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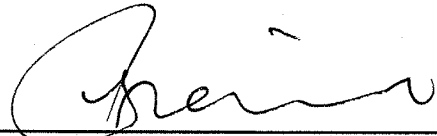
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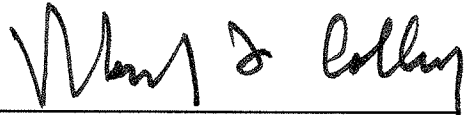
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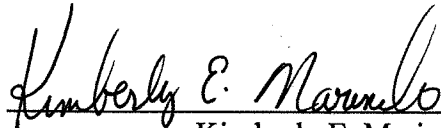
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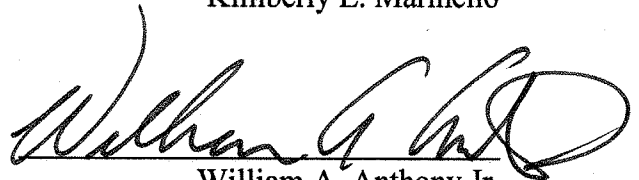
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ATTEST:



Michael Stinziano, Director

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ORIGINAL
MEETING: Retiring Director Dennis White
DATE OF DELIVERY:
Franklin County Board of Elections
280 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
By Ms. Suzanne Brown

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

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IN RE:

Recognition of Retiring
Director Dennis L. White

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Proceedings before Chairman Douglas J.
Preisse, Board Members Michael F. Colley,
Kimberly E. Marinello, William A. Anthony,
Jr., with Director Dennis L. White and Deputy
Director Matthew Damschroder, taken at Board
of Elections, 280 East Broad Street,
Columbus, Ohio, on Thursday, July 31, 2008,
at 2:10 o'clock p.m.

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DIRECTOR WHITE: I'd like to call

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the meeting to order. All members are

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present.

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MR. DAMSCHRODER: Let's do a roll

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call.

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DIRECTOR WHITE: Ms. Marinello?

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MS. MARINELLO: Here.

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DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Anthony?

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MR. ANTHONY: Here.

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DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Chairman?

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CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

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DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Colley?

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MR. COLLEY: Here.

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MR. DAMSCHRODER: All members are

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present. As has been memorialized in a

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previous meeting, Director Dennis White is

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retiring from his public service with the

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Board of Elections effective today at five

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o'clock.

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So that brings us to the order of

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business today, which is the selection of

1 Director to succeed Dennis. I don't know,
2 Denny, if you want to make any comments now
3 or we can do that later, but I would just say
4 --

5 DIRECTOR WHITE: I'll do that later.

6 MR. DAMSCHRODER: I would just say
7 it's been a pleasure to serve with you and
8 wish you happiness and success in your
9 post-retirement times, spending time with
10 your children and grandchildren, and getting
11 involved in Texas and Mexico politics and
12 however further the road takes you south.
13 But it's been a joy to work with you, so
14 thank you.

15 MR. COLLEY: In the House of Commons
16 they always say, hear, hear.

17 MR. ANTHONY: Hear, hear. Mr.
18 Chair?

19 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes, sir.

20 MR. ANTHONY: You know, the Board do
21 a lot of inter -- we did some inter -- we
22 interviewed for a replacement for Denny and
23 Denny's a close friend of mine and a
24 confidante and a whole bunch of other stuff.

1 I can't really get into --

2 DIRECTOR WHITE: Thank you.

3 MR. ANTHONY: I'll wait and save
4 that for the -- an announcement, we're having
5 a political roast for Denny, August the 19th.
6 If you're not doing anything, show up at the
7 Planks and we're going to give him --

8 MS. MARINELLO: Planks on Parsons.

9 MR. ANTHONY: Planks on Parsons
10 Avenue -- a hardy farewell as he retires.
11 But we had an opportunity to interview three
12 great folks, Mary Hackett, Todd Wedekind, and
13 Michael Stinziano and I think they're all
14 qualified for this job.

15 I was delighted to hear the stuff
16 that Mary Hackett had done for the agency.
17 And we certainly appreciate all the hard work
18 that Mary has done and certainly appreciated
19 her putting her hat into the ring.

20 We're also -- Todd Wedekind, we felt
21 that he was qualified as well and glad that
22 he stepped up to the plate and offered to be
23 Director of this great establishment. And we
24 like both of them and we thought they

1 interviewed very well.

2 The last candidate, Michael
3 Stinziano, Mike came to us -- has come to us
4 from the Secretary of State's office. She
5 gave a brilliant and I thought really
6 complete and accurate letter telling of Mr.
7 Stinziano's accomplishments and she highly
8 recommended Mike Stinziano for this position.

9 So we thought about it and we
10 thought about it and I'm ready to make the
11 following resolution, Mr. Chair. First of
12 all, I'd like to thank again all those folks
13 who applied and who interviewed.

14 I move that the Board, Franklin
15 County Board of Elections select Michael
16 Stinziano of Columbus to complete the
17 unexpired term in the office of Director of
18 the Franklin County Board of Elections.

19 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

20 DIRECTOR WHITE: Roll call vote.

21 Ms. Marinello?

22 MS. MARINELLO: Yes,

23 DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Anthony?

24 MR. ANTHONY: Yes.

1 DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Chairman?
2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.
3 DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Colley?
4 MR. COLLEY: Yes.
5 DIRECTOR WHITE: The motion carries.
6 MR. ANTHONY: Now, being a Director
7 is great, but you also need to be paid. And
8 I know you like compensation for that, so I
9 move that the Board fix the compensation for
10 our new Director, Michael Stinziano, at the
11 hourly rate of \$52.12 per hour.
12 MS. MARINELLO: Second.
13 DIRECTOR WHITE: Roll call vote.
14 Mr. Colley?
15 MR. COLLEY: Yes.
16 DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Chairman?
17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.
18 DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Anthony?
19 MR. ANTHONY: Yes.
20 DIRECTOR WHITE: Ms. Marinello?
21 MS. MARINELLO: Yes.
22 DIRECTOR WHITE: The motion carries.
23 MR. ANTHONY: At this point I would
24 like to introduce everybody to Mr. Stinziano.

1 Michael, as he likes to be called, can you
2 stand up and would you like to say a few
3 words, come to the podium?

4 MR. STINZIANO: Sure.

5 MR. ANTHONY: Because from now on
6 you'll be on the hot seat.

7 MR. STINZIANO: First off, I'd like
8 to thank the outgoing Director for over ten
9 years of service to the Franklin County Board
10 of Elections. He's served very well in
11 different capacities. I'd like to thank the
12 Board for their selection of my candidacy and
13 look forward to working with the Deputy
14 Director in preparing for November and in
15 future elections. Thank you.

16 MR. ANTHONY: Succinct and to the
17 point, I like that. Thank you.

18 (Applause.)

19 MR. ANTHONY: That's all I have, Mr.
20 Chair.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Well, before we
22 entertain a motion to adjourn, I'd like to
23 thank the Director for his years of service
24 as well, not only to the Board but to the

1 community, to the Democratic Party, to the
2 Republican Party -- and we're going back into
3 somewhat ancient political history, but as my
4 Chairman knows --

5 DIRECTOR WHITE: And you're both
6 glad I'm leaving town.

7 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: We always like to
8 bring up, some people grow to see the light
9 and others recede into the -- no, I didn't.
10 A sincere and heartfelt thanks to Denny for
11 his service to this institution and to the
12 community. I know that's going to continue
13 in ways on an ongoing basis, so thank you for
14 your service.

15 DIRECTOR WHITE: I'm just glad I
16 have an opportunity this morning to make some
17 comments. First of all, I think that you
18 guys made a great selection. I know it was a
19 difficult selection. As I said before, all
20 three of the final candidates would have no
21 problem at all stepping in here and working
22 with our people. Having a very successful
23 election this fall.

24 But the most important thing I want

1 to say is coming here and working for almost
2 the last three years you have a total
3 different prospective versus being a Board
4 member. And my eyes were greatly opened as
5 far as having a greater appreciation for the
6 job our people do here.

7 Our people are dedicated and I can
8 leave saying I think we have the best
9 election officials in the country working
10 here. And I think we have one of the best
11 Board of Elections in the country.

12 And they've had some challenges that
13 have been before them with the change to the
14 new equipment and new voting, new laws, new
15 Directors. And no matter what challenge
16 these employees have before them, they've
17 always been able to pull off a successful
18 election.

19 I think we're very fortunate to have
20 the staff, the entire staff -- and I would
21 hope there are some even seasonal people -- I
22 think we've got some great seasonal people.
23 And they have a passion and they have a drive
24 to do the job right and they're doing it

1 right. And I'm proud being able to work with
2 them the last three years. Thanks.

3 (Applause.)

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Michael, do you
5 want to say anything?

6 MR. COLLEY: I've had the pleasure
7 of nominating Mr. Damschroder four years ago?

8 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Five years ago.

9 MR. COLLEY: Five years ago, and he
10 served with distinction. I trust that the
11 new Director will do exactly the same,
12 following in those foot -- big footprints.
13 And I look forward to it.

14 MS. MARINELLO: I'd just like to say
15 thank you for everything, you've done a great
16 job through your whole life with everything.
17 You always looked at the big picture and just
18 thanks for everything and gonna miss ya. Not
19 going to be as funny around here probably.

20 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Anyone wish to
21 move adjournment?

22 MR. ANTHONY: Mr. Chair -- I'll miss
23 ya, Denny. I move that we adjourn.

24 DIRECTOR WHITE: Need a second.

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MS. MARINELLO: Second.

DIRECTOR WHITE: All in favor?

(All say aye.)

DIRECTOR WHITE: Any nays?

(No audible response.)

DIRECTOR WHITE: Motion carries.

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Thereupon, the meeting was
concluded at 2:17 o'clock p.m.

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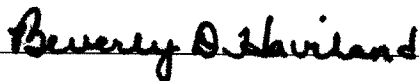
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