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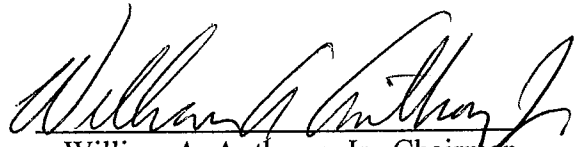
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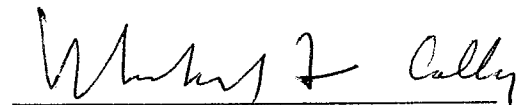
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BEFORE THE FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF OHIO

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In Re: :
Board Meeting : August 6, 2007

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Proceedings before Chairman William A.
Anthony, Jr. and Board Members Carolyn C. Petree
and Kimberly E. Marinello, taken at the Franklin
County Board of Elections, 280 East Broad Street,
Columbus, Ohio, on Monday, August 6, 2007,
at 3:30 o'clock p.m.

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2 P R O C E E D I N G S

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4 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I call the Board of
5 Elections meeting to order.

6 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Roll call.

7 Ms. Marinello?

8 MS. MARINELLO: Here.

9 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Petree?

10 MS. PETREE: Here.

11 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Chairman Anthony.

12 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Here.

13 MR. DAMSCHRODER: And we do have a
14 quorum, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Colley called a few
15 moments ago and said that he was not going to be
16 able to attend today. But we do have a quorum.

17 The first item on the agenda is the
18 approval of the minutes of the meeting of July
19 the 2nd, 2007.

20 MS. PETREE: Mr. Chairman?

21 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes, ma'am.

22 MS. PETREE: I move that the minutes
23 of the meeting of July 2nd, 2007 be approved as
24 submitted.

1 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?

2 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor,
4 say, aye.

5 (Board members in favor of the motion
6 so indicated.)

7 MR. DAMSCHRODER: And motion carries.

8 I will pass down the table the
9 signature sheet for the July 2nd meeting. Also,
10 at the last meeting, I failed to do signature
11 sheets for the April 30th and June 4th meeting,
12 so if you'll sign those. They were previously
13 approved at the last meeting.

14 The next item on the agenda is
15 certification of independent candidates for
16 offices of mayor and city council in
17 Reynoldsburg.

18 These were filed the day before the
19 primary election this year. There was one
20 candidate who filed for mayor, a Richard
21 L. Donovan. And then three candidates who filed
22 for council: a Norman Bruski, a Thomas Pitchford.
23 Both filed for Ward 3. And then a Christopher
24 John Long voted -- or filed to be a councilman

1 for Ward 4. Again, all those independent
2 candidates.

3 In the -- as you'll recall last year
4 from the Morrison versus Colley litigation
5 involving an independent candidate who voted a
6 Republican primary and who sought to be -- remain
7 an independent candidate for Congress, the
8 federal courts found that, essentially, a
9 candidate who files as an independent can then
10 not, immediately following that filing, vote
11 in a partisan primary, affiliating himself or
12 herself with a political party.

13 One of these candidates, Thomas
14 Pitchford, filed his petitions to be an
15 independent candidate on May the 4th, 2007. And
16 then on the primary election day of May the 8th,
17 2007, Mr. Pitchford cast a Republican ballot in
18 the Reynoldsburg primary.

19 So it would be the staff's
20 recommendation that Mr. Pitchford not be
21 certified as a candidate for -- and proceed with
22 the certification for Donovan, Brusk, and Long.

23 All -- that's all on background.

24 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Any questions of

1 anybody?

2 (No response.)

3 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I move we entertain
4 a motion.

5 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move
6 that Richard L. Donovan be certified as an
7 independent candidate for the office of Mayor of
8 the City of Reynoldsburg; that Norman Brusk be
9 certified as an independent candidate for member
10 of the Reynoldsburg City Council, Ward 3, and
11 that the candidate's name appear on the ballot as
12 Norm Brusk; and that Christopher John Long be
13 certified as an independent candidate for member
14 of the Reynoldsburg City Council, Ward 4, and
15 that the candidate's name appear on the ballot as
16 Chris Long.

17 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?

18 MS. PETREE: I'll second.

19 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor,
20 say, aye.

21 (Board members in favor of the motion
22 so indicated.)

23 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Next, Mr. Chairman
24 and members of the Board, we have a series of

1 candidate withdraws and then subsequent
2 appointment of replacements by the nominating
3 committees of the withdrawn candidate.

4 In a thumbnail version, Isabella Dixon
5 Thomas is withdrawing as a candidate for Franklin
6 County Municipal Court. Her nominating committee
7 is nominating David B. Tyack to replace her on
8 the ballot.

9 Heidi Samuel has withdrawn as a full-
10 term candidate for member of -- candidate for
11 member of Columbus Council. The candidate, Mark
12 Rickel, who withdrew several months ago, this
13 Board already memorialized that withdrawal.

14 Mark Rickel's nominating committee is
15 nominating Heidi Samuel to council as -- as a
16 candidate to council for the unexpired term.

17 And then the nominating committee of
18 Heidi Samuel, former candidate for council for
19 the full term, is nominating William H. Brownson
20 as a candidate for council for the full term.

21 So that's, I think, laid out pretty
22 clearly in a series of motions that are proposed
23 before you. But I did want to give you that
24 thumbnail version and give you the opportunity to

1 ask any questions you may have.

2 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Are there any
3 questions of the director at this time?

4 (No response.)

5 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Seeing none, we'll
6 accept a motion.

7 MS. PETREE: Mr. Chairman --

8 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes.

9 MS. PETREE: -- I move that the Board
10 accept the withdrawal from Isabelle Dixon Thomas
11 as a candidate for the office of Franklin County
12 Municipal Court Judge for the unexpired term
13 ending July 8th, 2010.

14 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: January 8th.

15 MS. PETREE: January 8th, 2010.

16 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?

17 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in --

19 MR. DAMSCHRODER: I think counsel has
20 a question. I'm sorry. Proceed.

21 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Moving for a second
22 again.

23 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: We'll take a vote.

1 All those in favor, say, aye.

2 (Board members in favor of the motion
3 so indicated.)

4 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Those opposed, same
5 sign. Then we've got another one.

6 MS. PETREE: Mr. Chairman --

7 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes.

8 MS. PETREE: -- the nomination, having
9 been properly submitted by the nominating
10 committee of Isabelle Dixon Thomas, the former
11 candidate for the office of Franklin County
12 Municipal Court Judge for the unexpired term
13 ending January 8th, 2010, I move that the Board
14 certify David B. Tyack as a candidate for the
15 office of the Franklin County Municipal Court
16 Judge for the unexpired term ending January 8th,
17 2010.

18 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second
19 for that one?

20 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor,
22 say, aye.

23 (Board members in favor of the motion
24 so indicated.)

1 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Motion carries.

2 MS. PETREE: Mr. Chairman --

3 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes, ma'am.

4 MS. PETREE: -- I move that the Board
5 accept the withdrawal of Heidi Samuel as a
6 candidate for the full-term office of member of
7 the Columbus City Council.

8 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?

9 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor,
11 say, aye.

12 (Board members in favor of the motion
13 so indicated.)

14 MS. PETREE: Mr. Chairman --

15 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes.

16 MS. PETREE: -- the nomination having
17 been properly submitted by the nominating
18 committee of Mark Rickel, the former candidate
19 for the office of member of Columbus City Council
20 for an unexpired term ending December 31st, 2009,
21 I move that the Board certify Heidi Samuel as a
22 candidate for the office of member of the
23 Columbus City Council for the unexpired term
24 ending December 31st, 2009.

1 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?

2 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor,
4 say, aye.

5 (Board members in favor of the motion
6 so indicated.)

7 MS. PETREE: Mr. Chairman --

8 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes.

9 MS. PETREE: -- the nominating
10 committee, having been properly submitted by
11 the -- the nomination, having been properly
12 submitted by the nominating committee of Heidi
13 Samuel, a former candidate for the office of
14 member of the Columbus City Council for a full
15 term, I move that the Board certify William
16 H. Brownson as a candidate for the office of
17 member of the Columbus City Council for a full
18 term and that the candidate's name appear on the
19 ballot as Bill Brownson.

20 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?

21 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

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

24 (Board members in favor of the motion

1 so indicated.)

2 MR. DAMSCHRODER: And motion carries.

3 The next item on the agenda,
4 Mr. Chairman and members of the Board, is -- as
5 you know, usually in the summer, we would take a
6 look at precinct boundaries for precincts that
7 have grown, both as a result of registration and
8 also, in some cases, annexation.

9 The Operations Department has prepared
10 a list, and I'm going to pass this down the aisle
11 for you. Prepared a list of several precincts
12 that they have proposed that we adjust lines.

13 In some cases, we're taking the
14 boundaries between two existing precincts and
15 just changing it to even out the number of
16 registered voters between the two precincts; in
17 other cases, we're actually dividing a precinct
18 and creating a -- you know, the old portion and
19 creating the new portion.

20 Carla Patton from the Operations
21 Department is here, and she has maps that she can
22 present to you if you have any questions about
23 some of the specifics that we're -- that we're
24 going to be -- that we're recommending that you

1 approve.

2 Also, at the end of that -- of the
3 motion -- it doesn't appear on that sheet that
4 Carla submitted. There's also two precincts,
5 Lockbourne and Harrisburg, that are presently
6 stand-alone precincts that are attached to
7 townships.

8 Because of the relatively small size
9 of those two municipalities, villages, we would
10 recommend that we eliminate those as stand-alone
11 precincts and just make them splits within the
12 existing township.

13 In most cases, they're both already
14 voting at the same location as the rest of the
15 township. We would be creating a split just like
16 we do for congressional districts or school
17 districts.

18 There's just not a need to incur the
19 expense for four poll workers to sit there for,
20 in the case, I think, of Harrisburg, you know,
21 100 registered voters, and dedicate two machines
22 to that location. So it's a resource allocation
23 issue.

24 So I'll let Carla come forward and do

1 a brief, quick, dog and pony show of the maps in
2 case you have any questions. You can see what
3 we're planning on doing.

4 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Good afternoon,
5 Carla.

6 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Bring your chair up,
7 that we you can lay the map out in front of the
8 Board members. Because I think you only have one
9 set of maps.

10 MS. PATTON: Normally, I have copies,
11 but this won't copy well. The first few are
12 downtown Columbus with one of the new
13 condominiums.

14 The 8th Ward, down here, the existing
15 blue area was the B precinct. The highlighted
16 area is now going to become the new E precinct
17 with a few condos that are going in there, or
18 apartment buildings.

19 So, a lot of these, we've been able to
20 go to past precinct lines that we've had before
21 and just reuse those lines again.

22 And so, this one, we're going to be
23 taking south through East Main down to Livingston
24 and will be B precinct.

1 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: So what are we
2 trying to do, like, get less than a thousand
3 people or --

4 MS. PATTON: Less than --

5 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Less than a
6 thousand. And, in some cases -- and I can't
7 remember what the exact number is. There is a
8 statutory maximum, the number of registered
9 voters in --

10 MS. PATTON: 1400.

11 MR. DAMSCHRODER: 1400.

12 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: 1400?

13 MR. DAMSCHRODER: So I think all of
14 the ones who are on this list are either at that
15 number or just slightly -- this one was just
16 slightly below it. So, from a statutory
17 standpoint, it would appear that they'd have to
18 be divided.

19 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Okay.

20 MS. PATTON: 14th Ward, Nationwide
21 area. The new condominium is going in there.
22 The campus area up here. We'll retain this as
23 the B portion. And this down here south of
24 Goodale will become G.

1 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a
2 requirement on how many wards to have that?

3 MS. PATTON: No. We've --

4 MR. DAMSCHRODER: No. We
5 can -- there's just a maximum. There's a
6 ceiling. There's no --

7 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: There's no ceiling
8 for how long the ward could be?

9 MR. DAMSCHRODER: There's a ceiling.
10 I think it's 1400 registered voters is the
11 maximum number of registered voters that can be
12 in a precinct.

13 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: No, I mean the
14 ward.

15 MS. PATTON: No.

16 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Oh, in the ward,
17 no. And we don't control ward boundaries.

18 MS. PATTON: In the past, we've had
19 ward boundaries that are controlled by
20 the subdivisions --

21 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Okay.

22 MS. PATTON: And, in the past, we've
23 had double letter precincts, even.

24 MR. DAMSCHRODER: You may recall last

1 year, we went before Columbus City Council and
2 got the bid increase, the number of Columbus
3 wards from 74 to 87.

4 MS. PATTON: Yeah. Previously, they
5 were one to 74. Now we've got the city of
6 Columbus 13 new wards to accommodate --

7 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Because there were
8 some of those wards that were just --

9 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Way too big.

10 MR. DAMSCHRODER: -- out of control.
11 Ward 10, particularly.

12 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All right.

13 MS. PATTON: Do you want to see the
14 rest of the maps or --

15 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Yeah, go ahead and
16 just flip through them.

17 MS. PATTON: The 20th ward is, again,
18 a campus area kind of Pacemont down and around
19 Neil Avenue. And there's apartments down in here
20 in the Shelter Cove area -- or Sunset Cove area,
21 right along in there.

22 Going over to the east side on the
23 46th Ward just north of Broad Street. Currently,
24 we're going to be following a senate

1 congressional line that cuts straight through the
2 precinct there, so the southern half will become
3 the new precinct and the northern half will
4 remain the old.

5 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Okay.

6 MS. PATTON: In all cases, we follow
7 street lines, center lines, if possible; if not,
8 public school district boundaries or the senate
9 congressional house boundary lines.

10 49th Ward, south end, we're creating
11 the new G precinct right in here, which is
12 Marilla Avenue -- Marilla Road, South High Street
13 over into Parsons Avenue. Most of this is still
14 Industry Parkway. There are quite a few voters
15 in those residential areas there.

16 57th Ward, west side. 270 here. All
17 this green was C. We're now splitting it here at
18 70. Everything stopped at 70, and that precinct
19 will now become the new G precinct. Everything
20 north will remain C.

21 58th Ward. There's a couple of
22 precincts in here that we needed to split. The
23 first one was A, over here. This is, again, the
24 west side. Come down Harrisburg Pike following

1 through a subdivision here. This becoming J in
2 the green area over here. The rest of the people
3 remain A.

4 Over here, F is being split at
5 Cuyahoga. Everything south becomes K. But there
6 are annexed land that is over here that's not
7 reflected on this map. That's where the blue
8 lines are.

9 69 A. We were -- we want to split
10 this into three precincts. This has always been
11 one of our larger precincts. What we're
12 proposing is A staying in the middle. There's a
13 little bit there. That becomes Washington -- it
14 should be Washington Township.

15 H over here, I over here. I has only,
16 like, 318 voters, but there's quite a bit of land
17 that's owned by Dominion or M/I Homes that is to
18 be developed over the next year or two. So we
19 expect, you know, astronomical growth in that
20 area.

21 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: And, Matt, will
22 this increase the number of polling places, or
23 are we going to still keep the polling places in
24 the same --

1 MR. DAMSCHRODER: It will generally
2 stay the same. Some of the locations can
3 accommodate two precincts voting.

4 And there's also a location up
5 in -- actually, I think it's Ward 69, the Islamic
6 Center. It's a very large facility up there that
7 has asked -- you know, has opened their doors.
8 They were very willing to become a voting
9 location and host many precincts.

10 They're -- Harold and then -- Harold
11 and the guys at the warehouse have already been
12 working on this list to accommodate places.

13 MS. PATTON: Again, in 69, we're
14 splitting C. Following down this road here. I'm
15 not exactly sure what it's called. I don't have
16 it labeled right now. Apartment complex over
17 here, down in here, creates a large number of
18 voters. It's pretty stable here as far as the
19 number of voters.

20 78th Ward is going over to the west
21 side. Three precincts were addressed. Precinct
22 B was split, following through a subdivision
23 creating F. C, we're following a school district
24 boundary line there to create C. And then A, D

1 was split following through a subdivision
2 creating H.

3 And also on this map is one where we
4 would like to adjust currently A up here. It
5 follows a street, and then there's a slight air
6 line that goes from the street to connect it to
7 70. However, if you go to the back of the
8 houses, that's the school district boundary line.

9 To eliminate a split, a school
10 district split, we would need to increase and
11 move that boundary west to get all the schools
12 into one precinct and eliminate those splits.

13 Going the north end up Worthington
14 Galena Road area, 80th Ward, splitting B to
15 create G, following Worthington and Galena
16 straight up, everything east, become the new
17 precinct G.

18 Coming up the north end of 81st Ward,
19 splitting the A precinct. Following -- on this,
20 we are following the back of a parcel line.
21 There was no through streets that we could follow
22 on this one, so we will just follow through on
23 that through those parcel lines.

24 There's no school district on that.

1 That's really to the west of the Columbus
2 schools, and we just kind of splotted all of
3 that.

4 87th Ward, two precincts. A, we're
5 going to split, following through a subdivision,
6 create D. C, we'll split through the
7 subdivision, create E on the north end of that.

8 Ward 2 in Dublin. We're going to take
9 G, and we're going to split it. We're going to
10 come down Eiterman Road and follow it through
11 back up to Woerner Temple and create I.

12 Eventually, we do plan to split it
13 again where Eiterman will come through down to
14 Rings Road and create the third precinct. That
15 will be in the future when we do that.

16 Grove City, Ward 4. Along Stringtown
17 Road, north end of Stringtown Road, we're going
18 to follow Southwest Boulevard over to Broadway
19 and over. North of that will remain B. South of
20 that and towards the new area along Stringtown
21 will become the new F.

22 Madison Township. It's kind of hard
23 to see. This little yellow is one precinct. F
24 is going to remain outside the black line out

1 here, and the new precinct I will remain there.
2 And though there's not much development, there's
3 a lot more people coming in.

4 And last is Prairie Township. We're
5 going to split precinct A, which was all this,
6 north of the railroad track that runs north of
7 Broad Street. Come through a subdivision, create
8 A. That remains A, and all this will remain M.

9 Any questions?

10 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I don't have any.
11 Any other Board members?

12 MS. PETREE: I think they've done a
13 good job.

14 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yeah.

15 MS. PETREE: This has really broken
16 them down to where they're manageable. I mean,
17 we've got 662 instead of 1480. Yes.

18 MS. PATTON: And much more manageable
19 for us.

20 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Thanks so much.
21 Then we will accept -- or, rather, commence your
22 motion on this.

23 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman --

24 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes, ma'am.

1 MS. MARINELLO: -- I move that the
2 Board approve the proposed fiscal year 2008
3 budget -- that's not the right one? I was going
4 to say, that doesn't sound right.

5 MR. PICCININNI: Go one back. At the
6 bottom, precinct matters.

7 MS. MARINELLO: Okay. Oh, I don't
8 need that one.

9 I move that the Board approve the
10 proposed precinct boundary revisions in Columbus
11 8 A and B; Columbus 14 B and G; Columbus 20 B and
12 E; Columbus 46 D and H; Columbus 49 C and G;
13 Columbus 57 C and G; Columbus 58 A, F, J, and K;
14 Columbus 69 A, C, H, I, and J; Columbus 78 A, B,
15 C, D, F, G, and H; Columbus 80 B and G; Columbus
16 81 A and E; Columbus 87 A and C, D, and E; Dublin
17 2 G and I; Grove City 3 D and A; Grove City 4 B
18 and F; Madison Township F and I; Prairie A and M;
19 and to eliminate stand-alone precincts for
20 Lockbourne and Harrisburg.

21 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Good job. Is there
22 a second?

23 MS. PETREE: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor,

1 say, aye.

2 (Board members in favor of the motion
3 so indicated.)

4 MR. DAMSCHRODER: The next two items
5 that appear on the agenda, Mr. Chairman and
6 members of the Board, have to do with fiscal
7 issues. The first is relative to our proposed
8 '08 budget.

9 And I have asked Brenna Umbstaetter,
10 who is our fiscal officer, to come and give you a
11 brief summary on where we're at in terms of this
12 fiscal year. I think you get the monthly reports
13 from her. But also kind of a very quick high-
14 level review of what we're proposing for 2008.

15 MS. UMBSTAETTER: I've prepared two
16 overview sheets for you. One is labeled '07
17 Projection, and one is labeled '08 Budget.
18 Projecting fiscal year '07 is part of our
19 budgeting process for '08.

20 What I've given you is a quick
21 overview of what you originally had budgeted in
22 '07, where that projection for year end is, at
23 this point, based on January to date figures.

24 And then, the third column, you'll see

1 I've listed the supplemental requests that we
2 have made or will be making for the total '07
3 projection.

4 And the increases are -- you can see,
5 are primarily to purchase of various election
6 supplies for the Division of Voting as well as
7 Voter Outreach.

8 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: So this is for
9 the -- moving to a paper provisional voting?

10 MS. UMBSTAETTER: Um-hmm.

11 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: That's a million
12 dollars?

13 MS. UMBSTAETTER: That's the figure
14 that we've been working with prior to receiving
15 bids.

16 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: And what's the
17 capital outlay? We've got ReliaVote and ballot
18 tabulators. Is that also part of --

19 MS. UMBSTAETTER: ReliaVote is the
20 absentee tracking system.

21 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Okay.

22 MS. UMBSTAETTER: And the tabulators
23 are the high speed scanners that we read those,
24 scan ballots with. The increase in volume is

1 going to require two more of those, two units.

2 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Okay. So total
3 increase to date is 1.3 million of what was
4 projected?

5 MS. UMBSTAETTER: Yes.

6 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Okay.

7 MR. WHITE: Two-thirds of that,
8 Mr. Chairman, will be implementing a provisional
9 paper ballot directive for the Secretary of State
10 records. I think you all have got a copy of my
11 letter to the commissioners.

12 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes.

13 MR. WHITE: Any questions on that?

14 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Unh-uh. I
15 understood it. Any of y'all have any questions
16 for Denny on that?

17 MR. WHITE: I just thought it was
18 important the commissioners understand the facts
19 here in Franklin County since they are the
20 regulatory authority. I just thought it was
21 important to respond to the Secretary of State's
22 suggestions on handling the directive here
23 because -- how can I say this in a nice, tactical
24 way?

1 MR. DAMSCHRODER: She was wrong.

2 MR. WHITE: She assumed that we were
3 using punch cards at the precinct level. We had
4 boxes, we had ways logistically controlling the
5 ballots from the printer, the warehouse, out to
6 presiding judges and back on election day.

7 Which, we've used electronic machines
8 in some kind of form here for a long time. I
9 don't think we've ever had punch cards, at least
10 in my lifetime.

11 MR. DAMSCHRODER: No. This county has
12 never used punch cards in precincts for actual
13 voters. To get booths, we would have to go back
14 to before 1972 when we started using the lever
15 machines. And that was before my time, quite
16 literally.

17 But some of you may recall that we
18 actually had those metal sheds that they
19 installed out in the community for folks to cast
20 their ballots in.

21 So we don't have any leftover
22 equipment from paper ballot days to retrofit and
23 reuse for the implementation of this directive.

24 MR. WHITE: So I'm thinking maybe she

1 put the letter in the Cleveland Plain Dealer or
2 in the Dispatch because they've used punch cards
3 (inaudible.)

4 Now, Matt and I have a scheduled
5 meeting with her on -- what date is that?

6 MR. DAMSCHRODER: I think it's August
7 the 20th.

8 MR. WHITE: And we requested in
9 writing to her and to her people twice that -- to
10 grant us a waiver since we utilize the new ES & S
11 machines in six elections and there's been no
12 breach in security of the provisional ballot.

13 So we're going to personally meet with
14 her and ask her one more time --

15 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Can't you get her
16 to do a walk-through on our system?

17 MR. WHITE: We'd like to.

18 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Okay.

19 MR. WHITE: I just wanted to make sure
20 the Board is aware of the correspondence we've
21 had with the Secretary of State's office and
22 that, ultimately, she has the final decision,
23 unless the Board or counsel can find a way around
24 it. If not, then --

1 MS. MARINELLO: If you get her to do a
2 walk-through, I'd like to go along.

3 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Certainly.
4 Certainly.

5 MR. WHITE: But the provisional voting
6 system was tested here through several recounts,
7 with the congressional recount where lawyers from
8 both sides -- they tried to get the information
9 that she's concerned about. And if that didn't
10 happen, we'd go to the county-wide recount.

11 So, I mean, it's been tested even with
12 some of the best election lawyers in the
13 business, and it wasn't breached.

14 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Thank you. Any
15 other questions?

16 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Anything else,
17 Brenna? Any other items from you?

18 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: A budget overview.
19 Is that the next one?

20 MS. UMBSTAETTER: Yes. Your second
21 page is for an overview of -- well, voting
22 details for a baseline budget, which is assuming
23 that operations continue as they are now, what
24 will '08's expenditures look like.

1 We've received instructions that the
2 '08 budget should not exceed 102 percent of the
3 '07 budget. What we have chosen to work with, as
4 an alternative, is 2006's actual expenses.

5 Because of the nature of election
6 cycles, the '06 performance is a much better
7 indicator of what's going to happen in '08. And
8 Matt has prepared a couple of memos to the
9 commissioners explaining our statement on that.

10 So what you have is a -- excuse
11 me -- a summary of '06's actual figures, and
12 you're in '07 and '08. We did some adjustments
13 to that to take out capital expenditures. 2006
14 was the year we bought all of the voting machines
15 and parts.

16 So we've adjusted those numbers back
17 out so that we're comparing like years and then
18 taking a 2 percent increase over activity. That
19 gives us the baseline of 7.9 million.

20 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I've got a
21 question. Would the '04 budget -- would it be
22 going on a cycle that -- why didn't we go to '04?

23 MR. DAMSCHRODER: The reason we don't
24 go back to '04, I think, is just three things.

1 One is that, going back that far, it's difficult
2 to take into account all the pay increases and
3 the different number of employees. So it's hard
4 to kind of factor that.

5 Second is with the change in absentee
6 to a no fault. In '04, we were at 50,000 punch
7 card absentee ballots. Next we're, we'll
8 probably be 250,000.

9 So when you start -- and the third is,
10 with the different voting system, there's a
11 changed price -- changed cost structure as to the
12 voting machines and paper tape, et cetera. So I
13 think going forward, as we go from '08 to
14 2012 -- looking back from 2012 to '08 may be a
15 better predictor because of -- personnel issues
16 will still be a factor we'll have to look at.

17 But in terms of like voting systems
18 and like rules, that will be a better estimate.
19 We can probably drop a column in just to show
20 what we've expended in 2004, just for comparison
21 purposes. But in terms of using '04 as a
22 benchmark, I don't think it's quite the --

23 MR. WHITE: Do we have return postage
24 factored in?

1 MR. DAMSCHRODER: I think we copied
2 the members of the Board on a memorandum we sent
3 to the County Commissioners.

4 At one of Denny and I's most recent
5 meetings with the commissioners, they expressed
6 their interest in paying the return postage for
7 voted absentee ballots and for absentee ballot
8 applications. And that is reflected in a
9 decision package.

10 The way the budget works is we kind of
11 submit two budgets. The first is the baseline,
12 which is basically what we say we need to run the
13 operation as it is; and then the second is the
14 decision package budget, which are all the extras
15 that we'd like to do.

16 And we have submitted both return
17 postage for absentee ballots and return postage
18 for absentee ballot applications as separate
19 decision packages for the commissioners to decide
20 if they want to fund that.

21 So that's not in the baseline, but it
22 is in the decision packages.

23 MS. UMBSTAETTER: Now, the decision
24 packages and the IT requests total an additional

1 2.3 million. It just would be in addition to the
2 7.9.

3 MR. DAMSCHRODER: And the biggest
4 chunks in the decision packages is postage and
5 printing for the mandatory 60-day mailing for the
6 general election, the postage for -- return
7 postage for ballots and applications, and also
8 the continued funding for the absentee ballot
9 system.

10 And then the fifth really big chunk is
11 we have to have changes in both our procedure as
12 well as the changes for the Secretary of State in
13 provisional voting. We need to redo all of the
14 poll worker training that we did in 2006 as a
15 video.

16 So what we're proposing, actually, is
17 to move to online poll worker training. About 70
18 percent of our poll workers have indicated in a
19 survey that they have internet access at home.

20 And so we would propose that instead
21 of doing a DVD, as we did in the past, that is
22 not dynamic enough -- you can't change content on
23 the fly -- to do online training.

24 We would still make that training

1 available as a CD Rom for folks that needed to --
2 that didn't have access to the internet. They
3 could do it at home, watch it as a DVD. But
4 doing that would be more dynamic. So that's
5 another type of major decision package that we're
6 passing to the commissioners to vote on.

7 MS. UMBSTAETTER: The other very large
8 one is the Voter Outreach.

9 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Yes. Thank you. I
10 forgot that one.

11 MS. UMBSTAETTER: Which would split
12 between the primary and the general elections.

13 MR. DAMSCHRODER: That's requested, I
14 think, for almost a million dollars between the
15 two elections. For television ads, newspaper and
16 inserts, direct mail, and field work.

17 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there any more
18 HABA money out there?

19 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Part of the problem
20 with the HABA money is that Congress -- and when
21 it passed HABA, it authorized funding, I think,
22 to the tune of about \$300 million more. But they
23 have not yet appropriated that money.

24 So -- and that's not just for Ohio,

1 for the country. So I know, in a more recent
2 appropriation bill that went through the House,
3 that funding was in there but it was taken out by
4 the Senate.

5 And so I think the Secretary of State,
6 a week or two weeks ago, sent information both to
7 Senator Voinovich and to Senator Brown
8 encouraging them to work on behalf of Ohio to get
9 that funding restored.

10 So while there's a possibility for
11 Ohio, as a state, to realize some more HABA
12 funds, none of those funds, as of right now, are
13 directly earmarked for Franklin County's use.
14 So --

15 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: You can't count on
16 it.

17 MR. DAMSCHRODER: I wouldn't. I would
18 not count on anything at this point.

19 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All right.

20 MR. WHITE: Can we just back up just
21 for a minute? I want to make sure that Matt and
22 I are moving in the right direction the Board
23 wants us to move in with this provisional
24 voting. I don't want to get myself and Matt out

1 there, but if --

2 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: You mean meeting
3 with the Secretary of State?

4 MR. WHITE: Yeah. I mean, the Board
5 is -- you know, we work for you folks. And if
6 you're agreeable with what the Secretary of State
7 has done with her directive, Matt and I need to
8 know now so we can go do other things with our
9 time. I mean, have you thought out that process
10 as Board members?

11 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I haven't. And I
12 think it's worth pursuing. And I -- for the
13 commissioners as well. I mean, they're willing
14 to pay money, but they don't have to. They'd
15 much rather not have to pay it.

16 So for the folks I've talked to, it
17 would be good that way; but if we can't, we
18 can't. But I don't see no reason why not to
19 pursue it.

20 Any other Board members?

21 MR. WHITE: I just want to make sure
22 we're going in the right direction. Your
23 argument is to secure the -- if you vote
24 provisional on the machine, somebody can get

1 access and find out how you voted.

2 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Right. I
3 understand what their problem is.

4 MR. WHITE: That's her concern, is
5 security.

6 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes. Which is why
7 I would suggest a tour here to see how we
8 actually do it and let her see what our security
9 measures that we have in place are.

10 MR. WHITE: I'm sorry. I just wanted
11 to just make sure that we're going in the right
12 direction.

13 MR. DAMSCHRODER: No, that's all
14 right.

15 MR. WHITE: I don't want to go meet
16 with Jennifer, then find out that our Board has a
17 problem with the direction we're going in.

18 MS. PETREE: I would like for you to
19 pursue it also, but I would like to be present
20 also.

21 MR. WHITE: Okay.

22 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Okay. Thank you,
23 ma'am.

24 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Any questions for

1 Brenna in terms of budget or fiscal items?

2 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: No, I don't have
3 any.

4 MS. PETREE: No.

5 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman --

6 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes, ma'am.

7 MS. MARINELLO: -- I move that the
8 Board approve the proposed fiscal year 2008
9 budget for its proper and necessary expenses for
10 the Board and direct the director and deputy
11 director to submit it to the Franklin County
12 Board of Commissioners.

13 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?

14 MS. PETREE: I second.

15 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor,
16 say, aye.

17 (Board members in favor of the motion
18 so indicated.)

19 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Motion carries. The
20 next item on this agenda -- as, I think, all of
21 you have noticed, the last couple of times you've
22 come in to the facility here for meetings,
23 there's a great deal of construction going on on
24 Gay Street.

1 And two things are happening as a
2 result of that construction when it's completed.
3 One is that most of the meters that were on Gay
4 Street, on both sides in our block, are going to
5 be eliminated.

6 Also, as you see down at 4th and Gay,
7 a developer is building condos. And those, we're
8 told, are going to extend almost all the way down
9 here to -- along -- between Gay and Long, almost
10 up to, I think, 7th is this -- or 6th is this
11 cross street here, which means all of that
12 surface lot parking across the street where many
13 of our employees presently park is going to be
14 eliminated.

15 So what Denny and I propose doing is
16 to actually have the Board directly contract with
17 the school employees' Retirement System garage,
18 the facility directly to our east, to provide
19 parking for the employees of the Board of
20 Elections.

21 We have had initial conversations with
22 them, and they are very anxious to have us do
23 that. We believe that this is a matter of some
24 urgency because, as those meters on the

1 street -- once those are gone, voters are going
2 to need more parking here in our parking lot.

3 So having our staff out will
4 accommodate more voters. And, also, as that
5 construction continues to move east, those
6 surface lots are going to be eliminated, which is
7 going to create a lot of demand in that garage.

8 Our feeling is, in order to have space
9 there, at a locked in price, as that space
10 becomes premium, that we're better off acting now
11 as opposed to waiting till next year, even if
12 they'll have spaces available.

13 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: How many spaces are
14 you talking about?

15 MR. DAMSCHRODER: We have 40 full-time
16 employees. We would propose funding for 40
17 spaces, at a maximum. And there are some
18 employees who may not want to take advantage of
19 that because they want to continue parking in
20 this lot at their cost.

21 I think there's a handful that ride
22 the bus or have spouses or friends drop them off.

23 So basically the way we've created the
24 resolution here, it would be that you would

1 direct Denny and I to enter into a contract on
2 behalf of the Board with a ceiling maximum amount
3 that can be spent, the maximum number of spaces
4 that can be reserved.

5 MR. WHITE: Another issue I think that
6 we talked about briefly at some of our other
7 meetings, prior meetings, was security. You
8 know, that lot is much more secure than the
9 surface lot. There's cameras in the garage.
10 There's a guard in the garage.

11 And during election season, we have
12 females working here walking out at two, three
13 o'clock in the morning. The surface lot over
14 there was -- we've got some questionable folks
15 that hang out in there.

16 I just -- I think there's security for
17 our employees. Plus, the entrance to the surface
18 garage is off of Grant, which avoids all this
19 construction problem here.

20 We've got election tomorrow. If
21 something happens out here like happened a few
22 weeks ago where they busted a gas line and we
23 can't -- the election didn't go because something
24 happened out here on the construction site. I

1 just -- I just think with it all in development
2 right now, now is the time to make the move.

3 Plus, as Matt and I have talked about,
4 as more and more residential get built downtown
5 here, we don't know what we'll be doing for folks
6 parking.

7 I think if we nailed down an agreement
8 now before everyone else is over there knocking
9 on the parking garage's door that you can get it
10 at a reasonable cost.

11 And the other thing, I just -- I just
12 find it strange we charge our employees to park
13 at the place where they work. I just -- come on.
14 It's like charging to park in a parking lot to
15 go, you know, grocery shopping.

16 MR. DAMSCHRODER: It's that benevolent
17 social justice side of --

18 MR. WHITE: That must be the liberal,
19 you know --

20 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Passion --

21 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: That's right.
22 That's right.

23 MR. WHITE: It could be worse. You
24 could be on the airport authority where your

1 parking ticket out there costs more than your
2 airplane ticket nowadays.

3 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Well, you know,
4 unfortunately, a lot of the employees don't get
5 to park in the free --

6 MR. WHITE: I just mean, security-
7 wise, I think it would be an appreciated benefit
8 to the employee. I don't think there's -- I
9 think if you check with the IRS, there's not a
10 tax situation with the employee on here.

11 So, I mean, it's pretty -- I think
12 it's just -- I think it's the right thing to do.
13 And now with all the construction.

14 And then, you know, the Secretary of
15 State when the board members caused -- messed up
16 the election, I think the general election, it
17 screwed up because the gas line was broken out
18 here and we could have prepared another way in
19 and out of the building.

20 So it's your call. I think it's a
21 good call.

22 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Any other questions
23 for Denny?

24 (No response.)

1 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I will entertain a
2 motion.

3 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman --

4 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes.

5 MS. MARINELLO: -- I make a motion
6 that we enter into a contract -- I don't think I
7 have anything on that. I'm missing several
8 pages. I was going to make it up. Oh, see, I
9 didn't even know I was supposed to do that.

10 I move that the Board authorize the
11 deputy and deputy director to enter into an
12 agreement with the schools employees' parking
13 garage for purposes of providing parking to
14 employees of the Board of Elections at a rate not
15 to exceed \$75 per space per month.

16 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a -- will
17 they enter into a multi-year agreement or --

18 MR. DAMSCHRODER: I think they would
19 be willing to do that.

20 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Okay.

21 MR. DAMSCHRODER: And we could
22 probably reduce the rate.

23 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Okay.

24 MR. WHITE: We've had some talks

1 with -- I mean, this is just future planning.
2 The county is even talking about maybe building a
3 garage out here. So when that happens, this
4 lot's going to be completely gone.

5 Which, we still have two major
6 elections to hold here. So if we can get a nail
7 into some type of renewal, I think we should. Or
8 at least the option.

9 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Okay. Is there a
10 second to that?

11 MS. PETREE: I will do a second, but I
12 hesitate to do a second.

13 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Any discussion?

14 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Carolyn, any
15 questions that we can answer or would you like us
16 to bring any additional information back or --

17 MS. PETREE: I think it's a good price
18 at \$75 per space, but I do believe that the rest
19 of the county employees do pay for their own
20 parking. And I'm not sure that it's the proper
21 thing for us to do, to pay for employees'
22 parking.

23 MR. DAMSCHRODER: You are correct.
24 Most county agencies, their employees have to

1 pay. Here in this building, the Department of
2 Health picks up the tab for their employees to
3 park in this lot here.

4 So there's a couple county agencies
5 who do -- who do pick up their employees'
6 parking. But, by and large, the overall majority
7 are on their own, both in terms of finding a
8 place to park and for paying the rate.

9 So it would be -- it won't be blazing
10 a new trail here, but it is out of the ordinary
11 for county government, in general.

12 And if the Board would like, we can
13 bring it back, you know, at another meeting.

14 MR. WHITE: Yeah, when it's got a full
15 Board.

16 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Well, we've got a
17 motion and it's been seconded, so we could -- we
18 could either vote or we could table it. We could
19 move we table it. So I move that we table this
20 motion until we get a full board present.

21 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Is there a second to
22 the motion to table?

23 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second
24 to my table?

1 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

2 MR. DAMSCHRODER: All in favor?

3 (Board members in favor of the motion
4 so indicated.)

5 MR. DAMSCHRODER: And the motion is
6 tabled.

7 We do have a couple of items that we
8 want -- personnel-related that we do want to talk
9 about in executive session.

10 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Then I will make a
11 motion that the Board move to executive session
12 for the purposes of considering the appointment,
13 employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion,
14 demotion, or compensation of a public employee
15 and to consider the investigation of charges or
16 complaints against a public employee.

17 Is there a second?

18 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

19 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Roll call vote.

20 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Roll call.

21 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Marinello?

22 MS. MARINELLO: Yes.

23 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Petree?

24 MS. PETREE: Yes.

1 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Chairman Anthony.

2 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes.

3 MR. DAMSCHRODER: We are in executive
4 session.

5 (Board in executive session.)

6 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Is there a motion to
7 go back into public session?

8 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yeah. I move that
9 the Board move back into public session. There
10 were no motions or business conducted while we
11 were in executive session.

12 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Is there a second to
13 the motion?

14 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

15 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Marinello?

16 MS. MARINELLO: Yes.

17 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Petree?

18 MS. PETREE: Yes.

19 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Chairman Anthony?

20 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes.

21 MR. DAMSCHRODER: And we are back in
22 public session. Is there a motion?

23 MS. PETREE: Mr. Chairman --

24 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes, ma'am.

1 MS. PETREE: -- I would like to make a
2 motion. I move that the Board appoint the
3 following Republicans to serve as full-time
4 clerks of the Board in the Voter Services
5 Division: Chris Bidwell, at the annual rate of
6 \$27,000 per year, effective July 30th, 2007;
7 Debbie Cotner, C-o-t-n-e-r, at the annual rate of
8 \$27,000, effective August the 13th, 2007.

9 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?

10 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor,
12 say, aye.

13 (Board members in favor of the motion
14 so indicated.)

15 MS. MARINELLO: And, Mr. Chairman, I'd
16 like to make a motion that the Board increase the
17 annual salary of Mary Jane Hanley by \$2,000
18 effective immediately.

19 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?

20 MS. PETREE: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor,
22 say, aye.

23 (Board members in favor of the motion
24 so indicated.)

1 MS. MARINELLO: And also,
2 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board reassign
3 Renee Kleo to the position of manager of Voter
4 Services Division and Mary Hackett to the
5 position of manager of the Precinct Elections
6 Officials Division, effective at the close of
7 business, Friday, August 10th, 2007.

8 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Wait a minute.
9 Before we do that, I would make one change on
10 that. I would put in a two-week period, a
11 two-week period from the date we talked to her.
12 I mean, that's kind of a --

13 MS. MARINELLO: Not a lot of notice.

14 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yeah. That's
15 the -- kind of a good notice to give somebody,
16 two weeks before you actually do something.

17 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Okay. So have it
18 changed on, perhaps, the 20th of August?

19 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yeah.

20 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Which is two weeks
21 from today?

22 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Right.

23 MR. DAMSCHRODER: So is there -- so
24 Chairman Anthony is making an amendment -- was

1 there a second to that?

2 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: No, we haven't
3 seconded yet.

4 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Okay. I'm sorry.

5 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: That's why I
6 stopped it.

7 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Got it.

8 MS. MARINELLO: I move that the Board
9 reassign Renee Kleo to the position of manager of
10 Voter Services Division and Mary Hackett to the
11 position of manager of the Precinct Elections
12 Officials Division, effective at the close of
13 business, Friday, August 20th, 2007.

14 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Actually, it's -- it
15 would be effective --

16 MS. MARINELLO: At the close of
17 business --

18 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Effective Monday,
19 August 20th. So that will be the first day of
20 the change.

21 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: That will be
22 Monday, August the 20th. Okay. Is there a
23 second?

24 MS. PETREE: I'll second that.

1 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: And all those in
2 favor, say, aye.

3 (Board members in favor of the motion
4 so indicated.)

5 MR. DAMSCHRODER: And then the last
6 item on the agenda is the opening of the polls
7 tomorrow for a special election.

8 MS. MARINELLO: I make a motion that
9 the Board declare the polls open from 6:30 a.m.
10 until 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 7th, 2007, for
11 the purpose of conducting a special election for
12 the Westerville Public Library.

13 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?

14 MS. PETREE: I second that.

15 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor,
16 say, aye.

17 (Board members in favor of the motion
18 so indicated.)

19 MR. DAMSCHRODER: And then the motion
20 to recess this meeting in the event that we have
21 to come back tomorrow for any reason which is not
22 anticipated.

23 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I make a motion the
24 Board recesses until -- subject to call the

1 Chair. Is there a second?

2 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Is there a second?

3 MS. PETREE: I second.

4 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All in favor, say,
5 aye.

6 (Board members in favor of the motion
7 so indicated.)

8 MR. DAMSCHRODER: So we are recessed.

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10 Thereupon, the proceedings were
11 recessed at 5:11 o'clock p.m.

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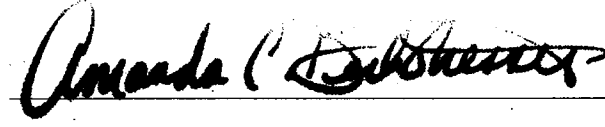
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