

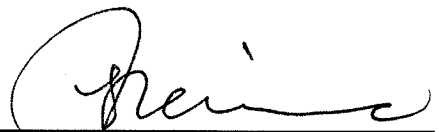
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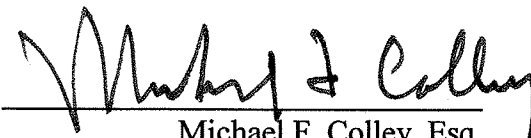
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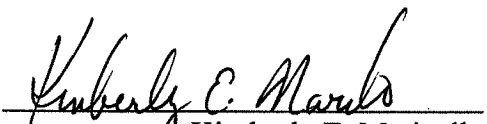
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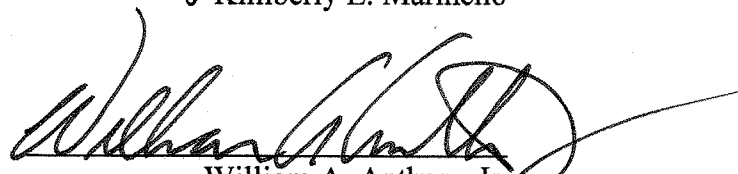
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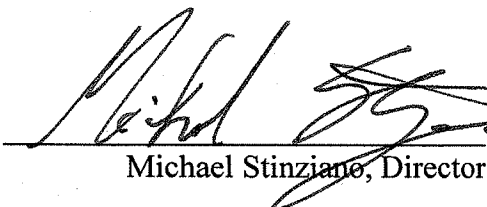

Douglas J. Preisse, Chairman


Michael F. Colley, Esq.


Kimberly E. Marinello


William A. Anthony Jr.

ATTEST:


Michael Stinziano, Director

1 APPEARANCES:

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

9 On behalf of the Board.

10 ALSO PRESENT:

11 Mr. Eric Nickolas

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2 P R O C E E D I N G S

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4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I think we
5 ought to proceed. Let's call this meeting
6 to order.

7 May we have a roll call.

8 MR. STINZIANO: Chairman
9 Preisse?

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

11 MR. STINZIANO: Mr. Colley?

12 MR. COLLEY: Here.

13 MR. STINZIANO: Mr. Anthony?

14 MR. ANTHONY: Here.

15 MR. STINZIANO: Ms. Marinello?

16 MS. MARINELLO: Here.

17 MR. STINZIANO: We will begin
18 with our first agenda item on the special
19 meeting, discussing the referral of two
20 candidates to the Ohio Ethics Commission.

21 Our Deputy Director will
22 introduce the discussion.

23 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Several months
24 ago the Board adopted a policy governing

1 the auditing of campaign finance reports,
2 establishing a time line and procedure by
3 which the Board would notify candidates
4 and committees of deficiencies in the
5 reports, using certified mail and
6 establishing a clear time frame for
7 candidates who have not responded to those
8 notifications to be referred to the
9 Elections Commission.

10 We have two candidates from last
11 year, who still have deficient reports.
12 The deficiencies are minor but they are
13 still deficiencies. And it is the policy
14 of state law to refer them over to the
15 Elections Commission for further
16 investigation or proceeding.

17 This motion is consistent with
18 the policy previously set by the Board.

19 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Any thoughts,
20 concerns for discussion?

21 (No audible response)

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Then based
23 upon the recommendations of the Director
24 and Deputy Director, I move that the Board

1 of Elections refer the following
2 individuals to the Ohio Elections
3 Commission: Stephen Renner and Paul
4 Bingle.

5 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

6 MR. DAMSCHRODER: We can do a
7 voice vote on this.

8 All in favor, say aye.

9 (Unanimous aye)

10 MR. DAMSCHRODER: The motion
11 carries.

12 MR. STINZIANO: The second item
13 on the agenda is the Challenge to Right to
14 Vote and Correction of Registration List.

15 MR. DAMSCHRODER: This Board
16 action is similar to some of the ones we
17 have had in the past. When an individual
18 registers or an individual becomes
19 registered at someone else's address, the
20 person who lives there has the opportunity
21 to challenge that. In some cases it has
22 been a result of a keying error on our
23 part and we were able to resolve that.

24 In this instance as we've seen

1 in the past, it's very clear that the
2 registration is not a person's residential
3 address because 6500 North High Street is
4 the Worthington Fire Department. He has
5 been challenged by -- the Chief sent a
6 letter saying that this individual, Mr.
7 Bumgardner is not an employee of the fire
8 department.

9 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Or a resident
10 of the fire house.

11 MR. DAMSCHRODER: So the Staff's
12 recommendation would be to uphold this
13 challenge and that the individual's
14 registration be cancelled.

15 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I
16 move that the Board grant the Challenge of
17 Right to Vote and Correction of
18 Registration List filed by Scott D.
19 Highley of 1247 Tranquil Drive against
20 Maurice Anthony Bumgardner purportedly of
21 6500 North High Street and order that
22 Mr. Bumgardner's registration be
23 immediately cancelled in Franklin County
24 and his name stricken from the

1 Registration List.

2 MR. COLLEY: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Voice vote?

4 MR. STINZIANO: All in favor?

5 (Unanimous aye)

6 MR. STINZIANO: The motion

7 carries. We'll refer accordingly.

8 The next agenda item is

9 discussion of extending the offsite early
10 voting and absentee hours.

11 At our last meeting the Board
12 adopted the Secretary of State's minimum
13 weekday hours. We would like to start
14 with any extended weekday hours that the
15 Board wants to discuss.

16 MR. ANTHONY: Director, before I
17 make the motion I would like to go on the
18 record in saying we would like to make
19 voting available as often and as long as
20 we can during that 35-day period so people
21 will have an opportunity to vote.

22 With that in mind I will make
23 the following motion. I move that the
24 Board establish extended weekday hours in

1 addition to the minimum requirements of
2 the S.O.S. Directive of 2008-50 that was
3 already adopted by this Board to include
4 hours of operation for in-person voting at
5 Veterans Memorial from 8:00 a.m. until
6 7:00 p.m., beginning September 30th and
7 ending November 3rd, 2008.

8 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Do we have
10 some thoughts or discussion on this
11 matter?

12 I would offer that I concur that
13 having adopted the minimum hours
14 prescribed by the Secretary of State, we
15 always as we have in the recent past have
16 looked for opportunities within reason and
17 in consideration of the hard working
18 professional staff and cost incurred, have
19 considered and indeed supported the
20 extension of hours to better convenience
21 the voting public.

22 Michael, do you have any
23 thoughts?

24 MR. COLLEY: What is the

1 Staff's rationale?

2 MR. DAMSCHRODER: I think the
3 Staff recommendation -- Mike, correct me
4 if I am wrong.

5 I think part of the rationale
6 for the extra weekday hours is that it has
7 been the longstanding practice of this
8 office to have some extended weekday
9 hours. I think in 2006 we did some extra
10 hours during weekdays. So I think this is
11 consistent with past practice.

12 MR. COLLEY: Was it fairly well
13 received?

14 MR. DAMSCHRODER: It was
15 favorably received and I think it
16 accommodates individuals who are in that
17 -- who are unable to come down 8:00 to
18 5:00 and not coming down until early
19 evening hours, allowing them to avoid rush
20 hour traffic.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Any other
22 comments?

23 (No audible response)

24 MR. STINZIANO: Then I think it

