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1 MR. STINZIANO: All in favor?

2 MEMBERS: Aye.

3 MR. STINZIANO: I will be  
4 circulating the signature sheets for both.

5 The next item is we have a challenge  
6 of Right to Vote and Correction of  
7 Registration List.

8 The challenge is filed by Shirley W.  
9 Freeman against Norwood Trent Freeman. They  
10 are a divorced couple. Mr. Norwood Freeman  
11 has been maintaining that address which is  
12 2881 Castlewood Road since the divorce is our  
13 understanding, and he has been voting using  
14 that address all the way up to the most  
15 recent special election. However, we did  
16 receive a 2007 NCOA mailing that gave us a  
17 new mailing address and a confirmation card  
18 also came back as undeliverable.

19 So it is our staff's recommendation  
20 that we remove Mr. Freeman -- we remove  
21 Mr. Freeman's registration from that address.

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

1 filed by Mrs. Shirley W. Freeman of 2881  
2 Castlewood Road, Columbus, against Norwood  
3 Trent Freeman of 2881 Castlewood Road,  
4 Columbus, and order that Norwood Trent  
5 Freeman's registration be immediately  
6 canceled in Franklin County and her name --

7 MR. COLLEY: His name.

8 MS. MARINELLO: -- his name stricken  
9 from the Registration List.

10 MR. COLLEY: Second.

11 MR. STINZIANO: All in favor?

12 MEMBERS: Aye.

13 MR. STINZIANO: Next, as you are all  
14 aware, we did apply again for Secretary of  
15 State grant monies for polling place  
16 accessibility. That grant was approved. And  
17 so we need the board to sign and approve the  
18 adoption of that grant.

19 MR. MAS: Michael, I have a  
20 question. Did they modify it any as far as  
21 the amount or --

22 MR. STINZIANO: There was still some  
23 questions about what we were seeking, and  
24 whether or not we were asking for the

1 appropriate amount of cones or for signage,  
2 but it all got worked through. Tim Adams out  
3 at the warehouse has done a great job being  
4 our ADA coordinator out from the Board of  
5 Elections side.

6 And so for tomorrow, we are in, to  
7 our best knowledge and belief, full  
8 compliance.

9 MR. MAS: I see also Matt nodding.

10 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Yes.

11 MR. MAS: In that case,  
12 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board adopt, as  
13 submitted, the grant agreements drafted by  
14 the Ohio Secretary of State office for  
15 polling places accessibility.

16 MR. COLLEY: Second.

17 MR. STINZIANO: All in favor?

18 MEMBERS: Aye.

19 MR. STINZIANO: I'll be circulating  
20 that grant as well.

21 The fourth item is the referral of  
22 possible fraud cases to the prosecuting  
23 attorney. As you are all aware, similar to  
24 what happened in Hamilton County, we have

1 seen instances of potential fraud. We have  
2 been working with the prosecutor's office to  
3 address those instances and to get as much  
4 verification in writing that the applications  
5 that were submitted to us were not the  
6 individuals who's named on the applications,  
7 but we have yet to formally, as a Board, have  
8 the referrals. So that is our recommendation  
9 that the Board formally do it in motion.

10 MS. MARINELLO: I move that the  
11 Board, per the recommendation of the Director  
12 and Deputy Director, refer to the Prosecuting  
13 Attorney for additional investigation and  
14 possible criminal prosecution, three  
15 individuals who allegedly submitted false  
16 absentee ballot applications for the November  
17 3rd, 2009, General Election.

18 MR. MAS: Second.

19 MR. STINZIANO: All in favor?

20 MEMBERS: Aye.

21 MR. STINZIANO: Next is the Public  
22 Transportation Benefit Program. Last year,  
23 the Board of Commissioners implemented this  
24 program, and it is up again for approval. It

1 is our recommendation that the Board adopt  
2 it. We are only aware of two staff members  
3 who took advantage, but we do think there is  
4 a benefit that they get the reimbursement and  
5 subsidized use of using Cota. And so we  
6 recommend that the Board again adopt the  
7 Board of Commissioners Resolution.

8 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move  
9 that the Board adopt the Franklin County  
10 Board of Commissioner's resolution extending  
11 the Public Transportation Benefit Program to  
12 the Board of Election employees per the terms  
13 of the resolution's language.

14 MR. COLLEY: Second.

15 MR. STINZIANO: All in favor?

16 MEMBERS: Aye.

17 MR. STINZIANO: I'll next draw your  
18 attention to the supplemental sheet that came  
19 in late, David Nabors and Berna Umstadter  
20 attended a PERS meeting and -- discussing the  
21 resolution that our Board passed at the last  
22 meeting regarding the portion of health  
23 insurance benefits, and they are not able to  
24 adapt the program to what the Board had

