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ALSO PRESENT:

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Tuesday Afternoon Session,
March 26, 2013.

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DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Good afternoon. I
would like to call the Franklin County Board of
Elections Meeting to order, Special Meeting to order.

Roll-call. Kim Marinello.

MEMBER MARINELLO: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Zachary Manifold.

MEMBER MANIFOLD: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Douglas Preisse.

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Bradley Sinnott.

MEMBER SINNOTT: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We have a quorum,
Mr. Chair.

The first thing on the agenda is to
approval the previous minutes of the March 4 and
March 12 meetings.

MEMBER MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, I move
that the Board approve the minutes of the March 4 and
March 12, 2013, meetings of the Franklin County Board
of Elections as submitted.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

1 MEMBER SINNOTT: Second.

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor.

3 Motion carries.

4 The next item on the agenda would be the
5 amended voting machine allocation for the May 7
6 Primary Election.

7 Dana, do you want to?

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Sure, real quick.
9 With there not being a primary now in the Columbus
10 Board of Election race that eliminated about -- it
11 was seven or eight polling locations. I can't
12 remember the exact number but there was seven or
13 eight now that did not have anything on the ballot
14 and thus did not need to be open for the Primary
15 Election. So we did a quick reallocation of the
16 voting machines that do not include those polling
17 locations that are no longer open in the Primary.

18 MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move
19 that the Board adopt the amended voting machine
20 allocation formula found on Exhibit A for the May 7,
21 2013, Primary Election.

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

23 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

24 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor say

1 aye.

2 Motion carries.

3 The next item on the agenda, Mr. Chair,
4 is the withdrawal of Brian Katz from the Hilliard
5 City Council Primary Ballot.

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Just for
7 clarification on this, we did receive -- I received
8 an e-mail from Mr. Katz over the weekend, and then we
9 did receive a letter from him today, correct, Jeff,
10 indicating Mr. Katz's desire to remove himself as a
11 candidate for Hilliard City Council?

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And will his name
13 appear on the ballot?

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: His name will
15 appear on the ballot, but we will include in every
16 absentee ballot that goes out a notice that he
17 withdrew as a candidate and post it on the machines
18 on election day that he withdrew and that any ballots
19 cast for his candidacy would not be counted.

20 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay.

21 MEMBER SINNOTT: Mr. Chairman, I move
22 that the Board accept the request of Brian Katz to
23 withdraw as a candidate for Hilliard City Council and
24 that any votes cast for him at the May 7, 2013,

1 Primary Election shall not be counted.

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

3 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor.

5 The motion carries.

6 The next item on the agenda would be
7 hiring a new employee. Do we need to go into
8 executive session?

9 Probably not.

10 MR. ANDERSON: No.

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We've had --
12 we've had an opening with Jeff's ascension into Karen
13 Cotton's old position. We've had an opening for
14 Jeff's position in our Operations Division. We've
15 talked to some folks about this and recommended to
16 the Board that we hire Tania Wade into that position.
17 Tania and I have spoken, and she would request if the
18 Board so moves to hire her to begin April 15.

19 MEMBER SINNOTT: What does the \$19.23 per
20 hour rate translate into annually?

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: \$40,000 a year
22 which I believe is Mr. Mackey's former salary.

23 MEMBER SINNOTT: Mr. Chairman, I move
24 that the Board hire Tania Wade as an employee in the

1 Operations Department beginning April 15, 2013, at a
2 compensation rate of \$19.231 per hour.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor.

6 Motion carries.

7 The last item on the agenda is the
8 candidacy of Dominic Paretti. Now, Jeff, you have an
9 Exhibit B. And I will have Jeff Mackey go over that.

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: If I might real
11 quick, what this was we were preparing information.
12 As you recall at the last meeting, we had some tie
13 votes on this matter. As we were preparing
14 information on that, Jeff took an additional look at
15 some signatures and that's what you've got presented
16 to you today. So I'll have him share these
17 additional signatures with you.

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Before we start should
19 we make a motion to rescind the tie vote we took at
20 the last meeting?

21 MEMBER SINNOTT: I think that might be
22 premature at this point.

23 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All right. Okay.

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: I was going to

1 say the same thing. I think we should go through
2 these first and see how that pans out.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Got you.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: See if it
5 resolves itself.

6 MR. MACKEY: You have before you five
7 signatures that staff had previously invalidated that
8 I believe, I submit to you, should be counted towards
9 Mr. Paretti's total valid signatures.

10 And questions on any of them?

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Well, let's take a few
12 minutes to examine them all, each of us, and then
13 talk about how we discuss them. This first page,
14 thank you for numbering it, that signature would
15 relate to the signature on 14 in the -- in the --

16 MR. MACKEY: Correct. Line 14 on the
17 signature page, about --

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I see.

19 MR. MACKEY: -- four total.

20 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: There is the number on
21 3.

22 MEMBER SINNOTT: So these are five
23 signatures that have been excluded from the count
24 for -- on the recommendation of staff. Upon your

1 review of them you think that these should come
2 before the Board for approval.

3 MR. MACKEY: That's correct.

4 MEMBER SINNOTT: I agree.

5 MEMBER MARINELLO: Some of these are
6 obvious. I don't know how they got denied.

7 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Well, they all look
8 good to me too. So we have to -- do we have to take
9 a vote to accept these?

10 MR. ANDERSON: Yes. That is correct,
11 Mr. Chairman.

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Then I would move -- I
13 would --

14 MR. ANDERSON: I think you can move -- I
15 think if you are all in agreement, you can move them
16 all as a group. There's no reason to go through each
17 one individually unless there is some --

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I hear consensus among
19 the four members so.

20 MEMBER SINNOTT: If the Chair would
21 entertain a motion, I'll move that the five
22 signatures that are a part of Exhibit B be deemed
23 valid and counted toward the signature requirement of
24 the office Mr. Paretto is seeking.

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

2 MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor
4 say --

5 MR. ANDERSON: Could we do a voice vote?

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We will do a voice
7 vote. Kim Marinello.

8 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

9 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Zachary Manifold.

10 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Yes.

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Douglas Preisse.

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Bradley Sinnott.

14 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.

15 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: It was a unanimous
16 yes.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And then that action,
18 Counselor Sinnott, would probably cause, if my
19 arithmetic is accurate, to render the previous action
20 redundant or irrelevant so we should undo it.

21 MEMBER SINNOTT: Mr. Chairman, I think we
22 could well rescind the action taken at the last
23 meeting referring three signatures to the Secretary's
24 Office for a breaking of a tie vote because those

1 three signatures no longer matter to Mr. Paretti's
 2 opportunity to appear on the ballot. So I would move
 3 rescission of the Board's referral of three signatures
 4 at its last meeting to the Secretary of State for the
 5 breaking of a tie.

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

7 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor.

9 Do we need --

10 MR. ANDERSON: Let's do the voice vote.

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Kim Marinello.

12 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Zachary Manifold.

14 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Yes.

15 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Douglas Preisse.

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Bradley Sinnott.

18 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.

19 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: That motion to rescind
 20 our --

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Now, where are we as
 22 to Dominic's?

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Mr. Paretti had
 24 originally been certified to the ballot. No action

1 was taken at the last meeting to remove his name from
2 the ballot, so if I'm correct, counselor, I would say
3 that there's no need for anything additional because
4 he remains on the ballot.

5 MR. ANDERSON: That would be correct but
6 I would just want staff to make sure that that was
7 not -- that he was not removed. My recollection is
8 that he was not but let's double-check that just to
9 make sure. If need be, we can pick that up at
10 another meeting.

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Yeah. That was,
12 as Bill and I discussed this, if the Board did go
13 this way, that we would bring that up at a subsequent
14 meeting actually to move all candidates onto the
15 General Election ballot as we did with those races at
16 the previous meetings that did not have -- did not
17 have to go through a Primary. So we will
18 double-check that to make sure and bring that up at
19 the next meeting we have.

20 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Just, Jeff, I know you
21 are the new manager of the Department. I would love
22 to hear your ideas later on after you have some time
23 to think about it about a more formalized process
24 maybe where if we are within a certain threshold,

1 maybe we have bipartisan staff look at how -- maybe
2 making it more permanent or organized.

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Bill and I have
4 discussed and along with Jeff some things that we
5 could do in the future to build some redundancy into
6 this and do some, you know, double and triple
7 checking of everything in the future so that we are
8 being as thorough as we possibly can be beyond this.
9 It will be more staff time to do it, but it's well
10 worth doing for the accuracy.

11 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Yeah, definitely.

12 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We have had a lot of
13 new employees during this process. We have some
14 seasonal employees come in; and, you know, you train
15 folks and just hope that they -- you know, that they
16 get it, but I'm glad that Jeff not only went through
17 these petitions he went through all of them so we
18 feel really confident that we have done a yeoman's
19 job of making sure that folks who deserve to be on
20 the ballot are on the ballot.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Great.

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: With that is there a
23 motion to adjourn?

24 MEMBER SINNOTT: Sure is.

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MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor.

We stand adjourned.

(Thereupon, the meeting was adjourned at
3:20 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on Tuesday, March 26, 2013, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

Karen Sue Gibson, Registered
Merit Reporter.

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