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P R O C E E D I N G S

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CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Let's call the meeting to order.

DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Colley?

MR. COLLEY: Here.

DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Anthony?

MR. ANTHONY: Here.

DIRECTOR WHITE: Ms. Marinello?

MS. MARINELLO: Here.

DIRECTOR WHITE: All present.

MR. DAMSCHRODER: The first item on the agenda is the certification of the election results. In your packet the first set of stapled results are the Franklin County only results. The second packet includes the overlap counties.

So you'll be able to see the -- for instance, the 15th Congressional District, you'll actually be able to see the full district results. And the second packet all

1 were -- the first packet is Franklin County
2 only.

3 MR. ANTHONY: How can you tell the
4 difference?

5 MR. DAMSCHRODER: The best way is on
6 the -- on what's labeled page 2, the second
7 page in. When you see, like, for the 12th
8 Congressional District, 372 of 374 precincts,
9 that's the -- that shows that -- okay. And
10 there's also --

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: The bottom of the
12 left page? Bottom of the left --

13 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Top right is
14 labeled "Official, Franklin County Only" and
15 then "Official, All."

16 DIRECTOR WHITE: Do you see that?

17 MR. ANTHONY: No. Oh, I see it now.
18 It's on the top right.

19 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Top right.

20 MR. ANTHONY: Oh, I see. But, man,
21 I was looking at this and I just thought it
22 had the same thing.

23 MR. DAMSCHRODER: This will be
24 posted to the web -- actually, I think it is

1 being posted to the web as we speak. Also,
2 it will be posted to the web in an Excel
3 spreadsheet so the folks can sort the data in
4 different ways based on their --

5 MR. ANTHONY: After we approve?

6 MR. DAMSCHRODER: And then there's
7 also a single sheet that shows the
8 provisional ballot report, number of ballots
9 -- provisional ballots that were cast, that
10 were ballot and counted and also the numbers
11 by category that were not counted.

12 All in all, there were 19,963
13 provisional ballots cast of which we were
14 able to validate 82 percent, which were 3,614
15 provisional ballots cast that were not
16 counted.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. I was
18 about to ask you the question, but you've
19 enumerated it here. Most of them were not
20 registered or voted in the wrong precinct.

21 MR. DAMSCHRODER: That's correct.
22 And that is -- this percentage of 82 percent
23 valid tracks with what we've had
24 historically. And this election is

1 consistent with past elections in that the
2 two categories that have the largest number
3 of invalid provisionals are because they are
4 not registered or cast their ballot in the
5 wrong precinct.

6 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: If a voter shows
7 up, isn't listed in the roll, and is given a
8 provisional ballot and they're in the wrong
9 precinct, they're not -- is it not in some
10 cases evident that they are trying to vote in
11 the wrong precinct based on their address,
12 registration address?

13 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Yes. And what we
14 do is when a person comes in who is not in
15 the poll book, the first thing we try to
16 determine is, is the address that they
17 presently live at an address that's in that
18 precinct.

19 Because it's possible that they've
20 gone to the correct place but they're just
21 not in the poll book. So if they're in the
22 correct place, they'll be able to vote a
23 provisional ballot there. If their current
24 address is not in the list of streets for

1 that precinct, then the poll workers use a
2 large document that has all the block ranges
3 for the entire county, they look up their
4 correct address, and send them to the correct
5 polling place.

6 There are some situations where the
7 poll worker just says, you know -- it's 7:25
8 and I'm in the wrong place but I'm not
9 driving to the right place, just let me vote
10 provisional here. And that does sometimes
11 happen.

12 But, again, our valid percentage is
13 about the same as we've had in the past in
14 the two categories for invalid. The largest
15 categories are the same as always, not
16 registered and out of precinct.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And 222 people --
18 purposefully, or we would -- or accidentally
19 tried to vote twice?

20 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Yeah. And usually
21 most of these are folks who either forgot
22 that they returned their absentee ballot or
23 were unsure whether or not their absentee
24 ballot was going to be timely received by the

1 Board of Elections.

2 So they mail it Monday morning,
3 Tuesday they're freaking out, I wonder if the
4 Board of Elections got it, so they go to vote
5 provisionally anyway. And all of those are
6 barcoded so we know and we make a notation in
7 the poll book who's requested an absentee
8 ballot. And what we do is we don't count the
9 provisional ballot if their absentee ballot
10 was timely received.

11 So these are people whose absentee
12 ballots were counted but their provisionals
13 -- they're just-in-case provisional ballot
14 did not. And that is a qualifying reason for
15 voting a provisional ballot under Ohio law.

16 Any other questions?

17 (No audible response.)

18 There's several motions that are set
19 out so that Board members can abstain from
20 the appropriate contest that they either were
21 involved in personally as candidates or
22 members of their immediate family or business
23 associates.

24 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Are you proposing

1 anywhere in here that -- I see you've got
2 Michael abstaining on his Central State
3 Committee race?

4 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Correct.

5 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And same for --
6 oh, okay, and you've included my sister
7 there. That's what my question was going to
8 be.

9 MR. DAMSCHRODER: And we have Bill
10 abstaining on three of his family members who
11 were running for Democrat County Central
12 Committee and Kim abstaining from herself,
13 Denny, and Joy Fielder.

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Three members of
15 his family, that's a self-preservation
16 political policy?

17 MR. ANTHONY: It's called smart,
18 man.

19 MR. COLLEY: What?

20 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: A bunch of
21 members of Bill's family ran for the County
22 Democrat Central Committee.

23 DIRECTOR WHITE: It's a lesson
24 Michael Colley taught us a long time ago.

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Denny said you
2 taught him how to count.

3 DIRECTOR WHITE: A long time ago.
4 He says number one rule in politics is know
5 how to count.

6 MR. COLLEY: To two.

7 MR. DAMSCHRODER: So the appropriate
8 fashion would be to take each one of these
9 motions individually so that everyone can be
10 on the record as abstaining for the correct
11 things. And then the --

12 MR. ANTHONY: Got to make sure I got
13 my relatives on here, man.

14 MR. DAMSCHRODER: We took it off of
15 the list of people that you voted to certify
16 petitions for so, hopefully, that was correct
17 at the time.

18 MR. ANTHONY: Yeah. I -- so far it
19 looks good.

20 DIRECTOR WHITE: So, Doug, do you
21 want to make the first motion there?

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And we'll talk
23 about the audit when we get to it, right?

24 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Yes.

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I will move that
2 the Board certify the results of the official
3 canvas of votes cast during the March 4, 2008
4 Primary and Special Election for Member of
5 the Republican Party State Central Committee,
6 Man, for the 16th State Senate District.

7 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

8 DIRECTOR WHITE: We'll do a roll
9 call vote. Ms. Marinello?

10 MS. MARINELLO: Yes.

11 DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Anthony?

12 MR. ANTHONY: Yes.

13 DIRECTOR WHITE: Chairman Preisse?

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

15 DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Colley?

16 MR. COLLEY: Yes.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: You're supposed
18 to abstain.

19 MR. COLLEY: I abstain there.
20 That's me.

21 DIRECTOR WHITE: Reflect that Mr.
22 Colley abstained. Motion is carried.

23 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Next motion.
24 Michael?

1 MR. COLLEY: I move the Board
2 certify the results of the official canvas of
3 votes cast during the March 4, 2008 Primary
4 and Special Election for Member of the State
5 Central Committee, Man, for the 15th State
6 Senate District and Republican nomination for
7 Judge of the Franklin County Court of Common
8 Pleas, Juvenile and Domestic Relations
9 Division, for the full term commencing
10 January 2, 2009.

11 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

12 DIRECTOR WHITE: We'll do another
13 roll call vote. Mr. Anthony?

14 MR. ANTHONY: Yes.

15 DIRECTOR WHITE: Ms. Marinello?

16 MS. MARINELLO: Yes.

17 DIRECTOR WHITE: Chairman Preisse?

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Abstain.

19 DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Colley?

20 MR. COLLEY: Yes.

21 DIRECTOR WHITE: Motion is carried.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Thank you. And
23 thank you for giving my sister her start in
24 her judicial career which she continues to

1 enjoy. And I even hear good things from
2 people who don't even know I'm her brother.

3 MR. COLLEY: Good things, what?

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: People say nice
5 things even though they don't know I'm
6 listening, so thanks again.

7 MR. ANTHONY: Mr. Chair?

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes, sir.

9 MR. ANTHONY: I move that the Board
10 certify the results of the official canvas of
11 votes cast during the March 4, 2008 Primary
12 and Special Election for Member of the
13 Franklin County Democratic Party Central
14 Committee for Madison Township and Columbus
15 Wards 29 and 48.

16 MR. COLLEY: Second.

17 DIRECTOR WHITE: Another roll call
18 vote. Mr. Anthony?

19 MR. ANTHONY: Yes.

20 DIRECTOR WHITE: Ms. Marinello?

21 MS. MARINELLO: Abstain.

22 DIRECTOR WHITE: Chairman Preisse?

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

24 DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Colley?

1 MR. COLLEY: Yes.

2 DIRECTOR WHITE: Motion is carried.

3 MS. MARINELLO: Question. It should
4 be 29 and 49.

5 DIRECTOR WHITE: There's a
6 correction on that. That's Ward 49, not 48.

7 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Okay. Can we make
8 a note of that in the record? Thank you.

9 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move
10 that the Board certify the results of the
11 official canvas of votes cast during the
12 March 4, 2008 Primary and Special Election
13 for Member of the Franklin County Democratic
14 Party Central Committee for Columbus Wards 3,
15 4, and 51.

16 DIRECTOR WHITE: We need a second on
17 that.

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

19 DIRECTOR WHITE: Do a roll call
20 vote. Ms. Marinello?

21 MS. MARINELLO: Yes.

22 DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Anthony?

23 MR. ANTHONY: I abstain.

24 DIRECTOR WHITE: Chairman Preisse?

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

2 DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Colley?

3 MR. COLLEY: Yes.

4 DIRECTOR WHITE: Motion is carried.

5 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move
6 that the balance of the results of the
7 official canvas of votes cast during the
8 March 4, 2008 Primary and Special Election be
9 certified as submitted.

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: It is suggested
11 that you second it, Michael.

12 MR. COLLEY: Yes.

13 DIRECTOR WHITE: We'll do a voice
14 vote on this.

15 MR. COLLEY: Second.

16 DIRECTOR WHITE: All in favor?

17 (All say aye.)

18 DIRECTOR WHITE: Any nays?

19 (No audible response.)

20 DIRECTOR WHITE: Motion carries.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Will you walk us
22 through your audit proposal?

23 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Yeah. There are
24 three sets of stapled documents that are

1 under the election results. The first is the
2 proposal from the group, Verified Voting
3 Foundation, Brennan Center for Justice, and
4 the CSU Center for Election Integrity. The
5 bottom line is that they propose, for a cost
6 of \$12,975, to oversee the post-election
7 audit.

8 Their proposal goes, I think, beyond
9 the minimum expectations of the Secretary of
10 State. They would propose counting
11 additional contests beyond just President. I
12 think they want to do, like, three or four,
13 maybe another county-wide or two contest and
14 maybe a state legislative contest just to get
15 a broad sample of contests at different
16 points of the ballot.

17 They view this beyond just the
18 purpose of an audit, but also as a means for
19 assisting us with continued staff training
20 and public education, which I think is --
21 particularly the area of public education is
22 a significant and important function.

23 They would work with us to either
24 hire poll workers or students from Ohio State

1 or other local institutions of higher
2 education to actually come in and do the
3 counting under the supervision of this team
4 of auditors. All that would be done under
5 the observation and with the support of
6 actual Board staff.

7 So we'll still be the ones going in
8 and pulling the ballots out of the secure
9 area, but these individuals would be handling
10 and auditing and doing the counting. And
11 then this also then would include them coming
12 back to the Board and providing kind of a
13 debriefing report and summary of their
14 experience and the results of their findings.

15 It would be my recommendation that
16 we engage this group of partners to do it.
17 As we've talked before, I think there's a
18 tremendous value in having outside entities
19 come in and conduct those audits instead of
20 just us auditing ourselves.

21 So that would be, I think, Denny and
22 my recommendation. I don't know, Denny, if
23 you have any other comments?

24 DIRECTOR WHITE: Other than, you

1 know, it's pretty much standard what the
2 Secretary of State is doing other than the
3 difference we're going, we're asking for an
4 independent group to actually do the audit,
5 where the Secretary of State's audits are
6 actually done by the Board of Elections
7 officials who handle the election and certify
8 the election.

9 Which I like this way much better,
10 because I've always questioned being able to
11 audit your own audit. And I just think with
12 all the concerns and the controversy about
13 elections and election systems that taking
14 the additional step of having an outside
15 source that will actually do the audit --

16 MS. MARINELLO: Will this count with
17 her though? I mean --

18 DIRECTOR WHITE: We're not really
19 doing this to count with her. I think we're
20 doing this just to make sure that everything
21 functions properly here. And who we really
22 want it to count with is the public, the
23 general public. That's who counts in the
24 end.

1 MR. DAMSCHRODER: I don't think it's
2 -- it's consistent with the intent and the
3 spirit of the Secretary of State's request
4 for counties to participate in a voluntary
5 audit.

6 She already has the eleven counties
7 that she wanted to participate in it, so she
8 has the number of counties that -- so I think
9 this just adds additional counties to share
10 experience with the Secretary of State about
11 how we did it, what we did, what was the
12 cost, what was the impact, those kinds of
13 things.

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And do I recall,
15 Matthew, that you have worked with one or all
16 of these -- it's three entities, right?

17 MR. DAMSCHRODER: That's correct.
18 And I have worked closely with all three of
19 them in the past, either on collaborative
20 recommendations for legislation. We also all
21 three provided testimony to the U.S. House of
22 Representatives last year. They're all three
23 very credible and reputable leaders in
24 election reform across the country.

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And have they
2 done this kind of post-election audit before
3 in concert with each other?

4 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Yes. The folks
5 from Cleveland State University have -- were
6 under contract with the Cleve -- the Cuyahoga
7 County Board of Elections to conduct some
8 even more intensive levels of auditing than
9 they're proposing here.

10 The three organizations have worked
11 closely together and the Brennan Center for
12 Justice and the Verified Voting Foundation is
13 the leading advocacy organizations before
14 Congress trying to get federal mandated
15 audits of federal election results. So all
16 widely respected and have experience working
17 together with each other.

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And do you have a
19 sense of who or what type of person or
20 staffer or titled position from each of these
21 entities that would be hands-on?

22 MR. DAMSCHRODER: It's going to be
23 -- all three of these individuals will be
24 here on-site for the period that we'll be

1 doing the audit. So Larry Norden will be
2 coming in from NYU; Pam Smith will be coming
3 in for Verified Voting, I think she lives in
4 California; and Candice Hoke will be coming
5 down from Cleveland. And they will be
6 on-site for the period of time that we're
7 doing the audit.

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And walk us
9 through the cost here.

10 MR. DAMSCHRODER: It's -- the way
11 it's set up is that the total is a
12 not-to-exceed total, 12,975. It's about
13 \$6,000 for travel; the actual time for the
14 individuals, 5475; and then 1500 for
15 management and overhead to Verified Voting
16 Foundation.

17 DIRECTOR WHITE: Which I think is
18 well-spent money.

19 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Absolutely.

20 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: How does that
21 impact the budget and what part of the
22 Board's budget is that drawn from?

23 DIRECTOR WHITE: We're taking that
24 out of the Board members' --

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Board members'
2 salary? Is that going to be split out?

3 DIRECTOR WHITE: Just kidding.

4 MR. DAMSCHRODER: We do have a
5 professional services line item that this
6 will be coming out of. This is -- while it's
7 an unbudgeted specific expense, that is, we
8 didn't put specific money in the budget for
9 this, there -- we do overbudget in several of
10 our categories including professional
11 services to accommodate things that will come
12 along during the year that we want to do. So
13 there is money in the budget for this
14 expense.

15 MR. ANTHONY: Mr. Chair, so you say
16 we don't have to the Board of Commissioners
17 for additional appropriations?

18 MR. DAMSCHRODER: We won't have to
19 go to the Commissioners for additional
20 appropriations for this.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And that much or
22 more money still resides in the professional
23 services line item?

24 MR. DAMSCHRODER: That's correct.

1 MR. ANTHONY: Mr. Chair? Or Denny,
2 Matt? But the cost of the teams is not the
3 parties' cost?

4 MR. DAMSCHRODER: No. The cost of
5 the people who will come in and actually do
6 the counting under their supervision, we'll
7 put that under seasonal expense, just as if
8 -- which is a cost that if we were going to
9 participate directly with the Secretary of
10 State that would be a cost anyway.

11 DIRECTOR WHITE: That would be a
12 cost anyway.

13 MR. ANTHONY: So that is in our
14 budget as well?

15 DIRECTOR WHITE: Right.

16 MR. ANTHONY: Mr. Chair, Gentlemen,
17 just one other question. I was kind of
18 looking through her steps and all that stuff
19 on her -- I mean, on the --

20 MR. DAMSCHRODER: The directive?

21 MR. ANTHONY: -- on the directive
22 2008-39. Is there somewhere in here that
23 says they'll abide by some of the provisions
24 of this directive?

1 MR. DAMSCHRODER: I don't think
2 there's anything that explicitly says that,
3 but the whole project will be supervised by
4 Denny and I, and we'll insure compliance with
5 the directive.

6 DIRECTOR WHITE: Yeah. I'm with
7 Matt on regard to this. We're pretty much
8 going to mirror what Jennifer is doing. I
9 think there might be a difference in the
10 random selection of the precincts you
11 actually pick. And, Matt, you might want to
12 explain the difference.

13 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Yeah. The way the
14 Secretary of State has come up with a
15 methodology for random selection of precincts
16 is the Board is supposed to order numerically
17 or in alphabetical, all the jurisdictions of
18 the county and then randomly select a
19 jurisdiction and randomly select a precinct
20 from the jurisdiction.

21 That's one way of doing random. I
22 think what this group actually recommends is
23 just numbering the precincts, 1 through 184,
24 and using ten-sided dice to come up with --

1 it's much more efficient and, you know, it's
2 -- they also propose doing more than just the
3 Presidential contest.

4 MR. ANTHONY: Yeah. I saw that.
5 They're going to do -- I saw that. Now, the
6 question that I have -- Mr. Chair, excuse me
7 -- is will that still fall under the -- my
8 concern is that we're still following some of
9 the provisions as directives so that we won't
10 be totally out of compliance.

11 DIRECTOR WHITE: Yeah. If we become
12 aware that some of the things don't fully
13 address some of the things, things the
14 Secretary of State, some we can modify with
15 these people to have them --

16 MS. MARINELLO: But I thought she
17 already had her things so --

18 MR. DAMSCHRODER: She does.

19 MS. MARINELLO: -- we need to move
20 it anyway?

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I think Bill is
22 saying what my thought and concern is too,
23 and that is that our -- I think you're
24 calling it somewhere in the proposal, the

1 "non-profit team" --

2 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Right.

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: -- in conjunction
4 with us guys or you two would walk through
5 her directive and make sure that every point
6 that could be considered her standard would
7 be met or exceeded.

8 DIRECTOR WHITE: That's the object,
9 is to meet her standards if not exceed them,
10 you know, go even further and beyond so
11 there's no question, whatever the results
12 are.

13 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Yeah. Obviously,
14 we don't want to give anybody cause to be
15 critical of our audit because we didn't
16 follow the Secretary of State's guidelines.

17 MR. ANTHONY: And that's the concern
18 that I have, Mr. Chair, because I think it's
19 important that we do that.

20 DIRECTOR WHITE: And Matt and I both
21 agree.

22 MS. MARINELLO: Doesn't seem like
23 it's going to take very long.

24 MR. DAMSCHRODER: No. It really

1 shouldn't take very long at all.

2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And are there --
3 I haven't really looked at every line of the
4 proposal. Is there any anticipation of other
5 groups or watchdogs, entities that would be
6 involved?

7 MR. DAMSCHRODER: We'll work with
8 the non-profit team to advertise the kickoff
9 time for this, so other political parties or
10 local advocacy organizations, they can come
11 to us and express interest in coming to the
12 audit and observing the process, just as we
13 would the candidates if we were doing an
14 actual recount.

15 So we'll be publicly observable,
16 transparent. The media will obviously be
17 welcome to come and watch.

18 MR. ANTHONY: Can we come?

19 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Absolutely. The
20 Board is encouraged to come.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Michael, do you
22 have any thoughts about a post-election audit
23 and spending a few dollars to do it?

24 MR. COLLEY: No.

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Any other
2 thoughts?

3 MR. DAMSCHRODER: I think we're
4 ready to -- we'll hold off on starting it
5 until the deadline for someone to pay for a
6 recount has expired, which is five days from
7 today if I'm not mistaken. So next Wednesday
8 would be the earliest we could start this
9 process, but my guess is no one's going to
10 pay for a recount.

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Any other
12 discussion or questions or thoughts about the
13 post-election audit proposal?

14 MR. DAMSCHRODER: We're ready to do
15 it.

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And then,
17 pursuant to the Board's authority to order
18 other requirements to assure and -- I assume
19 that might be "an" -- accurate account of all
20 votes cast, I move that the Board accept the
21 recommended post-election audit methodology
22 proposed by Professor Candice Hoke of the
23 Cleveland State University Center for
24 Election Integrity, Larry Norden of the

1 Brennan Center for Justice and the NYU School
2 of Law, and Pam Smith of the Verified Voting
3 Foundation, and authorize the Director and
4 Deputy Director to enter into a contract with
5 the organizations represented by Hoke,
6 Norden, and Smith to conduct a post-election
7 audit using their methodology and to report
8 to the Board their findings at its next
9 regular meeting.

10 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

11 DIRECTOR WHITE: All in favor?

12 (All say aye.)

13 DIRECTOR WHITE: Any nay?

14 (No audible response.)

15 DIRECTOR WHITE: The motion is
16 carried.

17 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Thank you very
18 much and we'll keep you up to speed with
19 what's going on as the audit begins and
20 progresses next week.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yeah. I'd like
22 to be kept up to speed as your guys are
23 pulling together further thoughts and,
24 particularly, at some point maybe walk

1 through each of the Secretary of State's
2 suggested steps and points and how we're
3 going to meet or exceed them.

4 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Sure.

5 DIRECTOR WHITE: Before I sign the
6 agreement with them, I'll make sure that you
7 folks are okay with their procedures and near
8 the Secretary of State's if not exceeds.

9 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Next item is
10 certification of an independent candidate for
11 congress. Karen Cotton's report is in your
12 packet and she's here to answer any questions
13 you have, but the candidate, Don Elijah
14 Eckhart, exceeded the number of minimum
15 signatures required and is --

16 MR. ANTHONY: Is he independent?

17 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Yeah.

18 MR. ANTHONY: Mr. Chair, I move that
19 Don Elijah Eckhart be certified to the
20 November 4, 2008 General Election ballot as
21 an independent candidate for representative
22 to Congress in the 15th District.

23 MR. COLLEY: Second.

24 DIRECTOR WHITE: All in favor?

1 (All say aye.)

2 DIRECTOR WHITE: Any nays?

3 (No audible response.)

4 DIRECTOR WHITE: Motions carry.

5 MR. DAMSCHRODER: I have two

6 Challenges of Right to Vote and Correction of
7 Registration Lists were filed. We followed
8 the normal procedure for these, sending out
9 the notices.

10 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move
11 that the Board grant the Challenge of Right
12 to Vote and Correction of Registration List
13 filed by Donna R. Jackson of 1105 South
14 Champion Avenue against Lashonda Askew,
15 purportedly of 1105 South Champion Avenue,
16 and order that Lashonda Askew's registration
17 be immediately cancelled in Franklin County
18 and the voter's name stricken from the
19 Registration List.

20 MR. COLLEY: Second.

21 DIRECTOR WHITE: Voice vote, all in
22 favor?

23 (All say aye.)

24 DIRECTOR WHITE: Any nays?

1 (No audible response.)

2 DIRECTOR WHITE: Motions carry.

3 MS. MARINELLO: I also, Mr.

4 Chairman, would move that the Board grant the
5 Challenge of Right to Vote and Correction of
6 Registration List filed by Matthew M.
7 Damschroder of 2598 Ruhl Avenue against Joy
8 R. Damschroder, formerly of 2598 Ruhl Avenue,
9 and order that Joy R. Damschroder's
10 registration be immediately cancelled in
11 Franklin County and the voter's name stricken
12 from the registration list.

13 MR. COLLEY: Second.

14 DIRECTOR WHITE: Another voice vote,
15 all in favor?

16 (All say aye.)

17 DIRECTOR WHITE: Any nays?

18 (No audible response.)

19 DIRECTOR WHITE: Motion carries.

20 MR. DAMSCHRODER: The next is the
21 requested adoption of a revised Overtime and
22 Comp Time policy. This has been something
23 that Denny and I have been working on with
24 the Prosecutor's office going back to last

1 fall. I don't know, Denny, if you want to --
2 if you have any comments about the process or
3 what we're trying to do.

4 DIRECTOR WHITE: Just trying to get
5 it equalized and standardized so we don't
6 have any problems later on down the road with
7 people being paid what the federal wage and
8 hourly laws are. And the other thing is
9 there's a change in how the overtime is
10 computed. In the past it meant for Board
11 employees anything over eight hours, where
12 this would be anything over 40 hours.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I'm sorry, I
14 couldn't hear.

15 DIRECTOR WHITE: On computing the
16 overtime, we'll be on the 40-hour work week
17 instead of eight-hour work day. Say, for
18 instance, if I use sick leave Monday morning
19 and, say, four hours, my overtime doesn't
20 start accumulating until I reach 40 hours for
21 that week. So using sick time or vacation
22 time, holiday -- holiday is not included in
23 that, right, Matt?

24 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Correct. The

1 holiday is considered a day worked.

2 DIRECTOR WHITE: Which in the long
3 run will, you know, save the Board a lot of
4 money and there's different industry
5 standards out there. I think this is
6 probably the right way of doing it because
7 you might have some people as being a little
8 abusive in taking time off at certain times
9 when we need them here.

10 The other thing, too, is also in
11 there you'll see where the employees, when it
12 selects when they do either get paid for the
13 time and a half or it's put in a comp time
14 bank. Right now we've been having our
15 employees put it in a bank and you can't do
16 that. It has to be their option, which puts
17 you in violation.

18 So it just kind of cleans up things
19 that should have been cleaned up a while
20 back. But when you're busy trying to worry
21 about elections, some of these things --
22 they're important, but they slip through the
23 cracks. So this kind of puts us within
24 federal guidelines.

1 I would request we do a voice vote
2 and Board members who have family members or
3 associations here --

4 MR. DAMSCHRODER: I don't think they
5 need to -- since it's a policy that applies
6 to everybody, I don't think they --

7 DIRECTOR WHITE: There's no need?

8 MR. ANTHONY: Mr. Chair, I did have
9 one issue and I meant to call you guys and
10 I'd like to apologize for not doing that.
11 And I don't know whether we should discuss it
12 now or go into Executive Session and discuss
13 it.

14 DIRECTOR WHITE: I will need an
15 Executive Session to discuss legal.

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: What's that?

17 DIRECTOR WHITE: I'll need an
18 Executive Session, for a short one, to
19 discuss legal. And if you want to discuss
20 personnel in it, we can do a motion for
21 personnel and legal matters.

22 MR. ANTHONY: Mr. Chairman, I move
23 that the Board move into Executive Session to
24 discuss personnel matters and legal matters

1 before the Board.

2 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

3 DIRECTOR WHITE: Need a roll call
4 vote on that. Mr. Chairman?

5 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

6 DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Colley?

7 MR. COLLEY: Yes.

8 DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Anthony?

9 MR. ANTHONY: Yes.

10 DIRECTOR WHITE: Ms. Marinello,

11 MS. MARINELLO: Yes.

12 (Board moves into Executive Session.)

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14 MR. ANTHONY: I move that we come
15 out of Executive Session and no votes were
16 taken, no consensus were made.

17 MR. DAMSCHRODER: We're coming out
18 of Executive Session. Kim, why don't you
19 second that.

20 MS. MARINELLO: I will second that.

21 DIRECTOR WHITE: All in favor?

22 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Roll call.

23 DIRECTOR WHITE: Oh, roll call. Ms.
24 Marinello?

1 MS. MARINELLO: Yes.

2 DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Anthony?

3 MR. ANTHONY: Yes.

4 DIRECTOR WHITE: Chairman Preisse?

5 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

6 DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Colley?

7 MR. COLLEY: Yes.

8 MR. DAMSCHRODER: The first item is
9 the policies and procedures.

10 MR. ANTHONY: Mr. Chair, I move that
11 the Board adopt the revised Overtime and
12 Compensatory Time policy as submitted with
13 the --

14 MR. COLLEY: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: With your change?

16 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Yeah. With the
17 change being --

18 MR. ANTHONY: With the changes.

19 DIRECTOR WHITE: We need to make
20 part of that motion to not put myself, Harold
21 Fielder, and Suzanne Brown, and then bring
22 those back and vote on those.

23 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Well -- yeah,
24 that's fine.

1 DIRECTOR WHITE: So just amend your
2 motion.

3 MR. ANTHONY: I'd like to amend my
4 motion --

5 DIRECTOR WHITE: To adopt the
6 overtime.

7 MR. ANTHONY: -- to adopt the
8 Overtime Policy --

9 DIRECTOR WHITE: Excluding.

10 MR. ANTHONY: -- excluding Harold
11 Fielder --

12 DIRECTOR WHITE: Dennis White.

13 MR. ANTHONY: -- Dennis White --

14 DIRECTOR WHITE: Suzanne Brown.

15 MR. ANTHONY: -- Suzanne Brown.

16 MR. DAMSCHRODER: That's it.

17 MR. ANTHONY: Is that it?

18 DIRECTOR WHITE: We'll do a roll
19 call vote and you all can vote on this one.
20 Ms. Marinello?

21 MS. MARINELLO: Yes.

22 DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Anthony?

23 MR. ANTHONY: Yes.

24 DIRECTOR WHITE: Chairman Preisse?

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

2 DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Colley?

3 MR. COLLEY: Yes.

4 DIRECTOR WHITE: That motion is
5 carried. Now do a motion to -- do the same
6 motion and have myself and Harold and then do
7 one by itself with Suzanne Brown.

8 MR. ANTHONY: Mr. Chair, I move that
9 the Board adopt the revised Overtime and
10 Compensatory Time policy to include Dennis
11 White and Harold Fielder.

12 DIRECTOR WHITE: We need a second.

13 MR. COLLEY: Second.

14 DIRECTOR WHITE: We'll do a roll
15 call vote on this. Mr. Anthony?

16 MR. ANTHONY: Yes.

17 DIRECTOR WHITE: Chairman Preisse?

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

19 DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Colley?

20 MR. COLLEY: Yes.

21 DIRECTOR WHITE: Ms. Marinello?

22 MS. MARINELLO: Abstain.

23 MR. ANTHONY: Mr. Chair --

24 DIRECTOR WHITE: Motion carries.

1 MR. ANTHONY: Mr. Chair, I also move
2 -- yeah, aye. Mr. Chair, I'd like to move
3 that the Board adopt the revised Overtime and
4 Compensatory Time policy to include Suzanne
5 Brown.

6 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

7 DIRECTOR WHITE: Do a roll call
8 vote. Ms. Marinello?

9 MS. MARINELLO: Yes.

10 DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Anthony?

11 MR. ANTHONY: Yes.

12 DIRECTOR WHITE: Chairman Preisse?

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

14 DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Colley?

15 MR. COLLEY: Abstain.

16 DIRECTOR WHITE: Motion carries.

17 MR. DAMSCHRODER: The next one is to
18 adopt a Standard Operating Procedure for the
19 financial filings to establish a standard way
20 of reviewing and auditing the reports.

21 The two biggest things that this
22 policy establishes is something that we've
23 tried to do in word in the past but was not
24 always abided by. That is that members of

1 opposite political parties, Republican audits
2 Democrat reports and Democrat audits
3 Republican reports instead of Democrats
4 auditing Democrat reports. This puts that in
5 policy.

6 It also establishes a clear
7 timeframe for and manner of communicating
8 with candidates or packs or political parties
9 that need to file amended reports, so that we
10 don't have Ray Miller kind of situations
11 lingering out there for years on end without
12 the Board having any action.

13 DIRECTOR WHITE: Or knowledge.

14 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Yeah, or knowledge
15 of what's going on. And it also puts
16 everything in writing so we stop the 30-year
17 practice of just picking up the phone and
18 calling up a treasurer and say, oh, by the
19 way, you need to file this and there's never
20 a paper trail of any of that. So this would
21 be our recommended policy.

22 MS. MARINELLO: This doesn't include
23 -- have anything to do with that disclosure
24 thing that didn't get the -- what the heck

1 was it that --

2 MR. ANTHONY: File on time.

3 Notifying --

4 MS. MARINELLO: Notifying of the --

5 MR. DAMSCHRODER: The Commission
6 thing? No, this is --

7 MS. MARINELLO: That's already taken
8 care of?

9 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Yeah. We
10 previously adopted a policy on that.

11 DIRECTOR WHITE: Do we have a motion
12 to move?

13 MS. MARINELLO: I move that the
14 Board adopt the Campaign Finance Report
15 Auditing procedure as submitted.

16 DIRECTOR WHITE: Do we have a
17 second?

18 MR. COLLEY: Second.

19 DIRECTOR WHITE: All in favor, say
20 aye.

21 (All say aye.)

22 DIRECTOR WHITE: Any nays?

23 (No audible response.)

24 DIRECTOR WHITE: Motion is carried.

1 MR. DAMSCHRODER: And that's all the
2 official business that we have before the
3 Board. I would just note that there's two
4 remaining things, reports in your packet.
5 The first very large packet is the
6 financials, the year-to-date financials.

7 The two things I would point the
8 Board to, the first two sheets. The first
9 one titled, "Year-to-Date Seasonal Expense as
10 of April 4, '08," it shows that through April
11 the 4th we have expended 58.2 percent of our
12 seasonal approp -- seasonal employee
13 appropriation. This is primarily due to the
14 huge -- huh?

15 (Various comments.)

16 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Must have pawned
17 it off on somebody. I can give you another
18 one. Here you go.

19 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Oh, here it is.

20 MR. DAMSCHRODER: That's it. The
21 huge increase in absentee balloting. We
22 budgeted seasonal employees assuming only
23 50,000 absentees and we ended up issuing over
24 120,000 absentees. So that's an area that

1 we're over.

2 We also went over our appropriation
3 in terms of poll worker employees. That's
4 mostly due to increased number of classes
5 that we're teaching with smaller groups
6 instead of large classes, and also that we
7 kept many of our poll worker seasonals over
8 after the election.

9 Usually they stop, we've kept them
10 after the election to help us process
11 provisionals and now they're helping to key
12 registrations. So that's why that's over.
13 So we'll -- Denny and I and Brenna Omeset
14 [ph], our fiscal officer, will be having
15 conversations with the Commissioner's budget
16 people to discuss mid-year supplemental
17 appropriations for that.

18 And then the second page is
19 Brenna's, kind of, narrative of where we're
20 at year-to-date with the first quarter put to
21 bed, things that she has made particular
22 mention of for the Board's edification.

23 And then, finally, there's a packet,
24 a report from Stan Wayne and Mary Hackett.

1 We did a post-election -- actually, it was
2 election day that was turned in election
3 night -- survey of our precinct election
4 officials, all 5,000 of them, so that they
5 could kind of rate themselves, rate the other
6 members of the team, and rate us.

7 And there's a four-page report
8 attached to this that has the summary of
9 those surveys.

10 MR. ANTHONY: Attached to which one,
11 Matt?

12 MR. DAMSCHRODER: The cover letter
13 looks like this. I think it should be at the
14 very bottom of your folder.

15 MR. ANTHONY: Okay. I got it.

16 MR. DAMSCHRODER: If you'd like all
17 4,000 lines of responses, we can provide that
18 to you, but we figured a summary in this form
19 would be more digestible. And if, at another
20 meeting, you'd like Mary and Stan to come
21 make a presentation about poll worker
22 training, etc., we'd be happy to have them do
23 that.

24 We are planning a summer school

1 program for poll workers where we've
2 identified poll workers in precincts that had
3 specific problems in the primary, either with
4 I.D. or provisional voting or something else,
5 where we're going to require them to come in
6 for a summer school class before they can
7 work again this fall.

8 And then we're also going to do a
9 voluntary summer school for poll workers who
10 just want to brush up and become even better
11 poll workers for the fall.

12 Other than that, I think that's all
13 that Denny and I have on the agenda for
14 today. We have a meeting -- a regular
15 meeting scheduled for Monday. But since we
16 moved all of Monday's agenda to today, we can
17 cancel Monday's meeting.

18 MR. ANTHONY: I'd like to move that
19 the Board cancel its regularly scheduled
20 meeting of Monday, April 7, 2008.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Do you want to
22 come to that or do you want to chuck it?

23 DIRECTOR WHITE: All in favor, say
24 aye.

1 (All say aye.)

2 DIRECTOR WHITE: Any nays?

3 (No audible response.)

4 DIRECTOR WHITE: Motion carries.

5 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Thank you all very
6 much. I do need you all to --

7 DIRECTOR WHITE: Do we have a motion
8 to adjourn?

9 MR. ANTHONY: I'll move to adjourn.

10 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

11 DIRECTOR WHITE: Second by Ms.
12 Marinello. All in favor?

13 (All say aye.)

14 DIRECTOR WHITE: Any nays?

15 (No audible response.)

16 DIRECTOR WHITE: We're adjourned.

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18 Thereupon, the meeting was
19 concluded at 4:15 o'clock p.m.

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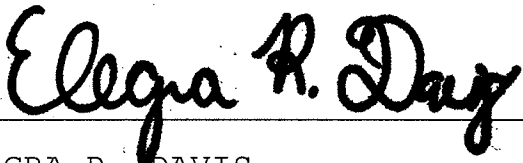
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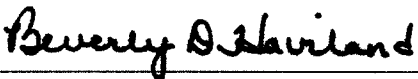
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