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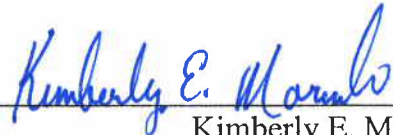
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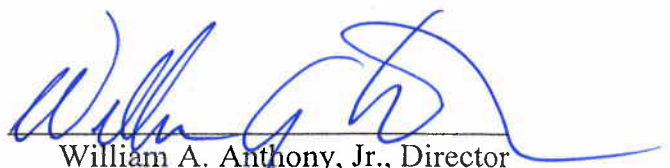


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Zachary Manifold

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William A. Anthony, Jr., Director

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

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IN RE:
Board Meeting

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Proceedings before Chairman Douglas J.
Preisse, Board Members Michael F. Colley and
Kimberly E. Marinello, with Director William
A. Anthony, Jr., and Deputy Director Nathan
Burd, taken at the Franklin County Board of
Elections, 280 East Broad Street, Columbus,
Ohio, on Monday, August 1, 2011 at 3:20
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P R O C E E D I N G S

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DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Good afternoon,
everyone. I would like to call the Franklin
County Board of Elections meeting to order.
I will do the roll call. Kimberly Marinello?

MS. MARINELLO: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Zachary Manifold?

MR. MANIFOLD: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Douglas Preisse?

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And Michael
Colley?

MR. COLLEY: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Everyone is here
and accounted for. The first item on the
agenda will be the approval of the minutes
for June the 16th and July 5th meetings.

MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move
that the Board approve the minutes of the
June 16th and July 5, 2011 Board meetings.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a
second?

1 MR. MANIFOLD: I'll second.

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in
3 favor say aye.

4 (All say aye.)

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The next item on
6 the agenda is we have Mr. Bill Buckel in the
7 audience. A while back Mr. Buckel sent some
8 information to the Board and he wants to
9 address us to talk about why some folks don't
10 return their ballots after they've been sent
11 out to them. Mr. Buckel?

12 And I also left on everyone's desk a
13 piece of paper that Mr. Buckel wanted to pass
14 out for comments to the Franklin County Board
15 of Elections. Mr. Buckel, the mike is yours,
16 sir.

17 MR. BUCKEL: Good afternoon.

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: For the record
19 you've got to give her your name and all that
20 stuff.

21 MR. BUCKEL: Ladies and gentlemen,
22 my name is Bill Buckel and I'm a registered
23 voter, so I get to stay, right? I came down
24 to just sort of get myself educated on some

1 of the things that impact on a survey I made
2 because I couldn't find anybody else who'd
3 made such a survey. And I'll start reading
4 here so I'm official.

5 This is a follow-up to my letter of
6 May 27th to members of the Board, the
7 Director, and the Deputy Director.

8 Following the November 2010 General
9 Election, about ten percent of the
10 voter-requested absentee ballots were listed
11 as not returned on the database at the Board
12 of Elections. This apparent high no-response
13 rate caused this citizen to ask why.

14 After being unable to find results
15 of a past survey, I mailed a questionnaire to
16 a random sample of 120 non-returned voters in
17 Franklin and Madison Counties. This is
18 honesty, this is not bragging. The results
19 were inconclusive because the sample was too
20 small. But the survey process did yield the
21 following ideas for consideration.

22 First was perhaps provide an on-line
23 or telephone process whereby absentee ballot
24 voters may determine the status of their

1 returned ballot. Possibly, instructions on
2 how to use this service could be mailed along
3 with the ballot. I came today to learn about
4 what has already been tried in this regard in
5 the past.

6 Number two I'll get to after I sort
7 of get my education here so that it's a
8 consistent bit of logic. So I presume you've
9 got mechanisms where absentee voters, if they
10 suspect something, could check it in your
11 system but I've never tried to do it but I've
12 been an absentee ballot voter.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So you're posing
14 that question?

15 MR. BUCKEL: I'm posing the question
16 as a historical -- because the institutional
17 memory is here, not me.

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: Todd, the
19 manager of our absentee department, if you'd
20 like to just talk about what we do on-line.

21 MR. WEDEKIND: Sure. In the past we
22 have sent letters and we still continue to
23 send letters to people that have
24 misinformation or lack information to make

1 their ID envelope a valid vote. If someone
2 doesn't return their ballot, it's on-line
3 whether or not their ballot has been
4 returned. We post it on-line, you can call
5 in. The website will show that, if it's
6 received or not. So these tools are in
7 place.

8 MR. BUCKEL: So really, as far as
9 doing anything, you've done it?

10 MR. WEDEKIND: We do, correct.

11 MR. BUCKEL: Now, as far as me
12 knowing about it, is this something that
13 you'll alert me to when I get my ballot so
14 that I know -- well, if I'm suspicious or
15 want to be sure, I can do this whatever it
16 is?

17 MR. WEDEKIND: The website you go to
18 is in the ballot instructions that lets
19 people know that they can go to our website
20 to verify information.

21 MS. MARINELLO: It's on that
22 commercial too on TV, isn't it?

23 MR. WEDEKIND: We do that as well.

24 MR. BUCKEL: It isn't a little set

1 of instructions that comes to me. If you
2 want to doublecheck if the ballot actually
3 went through -- Murphy's Law -- there's no
4 coaching at that point when I see my ballot
5 and mail it in that I've got these options.

6 Because I got the impression from
7 the feedback on the survey that they just
8 trusted the system like I've always done and
9 didn't try to doublecheck, yet they were
10 listed as not returned.

11 MR. WEDEKIND: That's an assumption
12 that you can make. I'm not sure if it
13 actually shows that.

14 MR. BUCKEL: True.

15 MR. WEDEKIND: I mean, the
16 information is put out to people. Whether or
17 not they chose to follow through with it or
18 whether or not they remember that the
19 information was given to them --

20 MR. BUCKEL: Oh. So really then
21 when I got my ballot, I should have known I
22 had this option as a doublecheck.

23 MR. WEDEKIND: Well, there's a lot
24 to read. You've got a lot of instructions.

1 MR. BUCKEL: On the ballot because
2 this was not a separate --

3 MR. WEDEKIND: The instruction page
4 is a two-sided sheet of paper because there's
5 a lot of information, the deadlines for
6 people to read. They do give the
7 information.

8 And then there are media blasts that
9 are done where we explain to people what they
10 can do and they can visit our website which
11 is pretty common now for people to go to a
12 website to check things.

13 MS. MARINELLO: Does it say on the
14 instructions you can check on your ballot and
15 go to --

16 MR. WEDEKIND: Yes.

17 MS. MARINELLO: So it's all there.

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: It's all there.

19 MS. MARINELLO: It's all there when
20 you get it.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Well, wait a
22 minute. I think we may be talking past each
23 other a little bit. So on the website you
24 can check to see whether your absentee ballot

1 has been received or not?

2 MR. WEDEKIND: Correct.

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: But I think
4 Bill's question --

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: It's in the
6 instructions.

7 MS. MARINELLO: I thought you were
8 sending instructions.

9 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: -- is it in the
10 printed material that the voter receives as
11 well that once your application and/or your
12 ballot materials that you can check?

13 MR. WEDEKIND: Yeah. You can go --
14 yeah, it's on the instruction page, the
15 website.

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And the printed
17 material you do receive so you do --

18 MR. WEDEKIND: We try to do that.
19 It is a lot of information, but we try to
20 give everyone as much information as we can
21 on the small amount of literature that we can
22 give them. We don't want to overwhelm people
23 too much, but we try to give them as much as
24 we can. Whether or not they read the whole

1 thing, we don't have control over that.

2 MR. BUCKEL: Well, given the fact
3 that you're about a million citizens in
4 Franklin County and I'm one of them, on
5 behalf of the rest, I'd like to say you did a
6 good job. I just didn't know what was going
7 on. Congratulations.

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Thank you.

9 MR. BUCKEL: Going to number two,
10 after the election -- this is again a
11 suggestion or an idea. After the election,
12 select at least 50 or 100 instances of
13 ballots that the Board of Elections show as
14 not returned.

15 Study each instance until the reason
16 for "not returned" is understood. By knowing
17 the reason for each failure, the Board of
18 Elections will be able to address system
19 problems. In addition, such studies should
20 give an estimate of the non-returned ballots
21 that are caused by voters' decisions.

22 With this information the BOE should
23 have one way of recognizing an unusually high
24 level of non-returned ballots. Possible

1 non-return reasons that came out of my survey
2 included voters made an error, voters decided
3 not to vote, and some voters decided to vote
4 at the polls.

5 Anything beyond that -- those you
6 cannot control but things beyond that may
7 fall into this category, Possible
8 non-returned reasons of a logistical nature
9 include BOE tagging or data entry problems,
10 for example, address errors, the address
11 errors got the ballot to the wrong place,
12 definition of "not returned" not understood
13 by some people and so forth.

14 And another possibility, the U.S.
15 mail problems, both going and coming. My
16 survey just had two didn't get the ballot and
17 about half thought they sent it in but it
18 didn't get there. So from your point of view
19 the coming ballots didn't come back.

20 A branch office examples, waiting
21 for a pallet to fill -- a friend of mine
22 observed this at one of the branches; the
23 blue box pickup is more reliable than home
24 mailbox pickup in terms of -- you might end

1 up detecting based on this study, how did you
2 mail it back? And there's always some
3 pattern here or some preferred method of
4 mailing because it's simply more reliable.

5 My closing remark is I got excellent
6 cooperation from Todd and everybody else when
7 I come up with these dumb questions about why
8 is this database this way and so forth and
9 what's it trying to tell me. So I wanted to
10 sort of pass on a general thank you in that
11 regard.

12 I guess the last one is everything
13 costs money and I have to depart by saying if
14 you need a volunteer to do some of this work,
15 why I'm a citizen and I'm a registered voter
16 so I passed the test and I'll be glad to do
17 what I can. Anything I should know that I
18 don't know I appreciate your comment on.

19 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Thanks.

20 MS. MARINELLO: Thanks, Bill.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: There is a post
22 election audit that's done that we have to
23 perform to comply with the Secretary of
24 State's edicts, but not so narrow as to

1 address this. Does the audit cover the
2 matter?

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: I don't
4 believe the audit covers why ballots were not
5 returned at this point.

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: It only covers to
7 make sure that we count every ballot and that
8 our numbers, you know, balance.

9 MR. MANIFOLD: I think we should be
10 able to tell the provisionals, the
11 provisionals that when you get them then you
12 order a ballot and you have to go
13 provisionally because you ordered a ballot
14 and didn't send it back in. We should know
15 that number.

16 MR. WEDEKIND: We are able to track
17 reasons why people had a ballot rejected, no
18 signature, lack of information that's
19 required if they voted provisionally. We do
20 have those statistics. But as far as someone
21 who just didn't -- decided not to return the
22 ballot for whatever reason, that's something
23 that we've never really had any interest in
24 delving into because of the time.

1 Everything that would go into doing
2 that would be quite expensive. We've talked
3 to people in the past that have called
4 wanting to know if their ballot was counted
5 or if it wasn't returned. Well, I gave it to
6 my husband to return it, things like that.

7 There are just so many reasons out
8 there when they actually don't come back that
9 I don't think there's really any way to
10 really track why someone didn't return it.
11 But we track ones that were rejected. We can
12 give you specific data on why they were
13 rejected. They are contacted and then
14 they're given an opportunity to come in and
15 correct the ballot.

16 MR. MANIFOLD: Todd, it's my
17 observation that that number has gotten
18 smaller and better. I mean, we've been
19 getting a better return every election. I
20 mean, it used to be 70-some percent or 80
21 percent.

22 MR. WEDEKIND: Yes. Our return
23 percentage and count percentages have gone up
24 from previous elections.

1 MR. BUCKEL: Do you have any feel
2 for those that are listed on your list as not
3 returned -- which could include those who
4 voted at the polls -- do you have any feel
5 for how many of those might be voter decision
6 or voter faux pas versus those that the
7 system broke down?

8 MR. WEDEKIND: That's something that
9 I have absolutely no data on. That would be
10 something where you would have to contact a
11 large number of voters and ask them in a
12 phone survey or a mail survey.

13 And then again, I don't know how
14 true your numbers are going to be because are
15 you going to be getting people that are going
16 to return that or respond to you? If these
17 are people that are not responding to their
18 absentee ballot for not sending their ballot
19 back, how likely are they to really respond
20 to get a good sample from a survey like that?

21 MR. BUCKEL: My mail survey would be
22 part of -- one of the steps possible in this
23 process of implying what might be tried. But
24 I didn't start out saying why did this one

1 fail, why did that one fail? Now I'll mail
2 something out because if the reason they're
3 failing is because the mailing address is
4 bad, then they'll never know they didn't get
5 it and you'll never know why -- and they
6 wouldn't logically come back.

7 Let's assume that the ballot does
8 fall in that criteria and you've got it
9 stamped returned. Does that somehow have to
10 be added to the data of not returned?
11 Because the ballot didn't come back as a
12 ballot, it came back as a not returned piece
13 of mail.

14 MR. WEDEKIND: Yeah. We do have
15 those as well. We track that as well.

16 MR. BUCKEL: So, therefore, I
17 wouldn't have seen those kind. So if you had
18 bad addresses for some reason, out of date
19 addresses, they wouldn't even be on the list
20 of the not returned.

21 MR. WEDEKIND: The thing is, we
22 receive a direct mail piece from the voter
23 with the address that they want their ballot
24 sent to, so it's not like we use an address

1 that's been on file for three or four years.
2 They send us an application with a specific
3 address to mail the ballot to.

4 So from our standpoint it's a clean
5 address when they're directly giving us the
6 address to mail it to. So there's not so
7 much as a bad address as it was a mistake on
8 the voter requirement.

9 Now, voters will give us a different
10 address at times and then they leave that
11 address or they put a stop mail on the
12 address. We don't have control over that.
13 We send the ballot exactly where the voter
14 wants it to go to.

15 MR. BUCKEL: But if it comes back to
16 you, it's not listed as not returned.

17 MR. WEDEKIND: Yes, it is. That's
18 one of the statistics that we do keep.

19 MR. BUCKEL: If it does come back
20 for any reason but it's not counted, it just
21 came back, that's all. It's not listed as a
22 not returned.

23 MR. WEDEKIND: If I get a ballot
24 back with a yellow sticker on it and it says

1 not deliverable, I have statistics on those.
2 We do track that in our system if it was
3 returned undeliverable.

4 MR. BUCKEL: And the database that I
5 looked at would have had something in terms
6 of the date returned.

7 MR. WEDEKIND: It'll show that it
8 was undeliverable. That means that --

9 MR. BUCKEL: So it's not in the
10 numbers I used for my survey as a not
11 returned because it's not listed as a not
12 returned once you've got something back.

13 MR. WEDEKIND: Then it would be
14 listed under returned undeliverable so it
15 wouldn't be -- just like we receive one with
16 no signature, it would be listed as
17 undeliverable, returned undeliverable.

18 MR. BUCKEL: I see. Well, thank you
19 for putting up with one of these inquiring
20 citizens.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Well, you're a
22 good one. Thank you for doing that. I think
23 I heard you volunteer to help out around here
24 too. At election time come in and work.

1 MR. BUCKEL: Well, thank you. And
2 if I -- I'm supposed to stifle myself or risk
3 heading for the divorce court in saying I
4 volunteer, but in this case it would be a
5 good cause.

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Thank you, Bill.
7 Appreciate your time. The next item on the
8 agenda is a Challenge of a Right to Vote.

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: Let me give
10 you just a little background about this case.
11 The registration of Paul Z. Trout is being
12 challenged by Dale J. Thomas. Mr. Thomas is
13 the owner of a duplex at which Mr. Trout is
14 currently registered at.

15 Paul Trout registered to vote in
16 May, and when the confirmation card was
17 mailed to this address the owner of the
18 address, who was Mr. Thomas, filed this
19 challenge and said that that person does not
20 live there.

21 Speculated that maybe he lived there
22 in the late '90s as a roommate of a former
23 tenant in the duplex, but this person does
24 not live there now. I spoke with the

1 supervisor of our Voter Services Department.
2 Their recommendation is to cancel this
3 registration. She had spoken with someone at
4 ODJFS who said that Mr. Trout is under
5 investigation there for fraud.

6 So we invited, obviously, both Mr.
7 Thomas and Mr. Trout to be here. Doesn't
8 look like they're here and the recommendation
9 from Voter Services Department would be given
10 the information we have to cancel Mr. Trout's
11 registration, but that's certainly up to you
12 all.

13 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move
14 that the Board uphold the Challenge of the
15 Right to Vote and correction of registration
16 list filed by Dale J. Thomas of 1052 Oak
17 Street in Columbus against Paul Z. Trout,
18 purportedly of 1052 Oak Street, Columbus, and
19 order that Paul Z. Trout's registration be
20 cancelled in Franklin County.

21 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a
22 second?

23 MR. COLLEY: Second.

24 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in

1 favor say aye.

2 (All say aye.)

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Motion carries.
4 The next item on the agenda is the Gay Street
5 issue.

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: I'll talk
7 about this for just a moment. We have been
8 looking for about two months now at 340 East
9 Gay Street as a possibility for additional
10 office space. This is basically located
11 right behind the building on the other side
12 of Gay Street. It's 6,000 square feet.

13 We had done some talking earlier on
14 about possibly trying to find some trailers
15 to set up in the parking lot and we found out
16 that leasing this building would be cheaper
17 than setting up some temporary facility to
18 house seasonal workers and some full-time
19 staff.

20 Our hope is that we'll be able to
21 find an appropriate long-term move and we
22 think that we might have found a good address
23 to consider. But in the meantime, the
24 Commissioners agreed that this would be a

1 good idea for a short-term lease to get us
2 through this General Election and possibly
3 through part of next year if we're not able
4 to move to a more permanent facility.

5 Our plan for the space would be to
6 put our entire pollworker department over
7 there. It would be about twelve people,
8 full-timers and seasonals. They operate in a
9 way that just makes sense for them to be over
10 there. They're not really dependent with
11 other departments here in how they operate.

12 We would also use the remaining
13 space for seasonals for our Voter Services
14 Department which could be as few as eight or
15 nine or as many as twenty depending on the
16 need.

17 We think that this General Election
18 is going to be a little bit busier than your
19 average odd-year election. Just because of
20 all the statewide issues that voters are
21 going to choose from, it might increase
22 registrations and we feel pretty comfortable
23 that this office would serve our need at
24 least in the short-term.

1 What we're asking you to do today is
2 to approve our intent to sign the lease next
3 month. State law requires that we give the
4 Board of Commissioners 30 days' notice before
5 we sign any lease if we're going to lease an
6 office space. And I have the statute here if
7 you want to look at it.

8 We have been working with Diane
9 Lease in the prosecutor's office. She has
10 reviewed this for us and we feel pretty
11 comfortable where we're at. The lease that
12 you have attached does have a few minor
13 changes. It lists September 1st as the date.
14 It will probably be September 6th. That's
15 the next Board meeting. We'd probably ask
16 you to sign it that date.

17 So we're not asking you to sign any
18 lease today. We're just asking you to make a
19 motion that gives us the okay to notify the
20 Commissioners in writing that we do plan to
21 do this in September. In the meantime, we
22 will open a purchase order for a \$5,000
23 security deposit.

24 We plan to have our facilities

1 maintenance folks paint the building on the
2 inside, plan to clean the carpet, get our IT
3 Department set up. The lease is for 5,000 a
4 month. It goes from September to the end of
5 the year with an option to extend in the next
6 year.

7 Next year we would have to give him
8 90 days' notice before we cancel, but we
9 think if we are able to move to a permanent
10 facility that gets us -- that's probably a
11 fair amount of time. So that's what we're
12 looking to do.

13 If you have any questions, we'll
14 certainly answer them. And if you have any
15 questions in the 30 days between now and when
16 we would actually be signing the lease, we'll
17 certainly answer any as well.

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So we would move
19 who over there?

20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: We would move
21 our PEO Department and that's Mary Hackett is
22 the manager of that department -- those are
23 the folks who coordinate all of our county
24 pollworkers -- as well as Voter Services

1 seasonal staff. Right now we have a
2 situation where we put people in the hallways
3 or in closets.

4 Sometimes we're able to use this
5 space, sometimes we're not depending on what
6 else is booked here and this would allow us
7 to -- it would really alleviate the emergency
8 needs we have in terms of having kind of a
9 dangerous situation of overcrowding in this
10 building.

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The protocol --
12 part of the situation, we're going to do
13 early vote here so this one will be early
14 vote and that room back there would be set up
15 for the 650s, counting the paper ballots.
16 And the atrium would be where we're going to
17 process votes.

18 So we don't have the space to try to
19 do early vote here and do all the other stuff
20 we need to do. This is going to be a
21 well-attended early vote period so we don't
22 want to chance it.

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: That space
24 also has a few meeting rooms that would be

1 good for small group meetings of pollworkers
2 and pollworker training sessions. It has 20
3 parking spots. Parking is always a problem
4 here. Not that 20 spots is going to solve
5 all of our needs, but it helps to be able to
6 park some folks over there. It's a nice
7 building. It's a little bit beat up, but
8 it's certainly usable and we feel like it's a
9 pretty good price.

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And they're going
11 to do some necessary upgrades?

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: We're going
13 to clean the carpet, we're not going to
14 replace it, and we're going to paint all of
15 the inside of the building.

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: The landlords
17 won't do that for us?

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: No. We're
19 going to do that. Our PFM folks will do that
20 for us. If we could guarantee that we'd be
21 there through the end of next year, the
22 landlord was going to do it. But given the
23 fact that we're looking for a more permanent
24 solution, we didn't feel comfortable signing

1 anything that would lock us in there.

2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And then we have
3 right of first refusal at the beginning of
4 next year and we may know more about other
5 moves or not.

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: The lease
7 asked us to decide by mid-December if we want
8 to extend into 2012, and by then we should
9 have a real good idea of whether or not that
10 will be necessary.

11 The security deposit which is the
12 second part of the motion, we would not
13 authorize that purchase order to be opened
14 until after we notify the Commissioners in
15 writing. We met with the Commissioners last
16 Tuesday about our space needs.

17 Like I said, we have a verbal
18 agreement that they're fine with this, so we
19 can fund it through the end of this year and
20 next year if necessary. It's about our best
21 option for some immediate help in terms of
22 office space.

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I don't have any
24 more questions.

1 MR. MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, I move
2 that the Board of Elections notify the Board
3 of Commissioners, in compliance with Ohio
4 Revised Code section 3501.01, of the intent
5 to sign a lease for 340 East Gay Street on
6 September 6, 2011 and authorize the Fiscal
7 Officer to open a purchase order in the
8 amount of \$5,000 for a security deposit
9 following the notification to the Board of
10 Commissioners.

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a
12 second?

13 MR. COLLEY: Second.

14 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in
15 favor say aye.

16 (All say aye.)

17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Motion carries.
18 The next item on the agenda is the
19 appointment of a warehouse manager. We have
20 basically interviewed, talked to the guy that
21 we would like -- the Democrats would like to
22 get hired over there.

23 His name is Patrick Harris. He'll
24 be able to start August 15th. Do we need to

1 go into Executive Session or do you need to
2 say more about it?

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Where is this
4 gentleman employed now?

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: With the Attorney
6 General, Mr. DeWine. He currently works for
7 Mr. DeWine and he has already notified them
8 of his intent to come over here.

9 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Do we have any --

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: I don't.

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: He's a good guy?
12 He'll work hard?

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yes, sir. He
14 will work his butt off. I mean, he'll work
15 very hard.

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: He
17 understands that we would like him to stick
18 around for a while, not just a short-term?

19 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yes. This young
20 man is married with a young daughter and what
21 he's looking for is for some stability in his
22 life. One of the questions that we asked him
23 was this should be a permanent move. And he
24 said, man, if I get over here, I'm staying.

1 So he's a person that we can count
2 on to retire there. Todd has agreed to help
3 train him for this coming election and then
4 get him up to speed with everything that
5 needs to happen out there in the warehouse.

6 The guy is pretty computer savvy,
7 he's a hard worker. And he's younger than
8 me, so his ability to absorb information is
9 pretty good. I believe he has what we need
10 to run the logistics of the warehouse.

11 I've known him since about 2000 and
12 he was formerly an iron worker up in Cuyahoga
13 and moved down here and is very active with
14 the party and doing a bunch of stuff. Todd
15 knows him as well, worked with him. Mr.
16 Manifold and Ms. Marinello both know him. So
17 we think he'll be a good attribute and a good
18 add-on to our family here at the Board of
19 Elections.

20 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Sounds like
21 someone who will work hard and strive to
22 serve the citizens of Franklin County.

23 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And stay.

24 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: That's a good

1 point. All right. I have no other
2 questions.

3 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move
4 that Patrick Harris be appointed warehouse
5 manager at a rate of pay of \$28.84 per hour
6 effective Monday, August 15, 2011.

7 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a
8 second?

9 MR. COLLEY: Second.

10 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in
11 favor say aye.

12 (All say aye.)

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The next item on
14 the agenda is we need a motion to recess
15 subject to the call of the Chair.

16 MR. COLLEY: So moved.

17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a
18 second?

19 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

20 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in
21 favor say aye.

22 (All say aye.)

23 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We are now in
24 recess until Mr. Preisse calls us back.

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Thereupon, the meeting was
concluded at 3:49 o'clock p.m.

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