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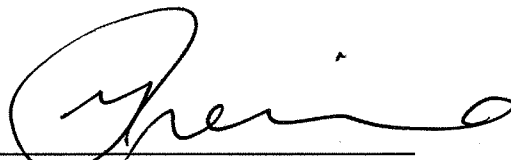
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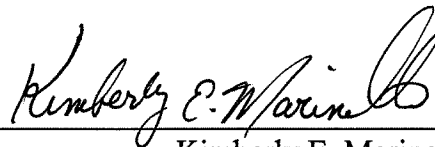
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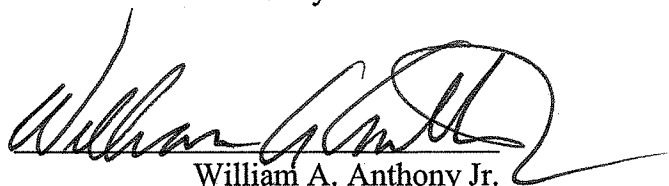
Douglas J. Preisse, Chairman



Michael F. Colley, Esq.



Kimberly E. Marinello



William A. Anthony Jr.

ATTEST:



Dennis L. White, Director

MATI DAMSCHROER,  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

1 ORIGINAL

2 PROCEEDINGS OF: Board Meeting

3 DATE OF DELIVERY: May 21, 2008

4 Board of Elections of  
5 Franklin County, Ohio  
6 280 East Broad Street  
7 Columbus, Ohio 43215  
8 By Ms. Suzanne Brown,  
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Ms. Suzanne Brown

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1 APPEARANCES:

2 Office of the Prosecutor  
3 Franklin County, Ohio  
4 373 South High Street  
5 Columbus, Ohio 43215  
6 By Mr. Nick Soulas,

7 On behalf of the Board.

8 ALSO PRESENT:

9 Ms. Catherine Thompson  
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4                                   CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Let's come to  
5 order.

6                                   Roll call?

7                                   MR. DAMSCHRODER: Mr. Colley?

8                                   MR. COLLEY: Here.

9                                   MR. DAMSCHRODER: Ms.  
10 Marinello?

11                                  MS. MARINELLO: Here.

12                                  MR. DAMSCHRODER: Chairman  
13 Preisse?

14                                  CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

15                                  MR. DAMSCHRODER: We have three  
16 members and a quorum.

17                                  The first item on the agenda is  
18 approval of a number of minutes of the  
19 Board from February, March, and April.

20                                  MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I  
21 move that the minutes of the meetings of  
22 the Board held on February 4th, 2008,  
23 February 14th, 2008, February 19th, 2008,  
24 March 2nd, 2008, March 5th, 2008, March

1 31st, 2008, and April 4th, 2008 be  
2 approved as submitted.

3 MR. COLLEY: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: All in favor,  
5 say aye.

6 (Unanimous aye)

7 MR. DAMSCHRODER: The motion  
8 carries.

9 The next item is a Challenge of  
10 Right to Vote and Correction of  
11 Registration List that was filed with our  
12 office. We have changed the way we handle  
13 some of these internally, so hopefully we  
14 will be able to possibly reduce the number  
15 that come before the Board.

16 This one is a Correction of  
17 Registration List that is required due to  
18 a data entry error on our office's part.  
19 We keyed it wrong, so this correction  
20 would move Ms. Cartharn to the correct  
21 voting address.

22 MS. MARINELLO: I move that the  
23 Board grant the Challenge of Right to Vote  
24 and Correction of Registration List filed

1 by Terry W. McDonald of 2102 Middlehurst  
2 Drive against Brenda L. Cartharn  
3 purportedly of 2102 Middlehurst Drive and  
4 order that Brenda L. Cartharn's  
5 registration be immediately changed in  
6 Franklin County to reflect her proper  
7 registration at 2192 Middlehurst Drive.

8 MR. COLLEY: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: All in favor,  
10 say aye.

11 (Unanimous aye)

12 MR. DAMSCHRODER: The motion  
13 carries.

14 That's all of the official  
15 business we have, but I do want to bring  
16 you up to speed on some other things going  
17 on. I think you all have in your packet a  
18 copy of the preliminary report filed by  
19 the independent auditors, who oversaw a  
20 post-election audit of the paper tapes and  
21 paper ballots from the Primary Election.  
22 They detail in this report the process.

23 I think the most important thing  
24 to recognize is on the second page in the

1 middle that, quote, "No discrepancies in  
2 counts were found."

3 As a result of the hand  
4 inspection, the paper tapes and paper  
5 ballots, there was 100 percent accuracy of  
6 the voting system used here in Franklin  
7 County.

8 MS. MARINELLO: Cheers!

9 MR. DAMSCHRODER: That is the  
10 preliminary report and a few other odds  
11 and ends they are reviewing. They will  
12 submit a formal written report at the  
13 conclusion of their official process. It  
14 took about -- it was about 1,700 hours of  
15 personnel time that was devoted to this  
16 project over a little bit more than a week  
17 to do the hand inspection of paper tapes,  
18 counting the poll books, and hand  
19 inspection of paper ballots as well. It  
20 was a very worthwhile endeavor to test the  
21 accuracy of our voting system going into  
22 this fall.

23 Any questions on that item?

24 (No audible response)

1                   CHAIRMAN PREISSE: What is the  
2 next step in terms -- you mentioned there  
3 are a few other things here under  
4 consideration in this document, which I  
5 haven't read yet, subsequent communication  
6 you were going to comment on?

7                   MR. DAMSCHRODER: Yes. I think  
8 they want to expand their comment from  
9 what is listed in the preliminary report.  
10 I think they have also expressed an  
11 interest in reviewing some of our internal  
12 procedures as it relates to ballot  
13 security, chain of custody, and so those  
14 kinds of things. We will certainly comply  
15 with that. I have no reason based on the  
16 preliminary report or previous activities  
17 that we would find any of those would be  
18 out of order.

19                   CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I guess the  
20 Secretary of State will be ordering all  
21 the boards to examine their security  
22 procedures. I heard it in a training  
23 session last week.

24                   MR. DAMSCHRODER: That's my

1 understanding, yes, but I don't think we  
2 have received an official notice at this  
3 point.

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I was just  
5 wondering if there might end up being an  
6 intersection between what they are saying  
7 and commenting on here and what we will be  
8 called upon to do to self examine.

9 MR. DAMSCHRODER: There may very  
10 well be.

11 Do we know when that directive  
12 order will be coming out?

13 MS. THOMPSON: Currently we are  
14 working with twelve members of the OAO. I  
15 am sure you already have past security  
16 procedures in place. Hopefully, it should  
17 be rather soon.

18 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Thank you,  
19 Catherine.

20 I also want to bring you up to  
21 speed a little bit about our budget. I  
22 think Brenna has put together a year to  
23 date for you.

24 When Denny returns from vacation

