



FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON
11-19-11


APPROVED ON 12/5/11

BY: 
Douglas J. Preisse, Chairman


Michael F. Colley, Esq.


Kimberly E. Marinello


Zachary Manifold

ATTEST: 
William A. Anthony, Jr., Director

BEFORE THE
FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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In Re: :

Special Meeting :

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Proceedings before Chairman Douglas J. Preisse,
Director William A. Anthony, Jr., Deputy Director
Nathan Burd, and Board Members Michael F. Colley,
Kimberly E. Marinello, and Zachary E. Manifold, taken
at Franklin County Board of Elections, 280 East Broad
Street, Room 100, Columbus, Ohio on Saturday, November
19, 2011, at 10:01 o'clock a.m.

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Ms. Suzanne Brown, Executive Assistant,
Franklin County Board of Elections

Mr. Ben Piscitelli, Public Information Officer,
Franklin County Board of Elections

Renee Klco, Precinct Election Officials Manager,
Franklin County Board of Elections

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P R O C E E D I N G S
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DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I'd like to call the Franklin County Board of Elections meeting to order. Roll call.

Kimberly Marinello?

MS. MARINELLO: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Zachary Manifold?

MR. MANIFOLD: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Douglas Preisse?

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Michael Colley?

MR. COLLEY: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All counted for, Mr. Chairman.

First item on the business is to review -- we've got about six ballots that we would like for you guys to take a look at for the signatures, and so we'll bring them in and have you guys one at a time take a look at them and see what you all think about them.

MS. KLCO: This is on the registration and this is how they signed the provisional on each one,

1 if you want to take a look at those and tell me what
2 you think.

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And so these six are in
4 question here because of the --

5 MS. KLCO: Signature doesn't match at all.

6 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: -- anomaly between here
7 and here, this being a xerox copy of the registration.

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: Bill and I reviewed
9 these, I think, two days ago, and we were of the
10 mind-set that we would recommend to reject all of
11 these because we don't think the signatures match at
12 all, but we wanted to bring them to your attention so
13 that you could let us know if you had any different
14 thoughts on it.

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Why don't I give them to
16 you and then we can pass them down, if everybody wants
17 to look at them. We're comparing to this.

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: You want to do them one
19 at a time, or do you want to look at all of them and
20 then do them?

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Well, I guess we could do
22 that. I think that makes sense. Yeah, let's look at
23 them one at a time. You saw that one. I saw it.

24 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: So this first one was

1 who?

2 MS. MARINELLO: Antoinette Horton.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Antoinette Corton?

4 MS. MARINELLO: Horton.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: H-o -- spell it for me.

6 MS. MARINELLO: Like Horton Hears a Who,

7 H-o-r-t-o-n.

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Okay. What's the will of
9 the Board? Has everybody seen this one? What's the
10 will of the Board on this one? Does it match?

11 MR. MANIFOLD: I don't think it matches.

12 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: So how do we do that? So
13 all those -- how would we do that?

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: What's our -- we -- do we
15 have to make a motion?

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: We were going to
17 make -- what we were going to do is have you review
18 them all and then just make a motion to reject them
19 all, if you agreed with our assessment they should be
20 rejected. If you didn't agree with that, then we
21 could do it one by one.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Why don't we do that, and
23 then if any board member wishes to pull one out --

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: We can handle that.

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: -- for separate
2 consideration. Does that make sense?

3 MS. MARINELLO: Yeah.

4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And then we just lump
5 them in, all the ones that are rejected then?

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: Uh-huh.

7 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All right. I just made
8 it complicated; didn't I?

9 MS. MARINELLO: You tried.

10 MR. COLLEY: Where does this go?

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: Down to Zack and Kim.

12 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: There was six of those;
13 right?

14 MS. MARINELLO: Uh-huh.

15 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Okay.

16 (Board members reviewing documents.)

17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: That was that.

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yeah. Any member of the
19 Board want to comment on those six that we just
20 reviewed?

21 MS. MARINELLO: They were pretty clearly --

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I concur that there's
23 great differences between the signatures in each of
24 those.

1 MR. MANIFOLD: I agree.

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: So do you do a motion,
3 then, for those, or do we lump them all up into --

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: The second motion for
5 the total numbers includes -- is prepared as if we
6 were going to reject those six, so we can make a
7 motion to reject those six --

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Okay.

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: -- and then the
10 second motion will stay the same.

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All right. We'll
12 entertain that motion if anyone wants to make it.

13 MR. MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, I move that the
14 board reject as invalid the six ballots reviewed for
15 having non-genuine signatures.

16 MR. COLLEY: Second.

17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor, say
18 aye.

19 THE BOARD: Aye.

20 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Then the rest of them I
21 could -- we probably should have Renee come up and go
22 through the columns and say why they were not accepted
23 as ballots.

24 Did we take a vote?

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: Yeah, we did.

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Oh, okay.

3 MS. KLCO: We had 548 ballots where the
4 voter was not registered anywhere in Ohio; 349 where
5 the voter voted in the wrong precinct; 66 voters
6 failed to provide any identification; 24 did not sign
7 the form; 46 did not print their name on the form,
8 which is a requirement; and 19 voted absentee, 15 of
9 them had incomplete forms that we couldn't process at
10 all.

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: You skipped that six
12 number, but just --

13 MS. KLCO: And we just went over the six.

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Those were the ones we
15 just rejected --

16 MS. KLCO: Yes.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: -- where we voted on
18 non-matching; right?

19 MS. KLCO: Correct.

20 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So we minus that six out
21 at 1,058?

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: No, I think that we
23 would keep it in, because this motion was just the
24 total.

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Okay.

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: I think the first
3 motion was just to solidify that the Board looked at
4 those and agreed that they should be rejected. And
5 then I think that it's okay to keep them in the total
6 number of rejected ballots for our final motion.

7 That's my take on it.

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All right. That's fine.
9 And how many times do you go over these?

10 MS. KLCO: Two to three times.

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Okay. And we also -- on
12 the ones that we had in question, we reached out to
13 the Secretary of State's Office and got an opinion on
14 all of them before we ended up not accepting them.

15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: Yeah, we had, I
16 think, six categories that we wanted clarification on,
17 and we have written documentation on the response from
18 the legal counsel in the Secretary of State's Office
19 on all of those, so we feel pretty good that we had
20 clarification on everything.

21 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: So we feel pretty
22 confident we counted everything that we can legally
23 count; and that those that we can't, we cannot legally
24 count them.

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: This would be a
2 validity rate of 89.7 percent. Just for comparison,
3 last year it was 91 percent, so it's fairly consistent
4 with what we saw last year in terms of the number we
5 were able to count -- or the percentage we were able
6 to count.

7 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Any questions of Renee?
8 Any other ones you guys need to ask?

9 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Not for me.

10 MS. MARINELLO: Not for me.

11 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board accept
12 the staff recommendation for the validation of 9,232
13 and rejection of 1,058 provisional ballots as
14 submitted.

15 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

16 MR. COLLEY: Second.

17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor, say
18 aye.

19 THE BOARD: Aye.

20 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All right. That's all we
21 had to do today. Tomorrow --

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: Yeah, I was going to
23 say, we'll be opening these ballots on Monday and then
24 the remaining absentees are still to be opened and

1 tabulated as well. And our plan is to certify Tuesday
2 here at three to make the results official.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Okay.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: Appreciate you coming
5 in on Saturday.

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a motion to
7 adjourn? Unless there's something else you guys want
8 to talk about. Is there a motion to adjourn?

9 MR. MANIFOLD: Move to adjourn.

10 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Second?

11 MR. COLLEY: Second.

12 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We stand adjourned.

13 Thank you for taking your Saturday.

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15 Thereupon, the proceedings were
16 concluded at 10:19 o'clock a.m.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office at Columbus, Ohio, on this 22nd day of November, 2011.

Jennifer L. Koontz

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