

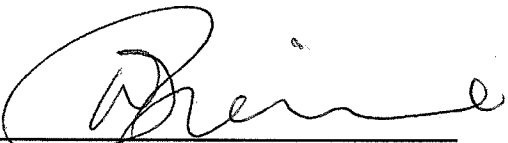
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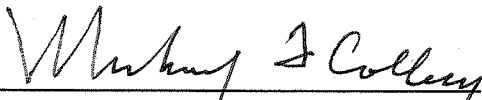
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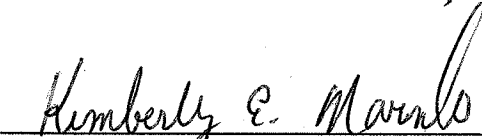
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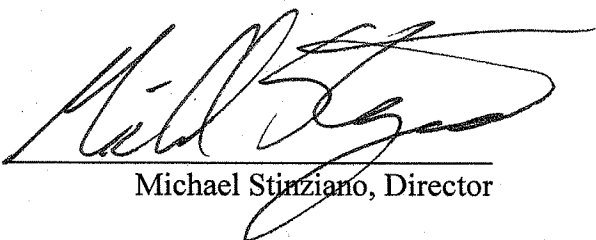

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William A. Anthony Jr.

ATTEST:


Michael Stinziano, Director

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2 HEARING IN RE: SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

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1 BEFORE THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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4 Special Board Meeting :

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7 Proceedings before Chairman Douglas J.
8 Preisse, Board Member William A. Anthony, Jr.,
9 Board Member Kimberly E. Marinello, and Board
10 Member Michael F. Colley, taken at the Franklin
11 County Board of Elections, 280 East Broad Street,
12 Columbus, Ohio, on Friday, October 24, 2008,
13 at 3:11 o'clock p.m.

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13 Mr. Matthew Damschroder, Deputy Director
14 Mr. Eric Nickolas, Regional Liaison
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4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Mr. Director and
5 deputy director, are we all ready?

6 MR. DAMSCHRODER: I think we're ready
7 to begin.

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. And I think
9 we should call roll, as long as you're ready.

10 MR. STINZIANO: Mr. Colley?

11 MR. COLLEY: Here.

12 MR. STINZIANO: Chairman Preisse.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

14 MR. STINZIANO: Mr. Anthony?

15 MR. ANTHONY: Here.

16 MR. STINZIANO: Ms. Marinello.

17 MS. MARINELLO: Here.

18 MR. STINZIANO: First item on our
19 agenda for the special meeting Friday, October
20 24th, is voting machine allocation for November
21 4th, 2008.

22 Before you all is the director and
23 deputy director's recommendation for updating the
24 allocation. The Board had previously approved a

1 draft allocation that took into effect the
2 Secretary of State's directive and the Board's
3 waiting line study.

4 This, as promised at the previous
5 approval, took into a better effect the final
6 registration numbers, less absentee requests that
7 we had, as well as better captures the ballot and
8 line.

9 The waiting line study candidate
10 generalities, now we know specifically how large
11 each precinct's ballot length is, so this is an
12 update of the allocation and the director and
13 deputy director's final recommendation.

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: What are the four
15 factors listed in the Secretary of State's
16 directive again?

17 MR. STINZIANO: Ballot length,
18 registration numbers, problems at previous
19 elections.

20 MR. DAMSCHRODER: And was absentee the
21 other one? I think it was.

22 MR. STINZIANO: Absentee sounds
23 right. I don't know if Mr. Nickolas has a -- do
24 you remember the fourth?

1 MR. NICKOLAS: I don't have a copy of
2 that with me.

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: What are
4 represented here in terms of the significant
5 changes?

6 MR. STINZIANO: And it just depends
7 what precinct you're looking at. But if you look
8 at the last three past the black line where you
9 have current registration and ballot length above
10 base, 1.0 represents a baseline ballot length.

11 And so where there were additional
12 issues, questions, that extended the ballot
13 line. It's captured in there. And so in certain
14 precincts gained additional machines and other
15 precincts had some removed.

16 And it just kind of depends where it's
17 located and how many people voted absentee -- not
18 voted absentee, requested absentee ballots.

19 MR. ANTHONY: Mr. Chair, this doesn't
20 cover in-person votes?

21 MR. STINZIANO: It does.

22 MR. ANTHONY: It does? Is that part
23 of the absentee numbers, then?

24 MR. STINZIANO: Yes. Absolutely.

1 MR. ANTHONY: Okay. All right.

2 MR. STINZIANO: And so, for example,
3 we had one precinct that normally had, I think,
4 1200 people in it; and after absentee numbers
5 were factored in, it was down to 400.

6 So that was a precinct that went from
7 14 to four. There was just no reason to have 14
8 machines at a place with only 400 voters plus.

9 MR. ANTHONY: So they could actually
10 train even more --

11 MR. STINZIANO: This would be the
12 final snapshot. In order for us to be able to
13 get all the machines out and in place on election
14 day, this would be the final snapshot.

15 Numbers could increase more. Our
16 history has been 85 percent absentee ballot
17 return rate, so we feel this is a good
18 representation in terms of what we can actually
19 capture as close to the election as possible.

20 MR. ANTHONY: So the date of this
21 capture was what?

22 MR. DAMSCHRODER: I think it was
23 Sunday night. I think.

24 MR. ANTHONY: Sunday night?

1 MR. DAMSCHRODER: I think it was
2 through Sunday night.

3 MR. STINZIANO: And we did go back
4 with the academics, who did the original waiting
5 time study, to have them crunch all of these
6 numbers in. So it's based on their formula.

7 MR. ANTHONY: Mr. Chair, I had another
8 question.

9 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Um-hmm.

10 MR. ANTHONY: This ballot length above
11 base, what is that exactly?

12 MR. DAMSCHRODER: It's based -- the
13 baseline is the five state issues plus all of the
14 obviously presidential, Congressional,
15 legislative and county-wide candidate contests;
16 although, we didn't include the Hughes Blue state
17 Senate contest only because it's only a third of
18 the county. It's just one contest.

19 So baseline is all those contests plus
20 the five state issues. Then it increases from
21 there on that percentage basis as a result of
22 additional questions that appear on the ballot.

23 So the six Columbus bond issues, a
24 school district question, a charter amendment,

