



1 APPEARANCES:

2 Office of the Franklin County  
3 Prosecuting Attorney  
4 373 South High Street  
5 Columbus, Ohio 43215  
6 By Mr. Nick A. Soulas,  
7  
8 On behalf of the Board  
9 of Elections.

10 ALSO PRESENT:

11  
12 Ms. Mary Hackett  
13 Mr. Jason Parry  
14 Mr. Stuart Wright  
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CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I move that  
the Franklin County Board of Elections  
meeting come to order.

Roll call.

MR. DAMSCHRODER: Mr. Colley?

MR. COLLEY: Here.

MR. DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Marinello?

MS. MARINELLO: Here.

MR. DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Petree?

MS. PETREE: Here.

MR. DAMSCHRODER: And Chairman  
Anthony?

CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Here.

MR. DAMSCHRODER: All members  
are present.

The first item on the agenda  
today is the approval of minutes of  
several previous board meetings.

CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I will  
entertain a motion.

MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I

1 move that the minutes of the meetings of  
2 the Franklin County Board of Elections  
3 December 1st, 2007; December 27th,  
4 2007; January 11th, 2008; January 18th,  
5 2008 and January 23rd, 2008 be approved as  
6 submitted.

7 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a  
8 second?

9 MS. PETREE: Second.

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

12 (Unanimous aye)

13 MR. DAMSCHRODER: The motion  
14 carries.

15 The next is challenge of right  
16 to vote and Correction of Voter  
17 Registration List that was filed by  
18 Jeanette Roberta Jones against Gloria A.  
19 Drewery. As we have in the past with all  
20 these challenges we sent a notice to the  
21 party being challenged, notifying them of  
22 their opportunity of the right to appear  
23 here today, call witnesses, and be  
24 represented by council, et cetera.

1 I don't believe that Ms. Drewery  
2 is here today, so we would recommend the  
3 approval of the challenge.

4 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is Ms.  
5 Drewery in the audience or any  
6 representative from her?

7 (No audible response)

8 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I will  
9 entertain a motion.

10 MS. PETREE: Mr. Chairman, I  
11 move that the Board grant the Challenge of  
12 Right to Vote and Correction of  
13 Registration List filed by Jeanette  
14 Roberta Jones of 494 South Hamilton Road  
15 against Gloria A. Drewery purportedly of  
16 494 South Hamilton Road and order that  
17 Gloria A. Drewery's registration be  
18 immediately cancelled in Franklin County  
19 and the voter's name stricken from the  
20 Registration List.

21 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a  
22 second?

23 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All in favor,

1 say aye.

2 (Unanimous aye)

3 MR. DAMSCHRODER: The motion  
4 carries.

5 The next item on the agenda is  
6 to approve the plan for implementing the  
7 Secretary of State's Directive that the  
8 Board provide paper ballots in all  
9 precincts on election day so that voters  
10 who choose to vote paper ballots as  
11 opposed to voting their ballot  
12 electronically can have that opportunity.

13 The plan is put forward before  
14 you in this large packet. We also posted  
15 it to the Internet to the Board's web site  
16 last Wednesday and sent a press release,  
17 inviting the public to comment. We have  
18 not received any comments via electronic  
19 mail, regular mail, or phone call that I  
20 am aware of.

21 However, I do believe there are  
22 some folks perhaps in the audience who may  
23 want to speak to that matter.

24 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there

1 anyone in the audience who would like to  
2 speak to this?

3 Sir, do you want to go first?  
4 Go to the podium and give your name. And  
5 you have to be sworn in.

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7 STUART WRIGHT

8 by me first duly sworn, as hereinafter  
9 certified, testifies and says as follows:

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11 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Go ahead,  
12 sir.

13 MR. WRIGHT: My name is Stuart,  
14 S-t-u-a-r-t, Wright. I appreciate having  
15 that spread sheet on the web site, but I  
16 think it would be a lot better for people  
17 to understand it if the two sheets in the  
18 workbook were linked by precinct rather  
19 than by location, because when you try to  
20 figure out which precincts are affected,  
21 which precincts have splits, it can't be  
22 done just in that table because all the  
23 precincts at one location are mixed  
24 together and do have different ballot

1 types. We are aware that each ballot type  
2 goes with a precinct but there's nothing  
3 in the spread sheet that shows which  
4 ballot type goes with which precinct.

5 I do commend the Board for  
6 trying to have enough paper ballots to  
7 meet the needs, but if I were to check  
8 what you have, it would be very much  
9 easier if the precinct needs were in  
10 there.

11 Should I talk on a related  
12 matter or wait until the time?

13 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Let's address  
14 your first concern.

15 Do you have a response to him  
16 for that?

17 MR. DAMSCHRODER: We can pull  
18 one together. Because of the way we are  
19 doing things with the single precinct  
20 location and multi-precinct locations,  
21 which are combining the voting machines  
22 for all precincts in a location, that  
23 creates the issue. But we can in this  
24 instance -- what is most important is

1 ballot style as opposed to precinct.

2 We can try to provide Mr. Wright  
3 with additional information after the  
4 meeting.

5 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All right.  
6 What was your other topic you  
7 wanted to talk about?

8 MR. WRIGHT: I know you will  
9 have complaints from some people who like  
10 the ES and S touch screen machines. I  
11 have a report here from a year ago that  
12 down in Sarasota County Florida a lot of  
13 votes disappeared. There were tremendous  
14 numbers of under votes in that county and  
15 various explanations put forth. A  
16 year-long investigation was conducted,  
17 showing that not only in Sarasota County  
18 but other counties also had under-vote  
19 problems.

20 What they found is that most of  
21 the evidence seemed to point to problems  
22 with the ES and S machines. Of course,  
23 those machines in Florida are not the same  
24 ones we have here in Franklin County.

1 They were made earlier. They are older.

2 Some of the problems, it seems,  
3 were due to low batteries or possibly  
4 defective batteries or the way the  
5 machines were chained together. They  
6 seemed to work individually.

7 It's hard to tell how comparable  
8 our electronic machines are because they  
9 have different model numbers. Although we  
10 know that the ones used in Florida did not  
11 have paper trails, we here have paper  
12 trails and this also covers some kinds in  
13 Florida that had 12-inch speeds and some  
14 that had 15-inch speeds.

15 The whole report is 98 pages,  
16 and I don't expect all of you to read all  
17 of it. But I want to give it to one of  
18 you and you could pass it around and see  
19 what interests you about it. There are  
20 valid reasons for going to paper rather  
21 than using the touch screen machines.

22 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Thank you.

23 Have you shared that with the  
24 Secretary of State?

