

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
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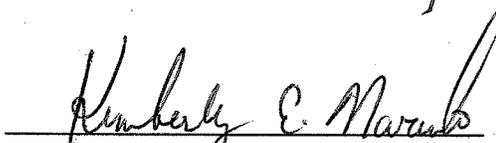
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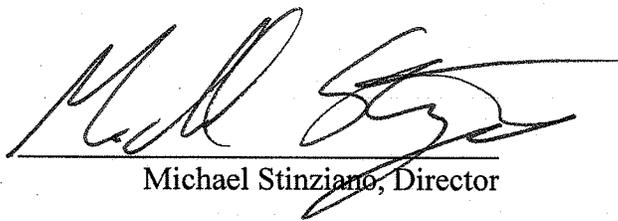
  
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Michael F. Colley, Esq.

  
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Kimberly E. Marinello

  
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William A. Anthony Jr.

ATTEST:

  
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Michael Stinziano, Director

1 ORIGINAL

2 PROCEEDINGS OF: FCBE Board Meeting

3 DATE OF DELIVERY: November 3, 2008

4 Franklin County  
5 Board of Elections  
6 280 East Broad Street  
7 Columbus, Ohio 43215  
8 By Ms. Suzanne Brown,  
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1 APPEARANCES:

2 Office of the  
3 Franklin County Prosecutor  
4 373 South High Street  
5 Columbus, Ohio 43215  
6 By Mr. Patrick J. Piccininni,  
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8 On behalf of the Board.  
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CHAIRMAN PREISSE: We will come

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to order.

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MR. STINZIANO: Chairman

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Preisse?

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CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

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MR. STINZIANO: Mr. Colley?

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MR. COLLEY: Here.

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MR. STINZIANO: Ms. Marinello?

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MS. MARINELLO: Here.

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MR. STINZIANO: Mr. Anthony?

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MR. ANTHONY: Here.

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MR. STINZIANO: The first item

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of business is approval of minutes from

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October 3rd and October 6th.

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MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I

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move that the minutes of the meetings of

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the Board held on October 3rd and October

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6th be approved as submitted.

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MR. PREISSE: Is there a second?

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MR. COLLEY: Second.

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CHAIRMAN PREISSE: All in favor?

1 (Unanimous aye)

2 MR. STINZIANO: The motion  
3 carries.

4 The next item is a policy  
5 governing presiding judge and voting  
6 location manager announcements for  
7 availability of optical scan ballots  
8 pursuant to Directive 2008-107.

9 The Secretary of State on  
10 October 31st issued a directive requiring  
11 that the Board adopt the policy. At a  
12 certain point the announcement is made to  
13 those waiting in line that there are both  
14 the option of paper ballots and machines.

15 The Staff has put together a  
16 recommendation for that policy, which is  
17 before you.

18 MR. ANTHONY: Mr. Chairman, I  
19 haven't read all of this.

20 Is there a synopsis?

21 MR. STINZIANO: The synopsis is  
22 every half hour if there are 20 or more  
23 people waiting to present identification,  
24 the voting location manager will address

1 those in line and make a formal  
2 announcement that includes, "In accordance  
3 with Secretary of State Directive  
4 2008-107, please be aware that you have  
5 the choice of voting on the voting  
6 machines or paper ballot. You will be  
7 able to select your preference after you  
8 have shown your I.D. and signed the  
9 signature poll book. Votes cast using the  
10 voting machines and paper ballots today  
11 will be counted tonight. Thank you."

12 MR. ANTHONY: That's what they  
13 are going to say?

14 MR. STINZIANO: If there are  
15 more than 20 people every half hour, yes.

16 MR. ANTHONY: Twenty people  
17 where?

18 MR. STINZIANO: In line at the  
19 poll books.

20 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Waiting to  
21 sign in at the poll books.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Our concern  
23 has been -- let me read this.

24 "In accordance with Secretary of

1 State Directive 2008-107, please be aware  
2 that you have the choice to vote either on  
3 the voting machines or by paper ballot.  
4 You will be able to select your preference  
5 after you have shown I.D. and signed the  
6 signature poll book. Votes cast using the  
7 voting machines and paper ballots today  
8 will be counted tonight. Thank you."

9 I think it's clear in there we  
10 want to avoid that issue of people jumping  
11 ahead in line. They thought they could  
12 avoid all that by voting on paper. And I  
13 think this clearly states after you sign  
14 in and after you show I.D.

15 We don't want anybody  
16 interpreting this as I'm going to do that,  
17 so I'm going to go ahead of the line.

18 MR. STINZIANO: The last line in  
19 the policy also says, "Voters preferring  
20 one voting method over another shall not  
21 receive priority when queuing to present  
22 identification and signing of the  
23 signature poll book."

24 The Secretary was clear in her

1 directive that the intent of the directive  
2 was that each voter does not need to be  
3 asked their preference. It only should be  
4 highlighted if there's another form  
5 available when there is a line.

6 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Any other  
7 thoughts or discussion on this matter?

8 MR. STINZIANO: Given that  
9 training already occurred and the  
10 complexity of determining, this kind of  
11 eliminates poll workers having to -- this  
12 will be the most fair application.

13 MR. ANTHONY: Mr. Chairman,  
14 seeing that our Director and Deputy  
15 Director have dutifully figured this out,  
16 I move that the Board adopt the maximum  
17 wait time policy as submitted.

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I second the  
19 motion.

20 MR. STINZIANO: All those in  
21 favor?

22 (Unanimous aye)

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: The motion  
24 carries.

1 MR. STINZIANO: The next item is  
2 to move into executive session.

3 Is it the Staff's recommendation  
4 that we have an executive session?

5 MS. MARINELLO: I move that the  
6 Board adjourn into executive session to  
7 consider the appointment, employment,  
8 dismissal, discipline, demotion, or  
9 compensation of a public employee.

10 MR. COLLEY: Second.

11 MR. STINZIANO: Roll call vote.  
12 Mr. Colley?

13 MR. COLLEY: Yes.

14 MR. STINZIANO: Chairman  
15 Preisse?

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

17 MR. STINZIANO: Mr. Anthony?

18 MR. ANTHONY: Yes.

19 MR. STINZIANO: Ms. Marinello?

20 MS. MARINELLO: Yes.

21 MR. STINZIANO: We are now in  
22 executive session.

23 (Brief break in proceedings)

24 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Back on the

1 record.

2 MR. ANTHONY: Mr. Chair, I move  
3 we come out of executive session.

4 No action was taken, no votes  
5 were cast, and no motions were made.

6 MR. COLLEY: Second.

7 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Roll call.

8 MR. STINZIANO: Mr. Colley?

9 MR. COLLEY: Yes.

10 MR. STINZIANO: Chairman  
11 Preisse?

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

13 MR. STINZIANO: Mr. Anthony?

14 MR. ANTHONY: Yes.

15 MR. STINZIANO: Ms. Marinello?

16 MS. MARINELLO: Yes.

17 MR. STINZIANO: We are back in  
18 general session.

19 MR. DAMSCHRODER: The Staff  
20 recommendation is that Aaron Sellers be  
21 placed on ten working days of  
22 administrative leave so that the Director  
23 and Deputy Director can conduct an  
24 investigation, to report back to the Board

1 on recommended courses for future action.

2 MR. ANTHONY: Would it be  
3 appropriate for me to make that motion?

4 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Yes.

5 MR. ANTHONY: Then I make that  
6 motion, what he said.

7 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Is there a  
8 second to the motion?

9 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

10 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Roll call  
11 vote.

12 MR. STINZIANO: Mr. Colley?

13 MR. COLLEY: Yes.

14 MR. STINZIANO: Chairman  
15 Preisse?

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Abstain.

17 MR. STINZIANO: Mr. Anthony?

18 MR. ANTHONY: Yes.

19 MR. STINZIANO: Ms.

20 Marinello?

21 MS. MARINELLO: Yes.

22 MR. DAMSCHRODER: The motion  
23 carries.

24 What else do we have?

1 MR. ANTHONY: We have to open  
2 the polls.

3 Mr. Chair, I move the polls be  
4 declared open for Tuesday, November 4th,  
5 2008, General Election beginning at 6:30  
6 a.m. and closing at 7:30 p.m. and that in  
7 accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section  
8 3501.32 any voter in line prior to the  
9 close of polls at 7:30 p.m. shall be  
10 permitted to vote.

11 MR. COLLEY: Mr. Chairman, I  
12 second the motion as presented by  
13 Mr. Anthony.

14 MR. ANTHONY: Thank you, sir.

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: All in favor?

16 (Unanimous aye)

17 MR. ANTHONY: Mr. Chairman, I  
18 move that the Franklin County Board of  
19 Elections recess subject to the call of  
20 the Chairman or two of the Board's  
21 members.

22 MR. COLLEY: I second.

23 MR. STINZIANO: All in favor?

24 (Unanimous aye)

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MR. STINZIANO: The motion  
carries. This body is now in recess.

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Thereupon, the proceeding was  
concluded at 4:00 o'clock p.m.

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CERTIFICATE

I, Patricia W. White, Court Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio, do hereby certify that I reported the foregoing proceedings and that the foregoing transcript of such proceedings is a full, true and correct transcript of my stenotypy notes as so taken.

I do further certify that I was called there in the capacity of a Court Reporter, and am not otherwise interested in this proceeding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office at Columbus, Ohio, on this 20th day of November, 2008.

Patricia W. White

PATRICIA W. WHITE, Notary Public - State of Ohio.

My commission expires May 30, 2012.