning
Columbus Ward 43	Matt Damschroder
Columbus Ward 44	Brian K. Holycross



Columbus Ward 47	Jordan A. Tucker
Columbus Ward 50	Sheila A. Oxsher
Columbus Ward 51	Mark A. Larger
Columbus Ward 52	Rachel Johanson
Columbus Ward 53	Laurie Gatton
Columbus Ward 54	Mark A. Bell
Columbus Ward 58	Timothy W. Major
Columbus Ward 59	Davide V. Cugini
Columbus Ward 60	Luis E. Gil
Columbus Ward 63	William Schuck
Columbus Ward 64	Dennis Damon
Columbus Ward 65	Marc Schare
Columbus Ward 69	Don Kline
Columbus Ward 71	Andy Shifflette
Columbus Ward 72	Mark F. Stone
Columbus Ward 76	Brian Carnahan
Columbus Ward 77	Nick Wahoff
Columbus Ward 80	Bill R. Teets
Columbus Ward 81	Thanh X. Pham
Columbus Ward 82	Glenn Clermont
Columbus Ward 83	James A. Whitaker
Columbus Ward 84	Linda A. Larger
Columbus Ward 87	Adam C. Slane
Dublin Ward 1	Stu W. Harris
Dublin Ward 2	Kari B. Hertel
Dublin Ward 3	Charles H. McClenaghan
Franklin Township	Jim Leezer
Gahanna Ward 1	Pamela S. Merchant
Gahanna Ward 4	Jim McGregor
Grandview Heights	Timothy C. Adams
Grove City Ward 1	Ted A. Berry
Grove City Ward 2	Richard L. Stage
Grove City Ward 5	Jeffrey W. Ritchie
Groveport	Abdullah Chaudry Barsa



Hamilton Township	Christie Ward
Hilliard Ward 3	Omar Tarazi
Hilliard Ward 4	Zach Vorst
Hilliard Ward 5	Jennifer Lupiba
Jackson Township	Julie E. Ruzicka
Jefferson Township	Matthew Carle
Madison Township	Michele Reynolds
Mifflin Township	Charlisa Marcum
New Albany	Marshall Spalding
Pleasant Township	Brian Gillen
Reynoldsburg Ward 1	Brad McCloud
Reynoldsburg Ward 3	Elaine Tornero
Reynoldsburg Ward 4	Christopher J. Long
Sharon Township	John Oberle
Truro Township	Christopher J. Baer
Upper Arlington Ward 1	Julie Bruce Zogbaum
Upper Arlington Ward 2	Andrea Helfrich
Upper Arlington Ward 4	Janet Popa
Upper Arlington Ward 5	Susan E. Hughes
Upper Arlington Ward 6	Susie O'Brien
Westerville Ward 1	Janet T. Davis
Westerville Ward 2	Greg R. Lawson
Westerville Ward 3	Meta Hahn
Westerville Ward 4	Travis Beckett
Whitehall Ward 3	Collin Claywell
Whitehall Ward 4	Robert Vogel
Worthington Ward 1	Jennifer Valley
Worthington Ward 2	Jean E. Szabo
Worthington Ward 4	Stephen Ketter