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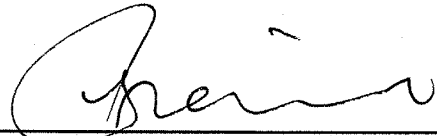
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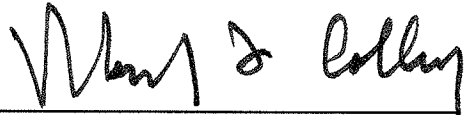
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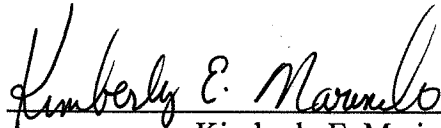
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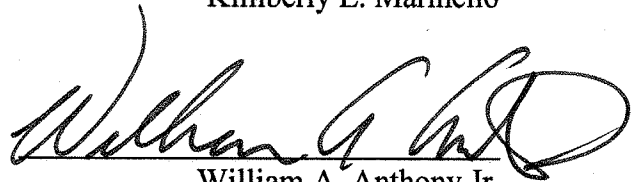
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ATTEST:



Michael Stinziano, Director

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ORIGINAL

MEETING: Retiring Director Dennis White

DATE OF DELIVERY:

Franklin County Board of Elections  
280 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215  
By Ms. Suzanne Brown

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

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IN RE:

Recognition of Retiring  
Director Dennis L. White

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Proceedings before Chairman Douglas J.  
Preisse, Board Members Michael F. Colley,  
Kimberly E. Marinello, William A. Anthony,  
Jr., with Director Dennis L. White and Deputy  
Director Matthew Damschroder, taken at Board  
of Elections, 280 East Broad Street,  
Columbus, Ohio, on Thursday, July 31, 2008,  
at 2:10 o'clock p.m.

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DIRECTOR WHITE: I'd like to call

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the meeting to order. All members are

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present.

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MR. DAMSCHRODER: Let's do a roll

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call.

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DIRECTOR WHITE: Ms. Marinello?

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MS. MARINELLO: Here.

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DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Anthony?

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MR. ANTHONY: Here.

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DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Chairman?

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CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

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DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Colley?

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MR. COLLEY: Here.

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MR. DAMSCHRODER: All members are

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present. As has been memorialized in a

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previous meeting, Director Dennis White is

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retiring from his public service with the

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Board of Elections effective today at five

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o'clock.

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So that brings us to the order of

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business today, which is the selection of

1 Director to succeed Dennis. I don't know,  
2 Denny, if you want to make any comments now  
3 or we can do that later, but I would just say  
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5 DIRECTOR WHITE: I'll do that later.

6 MR. DAMSCHRODER: I would just say  
7 it's been a pleasure to serve with you and  
8 wish you happiness and success in your  
9 post-retirement times, spending time with  
10 your children and grandchildren, and getting  
11 involved in Texas and Mexico politics and  
12 however further the road takes you south.  
13 But it's been a joy to work with you, so  
14 thank you.

15 MR. COLLEY: In the House of Commons  
16 they always say, hear, hear.

17 MR. ANTHONY: Hear, hear. Mr.  
18 Chair?

19 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes, sir.

20 MR. ANTHONY: You know, the Board do  
21 a lot of inter -- we did some inter -- we  
22 interviewed for a replacement for Denny and  
23 Denny's a close friend of mine and a  
24 confidante and a whole bunch of other stuff.

1 I can't really get into --

2 DIRECTOR WHITE: Thank you.

3 MR. ANTHONY: I'll wait and save  
4 that for the -- an announcement, we're having  
5 a political roast for Denny, August the 19th.  
6 If you're not doing anything, show up at the  
7 Planks and we're going to give him --

8 MS. MARINELLO: Planks on Parsons.

9 MR. ANTHONY: Planks on Parsons  
10 Avenue -- a hardy farewell as he retires.  
11 But we had an opportunity to interview three  
12 great folks, Mary Hackett, Todd Wedekind, and  
13 Michael Stinziano and I think they're all  
14 qualified for this job.

15 I was delighted to hear the stuff  
16 that Mary Hackett had done for the agency.  
17 And we certainly appreciate all the hard work  
18 that Mary has done and certainly appreciated  
19 her putting her hat into the ring.

20 We're also -- Todd Wedekind, we felt  
21 that he was qualified as well and glad that  
22 he stepped up to the plate and offered to be  
23 Director of this great establishment. And we  
24 like both of them and we thought they

1 interviewed very well.

2           The last candidate, Michael  
3 Stinziano, Mike came to us -- has come to us  
4 from the Secretary of State's office. She  
5 gave a brilliant and I thought really  
6 complete and accurate letter telling of Mr.  
7 Stinziano's accomplishments and she highly  
8 recommended Mike Stinziano for this position.

9           So we thought about it and we  
10 thought about it and I'm ready to make the  
11 following resolution, Mr. Chair. First of  
12 all, I'd like to thank again all those folks  
13 who applied and who interviewed.

14           I move that the Board, Franklin  
15 County Board of Elections select Michael  
16 Stinziano of Columbus to complete the  
17 unexpired term in the office of Director of  
18 the Franklin County Board of Elections.

19           MS. MARINELLO: Second.

20           DIRECTOR WHITE: Roll call vote.

21 Ms. Marinello?

22           MS. MARINELLO: Yes,

23           DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Anthony?

24           MR. ANTHONY: Yes.

1 DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Chairman?  
2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.  
3 DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Colley?  
4 MR. COLLEY: Yes.  
5 DIRECTOR WHITE: The motion carries.  
6 MR. ANTHONY: Now, being a Director  
7 is great, but you also need to be paid. And  
8 I know you like compensation for that, so I  
9 move that the Board fix the compensation for  
10 our new Director, Michael Stinziano, at the  
11 hourly rate of \$52.12 per hour.  
12 MS. MARINELLO: Second.  
13 DIRECTOR WHITE: Roll call vote.  
14 Mr. Colley?  
15 MR. COLLEY: Yes.  
16 DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Chairman?  
17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.  
18 DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Anthony?  
19 MR. ANTHONY: Yes.  
20 DIRECTOR WHITE: Ms. Marinello?  
21 MS. MARINELLO: Yes.  
22 DIRECTOR WHITE: The motion carries.  
23 MR. ANTHONY: At this point I would  
24 like to introduce everybody to Mr. Stinziano.

1 Michael, as he likes to be called, can you  
2 stand up and would you like to say a few  
3 words, come to the podium?

4 MR. STINZIANO: Sure.

5 MR. ANTHONY: Because from now on  
6 you'll be on the hot seat.

7 MR. STINZIANO: First off, I'd like  
8 to thank the outgoing Director for over ten  
9 years of service to the Franklin County Board  
10 of Elections. He's served very well in  
11 different capacities. I'd like to thank the  
12 Board for their selection of my candidacy and  
13 look forward to working with the Deputy  
14 Director in preparing for November and in  
15 future elections. Thank you.

16 MR. ANTHONY: Succinct and to the  
17 point, I like that. Thank you.

18 (Applause.)

19 MR. ANTHONY: That's all I have, Mr.  
20 Chair.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Well, before we  
22 entertain a motion to adjourn, I'd like to  
23 thank the Director for his years of service  
24 as well, not only to the Board but to the

1 community, to the Democratic Party, to the  
2 Republican Party -- and we're going back into  
3 somewhat ancient political history, but as my  
4 Chairman knows --

5 DIRECTOR WHITE: And you're both  
6 glad I'm leaving town.

7 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: We always like to  
8 bring up, some people grow to see the light  
9 and others recede into the -- no, I didn't.  
10 A sincere and heartfelt thanks to Denny for  
11 his service to this institution and to the  
12 community. I know that's going to continue  
13 in ways on an ongoing basis, so thank you for  
14 your service.

15 DIRECTOR WHITE: I'm just glad I  
16 have an opportunity this morning to make some  
17 comments. First of all, I think that you  
18 guys made a great selection. I know it was a  
19 difficult selection. As I said before, all  
20 three of the final candidates would have no  
21 problem at all stepping in here and working  
22 with our people. Having a very successful  
23 election this fall.

24 But the most important thing I want

