

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
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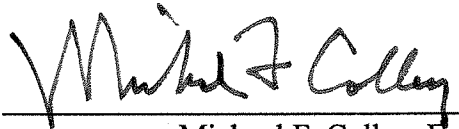
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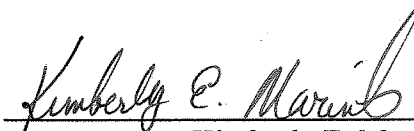
BY:



Douglas J. Preisse, Chairman



Michael F. Colley, Esq.



Kimberly E. Marinello

William A. Anthony Jr.

ATTEST:



Michael Stinziano, Director

1 ORIGINAL

2 MEETING: Franklin County BOE

3 DATE OF DELIVERY:

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

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1 APPEARANCES:

2 Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney
3 373 South High Street
4 13th Floor
5 Columbus, Ohio 43215
6 By Mr. Patrick J. Piccininni,
7 Assistant Prosecuting Attorney,
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9 On behalf of the Board.

10 ALSO PRESENT:

11 Suzanne Brown
12 Karen Cotton
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CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Why don't we get started and we'll start with determining whether we have a full and sufficient quorum.

DIRECTOR STINZIANO: Special meeting for Friday, February 20, 2009, Franklin County Board of Elections. Mr. Colley?

MR. COLLEY: Here.

DIRECTOR STINZIANO: Chairman Preisse?

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

DIRECTOR STINZIANO: Mr. Anthony?

MR. ANTHONY: Finally here.

DIRECTOR STINZIANO: Ms. Marinello?

MS. MARINELLO: Here.

DIRECTOR STINZIANO: First item on the agenda is Approval of Minutes for February 2, 2009.

MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move that the minutes of the meetings of the Board held on February 2, 2009 be approved as submitted.

1 MR. COLLEY: Second.

2 DIRECTOR STINZIANO: All in favor?

3 (All say aye.)

4 DIRECTOR STINZIANO: None opposed.

5 Next issue is Certification of Candidates.

6 We have Karen Cotton here to provide the
7 staff reports of the candidate petitions.

8 MS. COTTON: Provided in your
9 packets we have four different listings for
10 the Board to reference. The first listing is
11 of all candidates that filed for this
12 election cycle, their petitions were all
13 examined by staff. And then we have the
14 Board's recommendations on the other sheets
15 that are provided to you.

16 The Recommended for Board Approval
17 is a separate listing. It's a multi-page
18 document. Then I have a report for you that
19 we are recommending the Board to deny access
20 to the ballot for.

21 Candidate for Columbus City Council,
22 Nicholas Schneider, we were unable to find
23 enough ballot signatures to recommend that
24 the Board place him on the ballot. We were

1 only able to validate 589 signatures and he
2 needed 100 -- or 1,000 ballot signatures in
3 order to qualify. Also, Mr. Wright fell
4 short of the necessary 1,000 ballot
5 signatures to gain ballot access.

6 For the Columbus Board of Education,
7 Claudia DeLeone fell short of the 300 ballot
8 signatures that were required for her to make
9 the ballot. We were only able to validate
10 168 signatures. Carol Perkins, was unable to
11 validate enough signatures for her. We were
12 only able to validate 244.

13 We had several part petitions where
14 Carol Perkins, as the circulator, printed her
15 name rather than wrote it in cursive as
16 required to be a legal signature. We also
17 had one part petition for Carol Perkins where
18 we had several signatures that were
19 non-genuine which caused the whole part
20 petition to be invalidated.

21 So, once we took out those four part
22 petitions we were not able to get enough
23 valid signatures. In checking further, even
24 if those four part petitions had been valid,

1 she still would not have had enough valid
2 signatures.

3 Also, for the Unexpired Term, Brian
4 O'Steward, he fell short of having enough
5 ballot signatures. In the City of Whitehall,
6 Member of Council, Ward 1, Lynn Oxendorf
7 filed 16 signatures on her part petition.

8 The petition was improperly
9 completed, but we did check the signatures.
10 We were only able to find 12 signatures to be
11 valid. She needed 15 in order to qualify for
12 the ballot.

13 So, we're recommending that the
14 listing as noted Recommended for Denial to
15 the Ballot so that the Board act on that and
16 deny those candidates. And then we're
17 recommending the other lists to be certified
18 to the ballot. And once you've done that,
19 we'll talk about Name Requests.

20 MR. ANTHONY: Mr. Chair?

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Questions or
22 comments?

23 MR. ANTHONY: I got a question.
24 Folks who didn't make it, they will have the

1 right to appeal, I guess?

2 MS. COTTON: We will send them a
3 letter on Monday indicating that the Board
4 has taken action and that there is an appeal
5 process and give them five days to appeal.

6 MR. ANTHONY: Okay. Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Any other
8 concerns at this point?

9 (No audible response.)

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Do we want to
11 have -- am I missing something or are we
12 waiting for a motion to be made?

13 DIRECTOR STINZIANO: Waiting for a
14 motion.

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Are we studying
16 the --

17 MS. MARINELLO: I was just looking
18 at the --

19 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. If you
20 need more time to read it, by all means.

21 MS. MARINELLO: No. I just -- it's
22 a shame. I move that the Board accept the
23 staff report and hereby certify to the May 5,
24 2009 primary and November 3, 2009 general

1 election ballots those candidates whose
2 petitions we have found to be valid and
3 sufficient.

4 MR. COLLEY: Mr. Chairman, I second
5 the motion.

6 DIRECTOR STINZIANO: All in favor?

7 (All say aye.)

8 DIRECTOR STINZIANO: Next we have
9 Certification of Issues. Again, Karen Cotton
10 will provide the staff report.

11 MS. COTTON: Do you want to hold off
12 Name Requests till later?

13 DIRECTOR STINZIANO: Yes.

14 MS. COTTON: Okay. You have in your
15 packet a listing of the issues that have been
16 filed for this most current election to be
17 held on May 5, 2009. All of the issues on
18 this list have been submitted to the
19 Prosecuting Attorney's office for approval as
20 to form, and we do have verification from the
21 Prosecutor's office that they all meet the
22 criteria to be placed on the current ballot.

23 We have one filing for the Jonathan
24 Alder School District which is coming to us

