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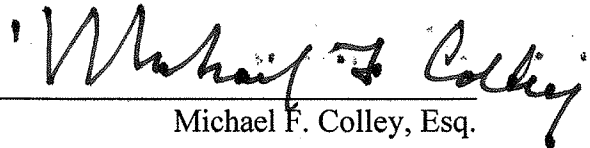
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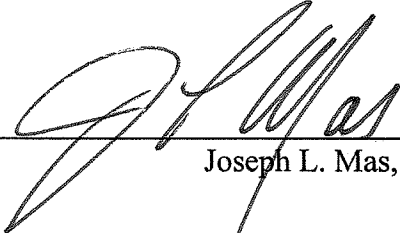
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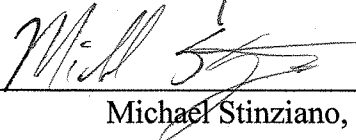


Kimberly E. Marinello



Joseph L. Mas, Esq.

ATTEST:



Michael Stinziano, Director

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

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IN RE:  
Special Meeting

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Proceedings before Chairman Douglas  
J. Preisse, Board Members Michael F. Colley,  
Kimberly E. Marinello, Joseph I. Mas, with  
Director Michael Stinziano and Deputy  
Director Matthew Damschroder, taken at Board  
of Elections, 280 East Broad Street,  
Columbus, Ohio, on Tuesday, November 24, 2009  
at 4:07 o'clock p.m.

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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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P R O C E E D I N G S  
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MR. STINZIANO: This is the November 24, 2009 Special Meeting of the Franklin County Board of Elections. Begin with roll call.

Mr. Colley?

MR. COLLEY: Here.

MR. STINZIANO: Chairman Preisse?

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

MR. STINZIANO: Mr. Mas?

MR. MAS: Here.

MR. STINZIANO: Ms. Marinello?

MS. MARINELLO: Here.

MR. STINZIANO: The first item is the official certification of the November 3rd election. Karen Cotton, Operations Manager, is here to provide an overview and summary, and copies should be in your packets, of the Franklin County specific results.

MS. COTTON: Staff completed the official canvass earlier -- actually toward

1 the end of last week. We finished up on  
2 Monday and we got the results from all the  
3 counties, but we're still waiting on some of  
4 the results from other counties. That's why  
5 we you only have Franklin County on this  
6 report.

7 We also completed an official  
8 canvass for the write-in results and we also  
9 presented a copy of those write-in results.  
10 We're recommending your certification to the  
11 results as you have them before you.

12 MR. MAS: Mr. Chairman, I move that  
13 the results of the official canvass of votes  
14 cast during the November 3, 2009 General  
15 Election be certified as reported.

16 MR. COLLEY: Second.

17 MR. STINZIANO: All in favor?

18 (All say aye.)

19 MR. STINZIANO: As shown on the  
20 official certification there are four races  
21 where we will have automatic recounts as the  
22 Board is aware. An automatic recount occurs  
23 when they're within one-half of one percent  
24 in these individuals and the trickle-down

1 fall into those categories.

2 MS. MARINELLO: Given that the now  
3 certified result of the November 3, 2009  
4 General Election contest as results in four  
5 contests that are within one-half of one  
6 percent, I move the Board establish:

7 Tuesday, December 1st, beginning at  
8 8:30 a.m. at the offices of the Board as a  
9 time, date, and location of the automatic  
10 recount for the Riverlea - Member of Council;

11 Tuesday, December 1st, beginning at  
12 10:30 a.m. at the offices of the Board as the  
13 date, time, and location of the automatic  
14 recount of the Reynoldsburg City School  
15 District - Member of Education;

16 Wednesday, December 2nd, beginning  
17 at 8:30 a.m. in the offices of the Board as  
18 the date, time, and location of the automatic  
19 recount of the Hamilton Local School District  
20 - Member of Board of Education;

21 Wednesday, December 2, beginning at  
22 1:00 p.m. at the offices of the Board as the  
23 date, time, and location of the automatic  
24 recount of the South-Western City School

1 District - Member of Board of Education.

2 MR. COLLEY: Second.

3 MR. STINZIANO: All in favor?

4 (All say aye.)

5 MR. STINZIANO: As the Board is  
6 aware, based on the Secretary of State's  
7 directive, we must have the random drawing of  
8 precincts for the recount. And it is the  
9 staff's recommendation we do that on November  
10 30th at 1:00 p.m. I don't know if the Board  
11 can accommodate that time, but that is what  
12 we're suggesting right now.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Are we supposed  
14 to be there?

15 MR. STINZIANO: Yes. It's the way  
16 the dir --

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Is that when we  
18 -- when we pull it out of a hat?

19 MR. STINZIANO: -- correct. The way  
20 the directive reads it is the Board does the  
21 random selection.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yeah. Well, I  
23 remember it was actually --

24 MR. STINZIANO: The reason we would

1 request to do it on Monday and begin the  
2 recounts the next day is so we have staff  
3 time to pull out those particular precincts  
4 and documents as needed so we have a swift  
5 recount.

6 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: You're wanting to  
7 do it at one?

8 MR. STINZIANO: Yes.

9 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And it won't take  
10 very long.

11 MR. STINZIANO: No. It should take  
12 less than five minutes.

13 MR. MAS: The only problem that I  
14 have, as I often have, is that I have a case  
15 in federal court that begins at 10:30 and it  
16 may or may not be done by one o'clock,  
17 particularly if they have to continue it.  
18 Are we stuck with one o'clock and --

19 MR. STINZIANO: We aren't stuck and  
20 we also just need three. We don't need all  
21 four. Only one person can actually pick at a  
22 time.

23 MR. MAS: Oh, okay. So if I don't  
24 make it, it's not the end of the world?

1 MR. STINZIANO: Correct. If you're  
2 comfortable with that -- and random is  
3 random.

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So you need three  
5 of us here?

6 MR. STINZIANO: Correct.

7 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And I have a 1:30  
8 and a noon, so 1:15 would actually be better.  
9 Does that 15-minute difference make a  
10 difference for you, Joe, or are you still --

11 MR. MAS: It wouldn't make any  
12 difference. I still wouldn't know.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And you don't  
14 know your schedule probably since you have  
15 many people working for you? Although one of  
16 them might know and --

17 MR. STINZIANO: And we don't have to  
18 decide immediately, but we would like, before  
19 we leave today, to have the time settled  
20 because we are notifying those candidates  
21 that are impacted. Under the directive they  
22 have to be given adequate notice of when we  
23 are doing the random drawing.

24 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: What time do you

1 start your meeting, Joe?

2 MR. MAS: My meeting starts at 10:30  
3 and I'm going to see if we can just kind of  
4 run through -- if we were to choose a little  
5 bit later time, I'm almost absolutely certain  
6 that I could be here.

7 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yeah. My problem  
8 is I could do 2:30 or three, but I've got to  
9 be in -- it won't take that long?

10 MR. STINZIANO: It will not.

11 MR. MAS: That would be fine. If we  
12 do 2:30, I think I can make it.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I've got to be in  
14 Westerville at 3:30 so -- did you say 2 --  
15 2:45 would be perfect.

16 MR. STINZIANO: 2:45 works.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Does that work  
18 for you, Kim?

19 MS. MARINELLO: Yeah. The later the  
20 better is always good.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: We're going to  
22 meet here Monday, there needs to be three of  
23 us to randomly draw for a couple recounts.  
24 So if you can be here, that's great; but if