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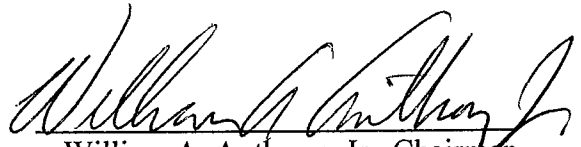
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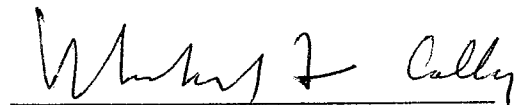
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1 ORIGINAL

2 HEARING IN RE: Board Meeting - August 6, 2007

3 DATE OF DELIVERY:

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7 By Ms. Suzanne Brown

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1 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?

2 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor,
4 say, aye.

5 (Board members in favor of the motion
6 so indicated.)

7 MR. DAMSCHRODER: And motion carries.

8 I will pass down the table the
9 signature sheet for the July 2nd meeting. Also,
10 at the last meeting, I failed to do signature
11 sheets for the April 30th and June 4th meeting,
12 so if you'll sign those. They were previously
13 approved at the last meeting.

14 The next item on the agenda is
15 certification of independent candidates for
16 offices of mayor and city council in
17 Reynoldsburg.

18 These were filed the day before the
19 primary election this year. There was one
20 candidate who filed for mayor, a Richard
21 L. Donovan. And then three candidates who filed
22 for council: a Norman Bruski, a Thomas Pitchford.
23 Both filed for Ward 3. And then a Christopher
24 John Long voted -- or filed to be a councilman

1 for Ward 4. Again, all those independent
2 candidates.

3 In the -- as you'll recall last year
4 from the Morrison versus Colley litigation
5 involving an independent candidate who voted a
6 Republican primary and who sought to be -- remain
7 an independent candidate for Congress, the
8 federal courts found that, essentially, a
9 candidate who files as an independent can then
10 not, immediately following that filing, vote
11 in a partisan primary, affiliating himself or
12 herself with a political party.

13 One of these candidates, Thomas
14 Pitchford, filed his petitions to be an
15 independent candidate on May the 4th, 2007. And
16 then on the primary election day of May the 8th,
17 2007, Mr. Pitchford cast a Republican ballot in
18 the Reynoldsburg primary.

19 So it would be the staff's
20 recommendation that Mr. Pitchford not be
21 certified as a candidate for -- and proceed with
22 the certification for Donovan, Brusk, and Long.

23 All -- that's all on background.

24 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Any questions of

1 anybody?

2 (No response.)

3 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I move we entertain
4 a motion.

5 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move
6 that Richard L. Donovan be certified as an
7 independent candidate for the office of Mayor of
8 the City of Reynoldsburg; that Norman Brusk be
9 certified as an independent candidate for member
10 of the Reynoldsburg City Council, Ward 3, and
11 that the candidate's name appear on the ballot as
12 Norm Brusk; and that Christopher John Long be
13 certified as an independent candidate for member
14 of the Reynoldsburg City Council, Ward 4, and
15 that the candidate's name appear on the ballot as
16 Chris Long.

17 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?

18 MS. PETREE: I'll second.

19 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor,
20 say, aye.

21 (Board members in favor of the motion
22 so indicated.)

23 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Next, Mr. Chairman
24 and members of the Board, we have a series of

1 candidate withdraws and then subsequent
2 appointment of replacements by the nominating
3 committees of the withdrawn candidate.

4 In a thumbnail version, Isabella Dixon
5 Thomas is withdrawing as a candidate for Franklin
6 County Municipal Court. Her nominating committee
7 is nominating David B. Tyack to replace her on
8 the ballot.

9 Heidi Samuel has withdrawn as a full-
10 term candidate for member of -- candidate for
11 member of Columbus Council. The candidate, Mark
12 Rickel, who withdrew several months ago, this
13 Board already memorialized that withdrawal.

14 Mark Rickel's nominating committee is
15 nominating Heidi Samuel to council as -- as a
16 candidate to council for the unexpired term.

17 And then the nominating committee of
18 Heidi Samuel, former candidate for council for
19 the full term, is nominating William H. Brownson
20 as a candidate for council for the full term.

21 So that's, I think, laid out pretty
22 clearly in a series of motions that are proposed
23 before you. But I did want to give you that
24 thumbnail version and give you the opportunity to

1 ask any questions you may have.

2 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Are there any
3 questions of the director at this time?

4 (No response.)

5 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Seeing none, we'll
6 accept a motion.

7 MS. PETREE: Mr. Chairman --

8 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes.

9 MS. PETREE: -- I move that the Board
10 accept the withdrawal from Isabelle Dixon Thomas
11 as a candidate for the office of Franklin County
12 Municipal Court Judge for the unexpired term
13 ending July 8th, 2010.

14 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: January 8th.

15 MS. PETREE: January 8th, 2010.

16 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?

17 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in --

19 MR. DAMSCHRODER: I think counsel has
20 a question. I'm sorry. Proceed.

21 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Moving for a second
22 again.

23 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: We'll take a vote.

1 All those in favor, say, aye.

2 (Board members in favor of the motion
3 so indicated.)

4 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Those opposed, same
5 sign. Then we've got another one.

6 MS. PETREE: Mr. Chairman --

7 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes.

8 MS. PETREE: -- the nomination, having
9 been properly submitted by the nominating
10 committee of Isabelle Dixon Thomas, the former
11 candidate for the office of Franklin County
12 Municipal Court Judge for the unexpired term
13 ending January 8th, 2010, I move that the Board
14 certify David B. Tyack as a candidate for the
15 office of the Franklin County Municipal Court
16 Judge for the unexpired term ending January 8th,
17 2010.

18 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second
19 for that one?

20 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor,
22 say, aye.

23 (Board members in favor of the motion
24 so indicated.)

1 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Motion carries.

2 MS. PETREE: Mr. Chairman --

3 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes, ma'am.

4 MS. PETREE: -- I move that the Board
5 accept the withdrawal of Heidi Samuel as a
6 candidate for the full-term office of member of
7 the Columbus City Council.

8 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?

9 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor,
11 say, aye.

12 (Board members in favor of the motion
13 so indicated.)

14 MS. PETREE: Mr. Chairman --

15 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes.

16 MS. PETREE: -- the nomination having
17 been properly submitted by the nominating
18 committee of Mark Rickel, the former candidate
19 for the office of member of Columbus City Council
20 for an unexpired term ending December 31st, 2009,
21 I move that the Board certify Heidi Samuel as a
22 candidate for the office of member of the
23 Columbus City Council for the unexpired term
24 ending December 31st, 2009.

1 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?

2 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor,
4 say, aye.

5 (Board members in favor of the motion
6 so indicated.)

7 MS. PETREE: Mr. Chairman --

8 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes.

9 MS. PETREE: -- the nominating
10 committee, having been properly submitted by
11 the -- the nomination, having been properly
12 submitted by the nominating committee of Heidi
13 Samuel, a former candidate for the office of
14 member of the Columbus City Council for a full
15 term, I move that the Board certify William
16 H. Brownson as a candidate for the office of
17 member of the Columbus City Council for a full
18 term and that the candidate's name appear on the
19 ballot as Bill Brownson.

20 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?

21 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor,
23 say, aye.

24 (Board members in favor of the motion

1 so indicated.)

2 MR. DAMSCHRODER: And motion carries.

3 The next item on the agenda,
4 Mr. Chairman and members of the Board, is -- as
5 you know, usually in the summer, we would take a
6 look at precinct boundaries for precincts that
7 have grown, both as a result of registration and
8 also, in some cases, annexation.

9 The Operations Department has prepared
10 a list, and I'm going to pass this down the aisle
11 for you. Prepared a list of several precincts
12 that they have proposed that we adjust lines.

13 In some cases, we're taking the
14 boundaries between two existing precincts and
15 just changing it to even out the number of
16 registered voters between the two precincts; in
17 other cases, we're actually dividing a precinct
18 and creating a -- you know, the old portion and
19 creating the new portion.

20 Carla Patton from the Operations
21 Department is here, and she has maps that she can
22 present to you if you have any questions about
23 some of the specifics that we're -- that we're
24 going to be -- that we're recommending that you

1 approve.

2 Also, at the end of that -- of the
3 motion -- it doesn't appear on that sheet that
4 Carla submitted. There's also two precincts,
5 Lockbourne and Harrisburg, that are presently
6 stand-alone precincts that are attached to
7 townships.

8 Because of the relatively small size
9 of those two municipalities, villages, we would
10 recommend that we eliminate those as stand-alone
11 precincts and just make them splits within the
12 existing township.

13 In most cases, they're both already
14 voting at the same location as the rest of the
15 township. We would be creating a split just like
16 we do for congressional districts or school
17 districts.

18 There's just not a need to incur the
19 expense for four poll workers to sit there for,
20 in the case, I think, of Harrisburg, you know,
21 100 registered voters, and dedicate two machines
22 to that location. So it's a resource allocation
23 issue.

24 So I'll let Carla come forward and do

