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

DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: Mr. Colley.

BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Yes.

DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Marinello.

BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Petree.

BOARD MEMBER PETREE: Yes.

DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: Chairman Anthony.

CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes.

DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: All members are present. The first item on the agenda is the certification of the November 6, 2007, general election. I think all of you have a copy of the results before you.

There is a tie vote in the contest for mayor of the village of Urbancrest between Joseph L. Barnes, Sr., and Marlin R. West the Board needs to break by the casting of a lot.

1 And so we will do that before certification.

2 We have provided the Board with a
3 coin, and we would recommend that we take -- We
4 talked to the prosecuting attorney to make sure
5 we are doing this properly and called the
6 Secretary of State's office, and we'd recommend
7 that the Board designate Mr. Barnes as heads and
8 Mr. West as tails as offer order. The Chairman
9 will flip the coin.

10 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Are any of the
11 folks here today, Mr. West and Mr. Barnes?

12 DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: Anyone from
13 Urbancrest here?

14 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Nobody from
15 Urbancrest. I'll stand up so I can catch it.
16 All right. This is --

17 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Pressure.

18 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: -- pressure.

19 BOARD MEMBER PETREE: Heads.

20 DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: Mr. Barnes is
21 the winner of the contest for mayor of
22 Urbancrest.

23 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Scientific as it
24 gets.

1 DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: And not with a
2 recount.

3 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: And not with a
4 recount.

5 (Laughter.)

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WHITE: Isn't it great
7 to see democracy at its finest.

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Absolutely. What a
9 country. I haven't seen anything like this
10 since Florida.

11 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Now, now, now.

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WHITE: Yeah, we don't
13 make the rules. We just got to follow them.

14 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Okay. Then we will
15 accept a motion to certify the election then.
16 Is that -- Ms. Marinello.

17 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman,
18 I move that the results of the November 6, 2007,
19 general election be officially certified as
20 submitted.

21 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?

22 BOARD MEMBER PETREE: Second.

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

1 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

2 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Okay. So now we
3 have challenges; right?

4 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: I think just put --
5 have the record reflect --

6 DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: Yeah. We'll
7 let the record reflect again that there was a
8 coin toss before the certification and that
9 Barnes was the winner.

10 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Do we have to put
11 that in a motion or just let the record --

12 PROSECUTOR PICCININNI: You know, it
13 might just keep the record clean.

14 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Okay. Then I would
15 make a motion that we did a coin toss, and
16 Mr. Joseph Barnes won the coin toss for the
17 mayor of Urbancrest. Is there a second?

18 PROSECUTOR PICCININNI: And that he'd
19 be certified as the winner.

20 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: That he be
21 certified to --

22 DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: As the winner.

23 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: -- as the winner.
24 Is there a second?

1 BOARD MEMBER PETREE: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor
3 say aye.

4 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

5 DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: Just to let you
6 know, there are several contests that are close
7 enough that will trigger an automatic recount.
8 Those are the City of Dublin, council at large
9 contest; City of Upper Arlington, member of
10 council; Village of Urbancrest, mayor; Bexley
11 City School District, member of Board of
12 Education; and Columbus City School District,
13 member of Board of Education.

14 We'll send letters to all of the
15 candidates who are involved in the automatic
16 recount. Plan to do Arlington, Urbancrest and
17 Bexley schools next Tuesday, Dublin next
18 Wednesday, and then Columbus schools next
19 Thursday and Friday and again on Saturday if you
20 need that. I don't think it will be necessary.

21 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: And then we need to
22 call a meeting after?

23 DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: And then we'll
24 have to have a meeting again the week after

1 that.

2 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Okay.

3 DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: To certify the
4 results of the recount.

5 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All right. We
6 don't need a motion for that then.

7 DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: No, I wouldn't
8 think.

9 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Okay.

10 DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: The next item
11 on the agenda is a Challenge of Right to Vote
12 and Correction of Registration List was filed
13 with the Board; and so, based on the examination
14 of our records and the testimony of the
15 challenger, it's staff's recommendation that the
16 challenge be granted and that Khalyssah
17 Whitfield and Joshua Whitfield be removed from
18 the voter registration rolls for not being a
19 registered voter at the location.

20 And as we've done in the past, we
21 notified the individuals in writing, at the
22 address at which they registered, their option
23 to be here today, present evidence, et cetera.

24 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is Khalyssah or

1 Joshua in the audience? Then I will entertain a
2 motion.

3 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman,
4 I move that the Board grant the Challenge of
5 Right to Vote and Correction of Registration
6 List filed by Charlotte Stephanie Miller of 965
7 East Whittier Street and Khalyssah M. Whitfield
8 and Joshua B. Whitfield, purportedly of 965 East
9 Whittier Street, and order that their
10 registration be immediately canceled in Franklin
11 County and the voters' names stricken from the
12 registration list.

13 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?

14 BOARD MEMBER PETREE: Second.

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

17 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

18 DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: And the last
19 item that we have on the official agenda for
20 today is to award a contract with a printing and
21 mail house company to do our services for the
22 60-day mailing that we have to do under
23 3501.19(A) of the Revised Code.

24 We asked for estimates from several

1 different companies, and Central Ohio Graphics
2 was the lowest price who could do the project in
3 the time frame we needed. So we would ask for
4 authorization to purchase those printing and
5 mail preparation services.

6 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Any questions? I
7 will entertain a motion then.

8 BOARD MEMBER PETREE: Mr. Chairman --

9 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes, ma'am.

10 BOARD MEMBER PETREE: -- I move that
11 the Board authorize the director and deputy
12 director to purchase printing and mail
13 preparation services from Central Ohio Graphics
14 to satisfy the requirements of 3501.19(A) of the
15 Ohio Revised Code.

16 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?

17 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor
19 say aye.

20 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

21 DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: And that's all
22 that we have on the prepared agenda for you
23 today.

24 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Was this for our

1 information only or --

2 DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: Yes.

3 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Okay. I'll
4 entertain a motion to adjourn, unless there's no
5 reason to.

6 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: I would like
7 to make a motion that we adjourn.

8 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?

9 BOARD MEMBER PETREE: Second.

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

12 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

13 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: We stand
14 adjourned.

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16 Thereupon, the proceedings were
17 concluded at 5:20 o'clock p.m.

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Elegna R. Davis

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Certified Digital Reporter
Notary Public - State of Ohio.
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