

Ohio Republican Party – State Central Committee

Meeting Recap, October 2, 2026

The Ohio Republican Party State Central Committee met on Friday, October 2, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting followed the standard formal structure, beginning with the call to order, invocation (Christian Mays), pledge (Rebecca Norse), roll call, and approval of both the agenda and previous minutes.

- **Frank LaRose addressed the committee via Zoom:**
 - Gas Tax holiday is a great success and example of leadership of Vivek Ramaswamy
 - Early voting starts next week and the SOS website will have up to date info on what's happening with military, absentee, and early voting activity.
 - Has been traveling state and feels nonchalance of R voters. We need more urgency as the D voters are angry and will be voting. We will win if we get out our voters.
- **Appointment to fill Vacancy – District 30 (Man)** The Committee addressed and voted on filling the vacant State Central Committee seat for District 30. Jimmy Stewart, party chair from Meigs County, was elected unanimously. He is replacing Joe Derkin who was appointed county prosecutor.
- **Committee Assignments were given.**
- **Issue 3 which enshrines voter ID requirement was discussed.** This issue is in response to the fact that our Congress could not pass the Save America Act. The committee endorsed voting “YES” on this issue.
- **Executive Director's Report** The Executive Director provided operational updates.
 - The Digital Slate card has been released and will be texted to both low propensity and high propensity voters.
 - The party has upped its social media presence and has 1.5M engagement across socials which is a big increase and growing.
 - **400,000** doors have been knocked, and **852,000** phone calls have been made.
 - Also reiterated the importance of the strategy to focus on low propensity voters.
- **Audit Committee Report** Diane Redden reported for Audit Committee Chair, Debbie Lang. They were auditing both the 2024 and 2025 years and there were no deficiencies. The auditors did recommend tightening some controls.
- **Treasurer's Report** The Treasurer presented the current financial status of the Party and reports enclosed in our packet.

- **Vivek Ramaswamy attended the meeting in person:**
 - Gave a motivational talk about getting out the vote
 - Said we need to make sure we get 99 other people out to vote
 - Reiterated that he is matching all donations and they have the resources ... just need to make sure we have the turnout.
 - Acknowledged that we have voted for conservative candidates, but our candidates haven't always led that way. He said that's why he's running ... he's an outsider.
- **Chairman's Report** The Chairman delivered an update:
 - Low propensity voter lists were sent to all party chairs. Get out the vote efforts should be the focus. It's the most important thing we can do. Every vote will matter.
 - Dallas convention was a success and we're seeing a bump in the polls as a result. Ohio had one of the bigger delegations and ORP made some \$ too.
 - 2028 Republican Convention will be in Houston.
 - There will be a tour bus for the last few weeks of election cycle. In our area, we have 2 stops:
 - Price Hill Chili – Oct 28th 3:45pm
 - The Golden Lamb – Oct 28th 1:30pm

Meeting Adjourned