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CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Let's call the meeting to order.

DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Colley?

MR. COLLEY: Here.

DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Anthony?

MR. ANTHONY: Here.

DIRECTOR WHITE: Ms. Marinello?

MS. MARINELLO: Here.

DIRECTOR WHITE: All present.

MR. DAMSCHRODER: The first item on the agenda is the certification of the election results. In your packet the first set of stapled results are the Franklin County only results. The second packet includes the overlap counties.

So you'll be able to see the -- for instance, the 15th Congressional District, you'll actually be able to see the full district results. And the second packet all

1 were -- the first packet is Franklin County
2 only.

3 MR. ANTHONY: How can you tell the
4 difference?

5 MR. DAMSCHRODER: The best way is on
6 the -- on what's labeled page 2, the second
7 page in. When you see, like, for the 12th
8 Congressional District, 372 of 374 precincts,
9 that's the -- that shows that -- okay. And
10 there's also --

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: The bottom of the
12 left page? Bottom of the left --

13 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Top right is
14 labeled "Official, Franklin County Only" and
15 then "Official, All."

16 DIRECTOR WHITE: Do you see that?

17 MR. ANTHONY: No. Oh, I see it now.
18 It's on the top right.

19 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Top right.

20 MR. ANTHONY: Oh, I see. But, man,
21 I was looking at this and I just thought it
22 had the same thing.

23 MR. DAMSCHRODER: This will be
24 posted to the web -- actually, I think it is

1 being posted to the web as we speak. Also,
2 it will be posted to the web in an Excel
3 spreadsheet so the folks can sort the data in
4 different ways based on their --

5 MR. ANTHONY: After we approve?

6 MR. DAMSCHRODER: And then there's
7 also a single sheet that shows the
8 provisional ballot report, number of ballots
9 -- provisional ballots that were cast, that
10 were ballot and counted and also the numbers
11 by category that were not counted.

12 All in all, there were 19,963
13 provisional ballots cast of which we were
14 able to validate 82 percent, which were 3,614
15 provisional ballots cast that were not
16 counted.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. I was
18 about to ask you the question, but you've
19 enumerated it here. Most of them were not
20 registered or voted in the wrong precinct.

21 MR. DAMSCHRODER: That's correct.
22 And that is -- this percentage of 82 percent
23 valid tracks with what we've had
24 historically. And this election is

1 consistent with past elections in that the
2 two categories that have the largest number
3 of invalid provisionals are because they are
4 not registered or cast their ballot in the
5 wrong precinct.

6 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: If a voter shows
7 up, isn't listed in the roll, and is given a
8 provisional ballot and they're in the wrong
9 precinct, they're not -- is it not in some
10 cases evident that they are trying to vote in
11 the wrong precinct based on their address,
12 registration address?

13 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Yes. And what we
14 do is when a person comes in who is not in
15 the poll book, the first thing we try to
16 determine is, is the address that they
17 presently live at an address that's in that
18 precinct.

19 Because it's possible that they've
20 gone to the correct place but they're just
21 not in the poll book. So if they're in the
22 correct place, they'll be able to vote a
23 provisional ballot there. If their current
24 address is not in the list of streets for

1 that precinct, then the poll workers use a
2 large document that has all the block ranges
3 for the entire county, they look up their
4 correct address, and send them to the correct
5 polling place.

6 There are some situations where the
7 poll worker just says, you know -- it's 7:25
8 and I'm in the wrong place but I'm not
9 driving to the right place, just let me vote
10 provisional here. And that does sometimes
11 happen.

12 But, again, our valid percentage is
13 about the same as we've had in the past in
14 the two categories for invalid. The largest
15 categories are the same as always, not
16 registered and out of precinct.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And 222 people --
18 purposefully, or we would -- or accidentally
19 tried to vote twice?

20 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Yeah. And usually
21 most of these are folks who either forgot
22 that they returned their absentee ballot or
23 were unsure whether or not their absentee
24 ballot was going to be timely received by the

1 Board of Elections.

2 So they mail it Monday morning,
3 Tuesday they're freaking out, I wonder if the
4 Board of Elections got it, so they go to vote
5 provisionally anyway. And all of those are
6 barcoded so we know and we make a notation in
7 the poll book who's requested an absentee
8 ballot. And what we do is we don't count the
9 provisional ballot if their absentee ballot
10 was timely received.

11 So these are people whose absentee
12 ballots were counted but their provisionals
13 -- they're just-in-case provisional ballot
14 did not. And that is a qualifying reason for
15 voting a provisional ballot under Ohio law.

16 Any other questions?

17 (No audible response.)

18 There's several motions that are set
19 out so that Board members can abstain from
20 the appropriate contest that they either were
21 involved in personally as candidates or
22 members of their immediate family or business
23 associates.

24 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Are you proposing

1 anywhere in here that -- I see you've got
2 Michael abstaining on his Central State
3 Committee race?

4 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Correct.

5 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And same for --
6 oh, okay, and you've included my sister
7 there. That's what my question was going to
8 be.

9 MR. DAMSCHRODER: And we have Bill
10 abstaining on three of his family members who
11 were running for Democrat County Central
12 Committee and Kim abstaining from herself,
13 Denny, and Joy Fielder.

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Three members of
15 his family, that's a self-preservation
16 political policy?

17 MR. ANTHONY: It's called smart,
18 man.

19 MR. COLLEY: What?

20 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: A bunch of
21 members of Bill's family ran for the County
22 Democrat Central Committee.

23 DIRECTOR WHITE: It's a lesson
24 Michael Colley taught us a long time ago.

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Denny said you
2 taught him how to count.

3 DIRECTOR WHITE: A long time ago.
4 He says number one rule in politics is know
5 how to count.

6 MR. COLLEY: To two.

7 MR. DAMSCHRODER: So the appropriate
8 fashion would be to take each one of these
9 motions individually so that everyone can be
10 on the record as abstaining for the correct
11 things. And then the --

12 MR. ANTHONY: Got to make sure I got
13 my relatives on here, man.

14 MR. DAMSCHRODER: We took it off of
15 the list of people that you voted to certify
16 petitions for so, hopefully, that was correct
17 at the time.

18 MR. ANTHONY: Yeah. I -- so far it
19 looks good.

20 DIRECTOR WHITE: So, Doug, do you
21 want to make the first motion there?

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And we'll talk
23 about the audit when we get to it, right?

24 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Yes.

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I will move that
2 the Board certify the results of the official
3 canvas of votes cast during the March 4, 2008
4 Primary and Special Election for Member of
5 the Republican Party State Central Committee,
6 Man, for the 16th State Senate District.

7 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

8 DIRECTOR WHITE: We'll do a roll
9 call vote. Ms. Marinello?

10 MS. MARINELLO: Yes.

11 DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Anthony?

12 MR. ANTHONY: Yes.

13 DIRECTOR WHITE: Chairman Preisse?

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

15 DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Colley?

16 MR. COLLEY: Yes.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: You're supposed
18 to abstain.

19 MR. COLLEY: I abstain there.
20 That's me.

21 DIRECTOR WHITE: Reflect that Mr.
22 Colley abstained. Motion is carried.

23 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Next motion.
24 Michael?

