

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON

5/17/06

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Matthew M. Damschroder  
Matthew M. Damschroder, Director



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Dear Board Members:

Enclosed you will find minutes from the May 17, 2006 board meeting for your review and approval.

Sincerely,

  
Suzanne M. Brown  
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**Board Members**

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1 ORIGINAL

2 MEETING: Board of Elections Public Hearing

3 DATE OF DELIVERY:

4 Franklin County Board of Elections  
5 280 East Broad Street  
6 Columbus, Ohio 43215  
7 By Matt Damschroder

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Matt Damschroder

1                   BEFORE THE FRANKLIN COUNTY

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5    Public Hearing                       :

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8               Proceedings before Chairman William A.  
9    Anthony, Jr., Board Members Michael F.  
10   Colley, Carolyn C. Petree, Kimberly E.  
11   Marinello, Director Matthew M. Damschroder,  
12   and Assistant Director Dennis L. White, taken  
13   at Board of Elections, 280 East Broad Street,  
14   Columbus, Ohio, on Wednesday, May 17, 2006,  
15   at 3:17 o'clock p.m.

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1 APPEARANCES:

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6 By Mr. Patrick Piccininni,  
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8 On behalf of the Board.  
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P R O C E E D I N G S

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CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I'd like to call  
the Franklin County Board of Elections  
meeting to order. Roll call, please.

MR. DAMSCHRODER: Mr. Colley?

MR. COLLEY: Here.

MR. DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Marinello?

MS. MARINELLO: Here.

MR. DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Petree?

MS. PETREE: Here.

MR. DAMSCHRODER: And Chairman  
Anthony?

CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Here.

MR. DAMSCHRODER: And we do have a  
quorum, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Thank you. The  
reason I called this meeting is to kind of  
put on the record the Board's position on the  
recent articles that were in the Dispatch  
dealing with contracts and how contracts were  
let that gave some concerns to me and I know  
to my colleagues here of some of the

1 practices that's happened at the Board of  
2 Elections so we decided to have this meeting  
3 so we could deal with some of those concerns.

4 One of the concerns is we probably  
5 need to put into place some ethics standards  
6 similar to what the county has. So with  
7 that, one of things we would like to do is  
8 have an investigation, ethics investigation.  
9 So I will accept a motion on that from  
10 anyone.

11 MS. PETREE: Mr. Chairman, I move  
12 that the Franklin County Board of Elections  
13 request the Ohio Ethics Commission to conduct  
14 an investigation to determine whether or not  
15 any current or former employees or members of  
16 the Board violated any Ethics laws relative  
17 to the Board's relationship with SST, IFES,  
18 or Capitol Communications.

19 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a  
20 second?

21 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in  
23 favor say aye.

24 MEMBERS: Aye.

1 MR. WHITE: Mr. Chairman?

2 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes, sir.

3 MR. WHITE: I would like to address  
4 one of the articles in the paper, where a  
5 commissioner is questioning the necessity of  
6 these carts. And I just -- you know, I got  
7 in on the tail end but I can just tell you  
8 from my 30-plus years in transportation  
9 logistics, I don't know how we would have  
10 gotten through the primary without some type  
11 of security transportation carts.

12 So as far as these carts being  
13 necessary, they were very necessary. I will  
14 not speak on whether there was any violation  
15 of ethics by the procurement department in  
16 the process. But rest assured, as far as the  
17 commissioner is concerned and the Board  
18 members are concerned, if these carts were  
19 necessary is the question, they were very  
20 much necessary.

21 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Thank you, Mr.  
22 White. I did get a call from a commissioner  
23 regarding that matter and I too told her that  
24 with the 4,000 odd machines that we do have



1 carts were a necessary item for us to  
2 maintain the integrity of them and make sure  
3 they wouldn't be handled too many times. And  
4 since they are computers we felt that that  
5 would cause some damage to them.

6 MR. WHITE: It's not a logistics  
7 problem getting them in and out of the  
8 warehouse, but also the taxpayers have a 12.3  
9 million dollar investment here. These carts  
10 will extend the life of this equipment. We  
11 just want to protect them.

12 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Anybody else have  
13 any comments on that?

14 (No audible comments.)

15 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: There's something  
16 else that as a result of everything that was  
17 brought to our attention in the recent  
18 articles in the Columbus Dispatch I got to  
19 thinking that -- and I knew the county  
20 commissioners had developed an ethics policy  
21 and I thought it would be a good thing for us  
22 to piggy-back on that policy that they put  
23 into place with all county employees.

24 So with that in mind I'm going to

1 make a motion that the Franklin County Board  
2 of Elections adopt the ethics policies for  
3 its members and employees enacted by the  
4 Franklin County Commissioners on March the  
5 14th, 2006 and direct the Director and Deputy  
6 Director to schedule an ethics training  
7 seminar for the members and employees of the  
8 Board of Elections to be held no later than  
9 June 30th of 2006.

10 I'll entertain a second for that.

11 MR. COLLEY: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in  
13 favor say aye.

14 MEMBERS: Aye.

15 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there any  
16 other business to come before the Board?

17 MR. DAMSCHRODER: I have nothing  
18 from staff at this time.

19 MR. WHITE: The Monday meeting.

20 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Oh, yeah, reminder  
21 that there will be a Monday meeting, the  
22 22nd, at three p.m. for the purposes of  
23 certifying the results of the election and  
24 the candidate for -- an independent candidate

1 for congress.

2 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Can we move that  
3 to 3:30? I have a two o'clock and that's  
4 going to run --

5 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Shouldn't be very  
6 a problem unless there's a --

7 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I'll make sure  
8 I'll be here on time or close to being on  
9 time. I will take a motion for adjournment.

10 MS. PETREE: I'd like to --

11 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Wait a minute,  
12 hold on. Yes, ma'am?

13 MS. PETREE: I'd like to make a  
14 request, Mr. Damschroder. I'd like to have a  
15 copy of our minutes from any of the dates  
16 that are in question.

17 MR. DAMSCHRODER: I'll get those for  
18 you today.

19 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Any other  
20 questions from any of the Board members?

21 (No audible comments.)

22 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Hearing none, I  
23 will move for adjournment.

24 MS. MARINELLO: So moved.

1                   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I need a second.  
2 I can second. We now stand adjourned. Thank  
3 you.

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5                   Thereupon, the proceedings were  
6 concluded at 3:23 o'clock p.m.

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## CERTIFICATE

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3 The undersigned do hereby certify that  
4 the foregoing proceedings were digitally  
5 recorded, electronically transmitted, and  
6 transcribed via audible playback, and that  
7 the foregoing transcript of such proceedings  
8 is a full, true and correct transcript of the  
9 proceedings as so recorded.

10 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set  
11 my hand and affixed my seal of office at  
12 Columbus, Ohio, on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of  
13 May, 2006.

14 Kimberly S. Payne  
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16 Kimberly S. Payne  
17 Certified Digital Reporter  
18 Notary Public - State of Ohio  
19 My commission expires October 26, 2009

20 Beverly D. Haviland  
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22 Beverly D. Haviland  
23 Certified Digital Transcriber  
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