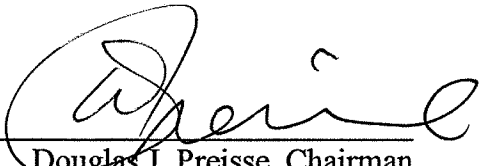


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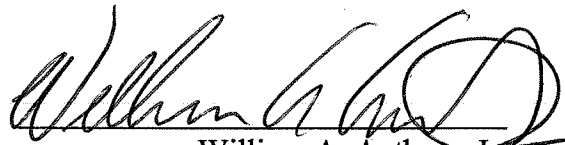
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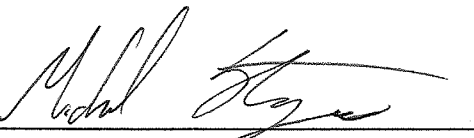


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ATTEST:



~~Dennis L. White~~, Director
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BEFORE THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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In Re: :
Regular Meeting. :

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PROCEEDINGS

before Chairman Douglas J. Preisse, Board Members
William A. Anthony, Jr., Michael F. Colley, and
Kimberly E. Marinello, with Deputy Director Matthew
M. Damschroder, at Memorial Hall, 280 East Broad
Street, Columbus, Ohio, called at 3:00 p.m. on
Monday, July 7, 2008.

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APPEARANCES:

Ronald J. O'Brien, Franklin County Prosecutor
By Mr. Patrick Piccininni
Assistant County Prosecutor
373 South High Street, 13th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

On behalf of the Board of Elections.

ALSO PRESENT:

Ms. Karen Cotton;
Ms. Mary Hackett;
Ms. Katherine M. Thomsen;
Ms. Brenna Umbstaetter;
Mr. Stan Wayne.

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1 Monday Afternoon Session,
2 July 7, 2008.

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4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: Let's call
5 the meeting of the Board of Elections to order for
6 our regular meeting of Monday, July the 7th, 2008.
7 Roll call vote.

8 Mr. Colley.

9 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Here.

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: Ms.
11 Marinello.

12 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Here.

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: Mr.
14 Anthony.

15 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Here.

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: Chairman
17 Preisse.

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: All members
20 are present and the first order on the agenda is the
21 approval of minutes from previous board meetings.

22 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I
23 move that the minutes of the meeting of the Board
24 held on May 5th, May 20th, and June 4th, 2008,

1 be approved as submitted.

2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: Board
4 Member Colley, would you second that?

5 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: I did last time.

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: Let's do it
7 again.

8 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Second.

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: Call for a
10 vote, Mr. Chairman?

11 MR. PREISSE: Yes, I call for a vote.

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: All in
13 favor, say "aye."

14 (All ayes heard.)

15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: The motion
16 carries.

17 I'll send the sign-in sheet across so
18 that you can sign the cover. There's three different
19 sheets to sign.

20 The next item is that the Board has been
21 notified that Dorothy Teater is withdrawing from the
22 General Election ballot as the Republican nominee for
23 Franklin County Clerk of Courts. It's not necessary
24 for the Board to certify her removal, it's therefore

1 noted.

2 For purposes of the record it's
3 worthwhile to have the Board vote to memorialize the
4 fact that Ms. Teater has withdrawn from the ballot.
5 That also sets up a window during which the Franklin
6 County Republican Central Committee can meet and vote
7 to certify a replacement candidate to the ballot.

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: If we have one.

9 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Mr. Chairman, I
10 move that the Board recognize the formal withdrawal
11 from the November 4, 2008, General Election ballot of
12 Dorothy Teater as the Republican Nominee for Franklin
13 County Clerk of Courts.

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I'll second that
15 motion.

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: All in
17 favor, say "aye."

18 (All ayes heard.)

19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: The next
20 item, we do have a series of personnel related
21 matters that the Board may want to be briefed by
22 staff on in executive session and then we'll come
23 back to the public session to act on them if
24 necessary. It would be appropriate now for a motion

1 to go into executive session.

2 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: I move that motion.

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: You move
4 it.

5 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: I move that the
6 Board adjourn into executive session to consider the
7 appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline,
8 promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public
9 employee.

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: Good.

11 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: And we'll
13 do a roll call for this. Board Member Anthony.

14 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Yes.

15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: Board
16 Member Colley.

17 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Yes.

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: Board
19 Member Marinello.

20 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: And
22 Chairman Preisse.

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: And we are

1 in executive session.

2 (EXECUTIVE SESSION.)

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: Is there a
4 motion to return from executive session?

5 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Mr. Chairman, I
6 move that the Board come out of the executive
7 session. No motions were made, no items were agreed
8 upon, no votes were taken, and no consensus was
9 reached.

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: Is there a
11 second?

12 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Second.

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: A roll call
14 vote. Board Member Anthony.

15 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Yes.

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: Board
17 Member Colley.

18 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Yes.

19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: Board
20 Member Marinello.

21 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: Chairman
23 Preisse.

24 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: We're back
2 in public section.

3 (PUBLIC SESSION.)

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: The first
5 item on the agenda, Board Member Anthony.

6 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: I move that the
7 Board enter into an agreement with Marlene Wirth
8 authorizing leave for the balance of the calendar
9 year and accepting her retirement effective December
10 31st, 2008.

11 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: All those
13 in favor, say "aye."

14 (All ayes heard.)

15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: Motion
16 carries.

17 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: I move that the
18 Board accept the retirement of Director Dennis L.
19 White effective July 31st, 2008.

20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: Is there a
21 second?

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: You want to second
23 Denny's retirement? Should we let him go?

24 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Second.

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: We'll do a
2 roll call vote. Board Member Anthony.

3 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Yes.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: Board
5 Member Colley.

6 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Yes.

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: Board
8 Member Marinello.

9 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Abstain.

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: Chairman
11 Preisse.

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: And then
14 the next motion --

15 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Mr. Chair, I'd
16 like to read his resignation letter into the record.

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: Please do.

18 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Mr. Chair, as a
19 letter we received from Dennis L. White, 5113 Hendron
20 Park, Groveport, Ohio 43215 dated July 7th, it is
21 to the Board members of the Franklin County Board of
22 Elections and says, "Dear Board Members: This letter
23 serves as official notice of my retirement effective
24 July 31st, 2008. Best wishes, and thank you for

1 everything.

2 "Respectfully, Dennis L. White,
3 Director."

4 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Why is that
5 letter so funny?

6 MR. PICCININNI: It's artful in its
7 brevity.

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: The next
9 item is to approve the time line, the evaluation
10 criteria for selecting a successor to Director White.

11 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Mr. Chair, I move
12 that the Board adopt the Proposed Succession Plan for
13 selecting its next deputy director and that is
14 outlined in -- that's my motion.

15 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: I second that.

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: Vote? All
17 those in favor, say "aye."

18 (All ayes heard.)

19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: Motion
20 carries.

21 We'll turn to the fiscal part of the
22 agenda. Bill, if I can have that last page that has
23 the handwriting. Brenna Umbstaetter, our fiscal
24 officer, is here.

1 Brenna, if you could come up to the table
2 there.

3 MS. UMBSTAETTER: Sure.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: Brenna will
5 correct me as I go along if I need additional
6 information, but there are six categories for which
7 the staff recommends the Board seek supplemental
8 appropriations from the County Commissioners. The
9 first is to move in-person absentee voting out of
10 Memorial Hall for this fall.

11 As you'll probably recall from coming
12 down here this March and February, this facility was
13 overwhelmed with a number of individuals who came to
14 vote here for the primary. 6,800 people voted in
15 person at the Board of Elections, 5,500 of them were
16 cast during the last week alone. We believe that the
17 numbers of in-person absentee voters this fall will
18 only grow.

19 So it's our recommendation we take
20 in-person absentee voting off site. We looked at
21 several options, Veterans Memorial and City Center.
22 It's I think the County Administrators'
23 recommendation that we go to Vets Memorial because
24 it's a county facility.

1 The only problem with Vets that I see is
2 that they're not able to accommodate the in-person
3 absentee voting on two days, Friday and Saturday
4 October 10 and 11, and the County Administrators'
5 recommendation is for those two days we just move our
6 operations across the street, across from Vets
7 Memorial on West Broad to the new Firefighters union
8 facility that has a large meeting facility.

9 I think it's early enough in the absentee
10 voting cycle that we're probably not going to have a
11 huge turnout on the beginning part of the month as
12 opposed to the end of the month.

13 Voters will be able to park for free at
14 Vets. There are some expenses related to that move,
15 \$34,700 in equipment including ballot-on-demand
16 printers, IDS or T1 lines for voter registration
17 system connectivity, and miscellaneous office
18 supplies for having the staff separated.

19 Also, I think this is not on your memo,
20 right before I came in I got an e-mail from Vets
21 Memorial, they also want \$22,100 in rent, so that
22 request brings us to -- 34,700, Brenna? I don't have
23 that note in front of me -- is increased by 22,100.

24 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Excuse me. I'll

