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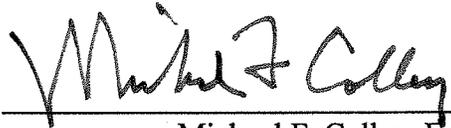
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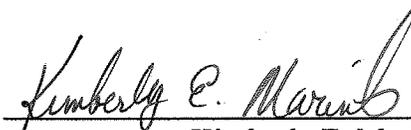
BY:



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Kimberly E. Marinello

William A. Anthony Jr.

ATTEST:



Michael Stinziano, Director

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MEETING: Franklin County BOE

DATE OF DELIVERY:

Franklin County Board of Elections
280 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
By Ms. Suzanne Brown

Suzanne Brown

1 APPEARANCES:

2 Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney
3 373 South High Street
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5 Columbus, Ohio 43215
6 By Mr. Patrick J. Piccininni,
7 Assistant Prosecuting Attorney,
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9 On behalf of the Board.

10 ALSO PRESENT:

11 Suzanne Brown
12 Karen Cotton
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P R O C E E D I N G S
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CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Why don't we get started and we'll start with determining whether we have a full and sufficient quorum.

DIRECTOR STINZIANO: Special meeting for Friday, February 20, 2009, Franklin County Board of Elections. Mr. Colley?

MR. COLLEY: Here.

DIRECTOR STINZIANO: Chairman Preisse?

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

DIRECTOR STINZIANO: Mr. Anthony?

MR. ANTHONY: Finally here.

DIRECTOR STINZIANO: Ms. Marinello?

MS. MARINELLO: Here.

DIRECTOR STINZIANO: First item on the agenda is Approval of Minutes for February 2, 2009.

MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move that the minutes of the meetings of the Board held on February 2, 2009 be approved as submitted.

1 MR. COLLEY: Second.

2 DIRECTOR STINZIANO: All in favor?

3 (All say aye.)

4 DIRECTOR STINZIANO: None opposed.

5 Next issue is Certification of Candidates.

6 We have Karen Cotton here to provide the
7 staff reports of the candidate petitions.

8 MS. COTTON: Provided in your
9 packets we have four different listings for
10 the Board to reference. The first listing is
11 of all candidates that filed for this
12 election cycle, their petitions were all
13 examined by staff. And then we have the
14 Board's recommendations on the other sheets
15 that are provided to you.

16 The Recommended for Board Approval
17 is a separate listing. It's a multi-page
18 document. Then I have a report for you that
19 we are recommending the Board to deny access
20 to the ballot for.

21 Candidate for Columbus City Council,
22 Nicholas Schneider, we were unable to find
23 enough ballot signatures to recommend that
24 the Board place him on the ballot. We were

1 only able to validate 589 signatures and he
2 needed 100 -- or 1,000 ballot signatures in
3 order to qualify. Also, Mr. Wright fell
4 short of the necessary 1,000 ballot
5 signatures to gain ballot access.

6 For the Columbus Board of Education,
7 Claudia DeLeone fell short of the 300 ballot
8 signatures that were required for her to make
9 the ballot. We were only able to validate
10 168 signatures. Carol Perkins, was unable to
11 validate enough signatures for her. We were
12 only able to validate 244.

13 We had several part petitions where
14 Carol Perkins, as the circulator, printed her
15 name rather than wrote it in cursive as
16 required to be a legal signature. We also
17 had one part petition for Carol Perkins where
18 we had several signatures that were
19 non-genuine which caused the whole part
20 petition to be invalidated.

21 So, once we took out those four part
22 petitions we were not able to get enough
23 valid signatures. In checking further, even
24 if those four part petitions had been valid,

1 she still would not have had enough valid
2 signatures.

3 Also, for the Unexpired Term, Brian
4 O'Steward, he fell short of having enough
5 ballot signatures. In the City of Whitehall,
6 Member of Council, Ward 1, Lynn Oxendorf
7 filed 16 signatures on her part petition.

8 The petition was improperly
9 completed, but we did check the signatures.
10 We were only able to find 12 signatures to be
11 valid. She needed 15 in order to qualify for
12 the ballot.

13 So, we're recommending that the
14 listing as noted Recommended for Denial to
15 the Ballot so that the Board act on that and
16 deny those candidates. And then we're
17 recommending the other lists to be certified
18 to the ballot. And once you've done that,
19 we'll talk about Name Requests.

20 MR. ANTHONY: Mr. Chair?

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Questions or
22 comments?

23 MR. ANTHONY: I got a question.
24 Folks who didn't make it, they will have the

1 right to appeal, I guess?

2 MS. COTTON: We will send them a
3 letter on Monday indicating that the Board
4 has taken action and that there is an appeal
5 process and give them five days to appeal.

6 MR. ANTHONY: Okay. Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Any other
8 concerns at this point?

9 (No audible response.)

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Do we want to
11 have -- am I missing something or are we
12 waiting for a motion to be made?

13 DIRECTOR STINZIANO: Waiting for a
14 motion.

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Are we studying
16 the --

17 MS. MARINELLO: I was just looking
18 at the --

19 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. If you
20 need more time to read it, by all means.

21 MS. MARINELLO: No. I just -- it's
22 a shame. I move that the Board accept the
23 staff report and hereby certify to the May 5,
24 2009 primary and November 3, 2009 general

1 election ballots those candidates whose
2 petitions we have found to be valid and
3 sufficient.

4 MR. COLLEY: Mr. Chairman, I second
5 the motion.

6 DIRECTOR STINZIANO: All in favor?

7 (All say aye.)

8 DIRECTOR STINZIANO: Next we have
9 Certification of Issues. Again, Karen Cotton
10 will provide the staff report.

11 MS. COTTON: Do you want to hold off
12 Name Requests till later?

13 DIRECTOR STINZIANO: Yes.

14 MS. COTTON: Okay. You have in your
15 packet a listing of the issues that have been
16 filed for this most current election to be
17 held on May 5, 2009. All of the issues on
18 this list have been submitted to the
19 Prosecuting Attorney's office for approval as
20 to form, and we do have verification from the
21 Prosecutor's office that they all meet the
22 criteria to be placed on the current ballot.

23 We have one filing for the Jonathan
24 Alder School District which is coming to us

1 from Madison County there. We have also
2 local option questions that were filed to put
3 issues on the current ballot. But because
4 there will be no candidates on the main
5 ballot, all of the local option questions
6 will have to be held to the general election
7 because it is state statute requirement that
8 there be candidates on the ballot for local
9 option B on the ballot.

10 The Board staff has reviewed all of
11 the part petitions and they have been found
12 to be sufficient in number of signatures
13 filed. However, the Prosecuting Attorney's
14 office is not recommending approval of five
15 of the issues as noted on your listing.

16 MR. PICCININNI: As to form.

17 MS. COTTON: Pardon?

18 MR. PICCININNI: As to form.

19 MS. COTTON: As to form.

20 MS. MARINELLO: Oh, they had the
21 signatures but they didn't put down the
22 description correctly?

23 MS. COTTON: There wasn't enough
24 description in the part petitions to define

1 the type of permit.

2 MR. PICCININNI: And one of them
3 listed an incorporated name but didn't do --
4 put the DBA on.

5 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Any thoughts?
6 Any questions or thoughts?

7 MR. ANTHONY: I have no questions.

8 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move
9 that the Board accept the staff report and
10 hereby certify to the May 5, 2009 primary and
11 November 3, 2009 general election ballots
12 those issues we have found to be valid and
13 sufficient.

14 MR. COLLEY: Second.

15 DIRECTOR STINZIANO: All in favor?

16 (All say aye.)

17 DIRECTOR STINZIANO: We're going to
18 go back to Certification of the Name
19 Requests. Karen will, again, present --
20 provide the staff report on those requests.
21 And it's the fourth sheet of the first -- or
22 the fourth document of the four that were
23 paper clipped.

24 MS. COTTON: The majority of these

1 name requests will not apply to the May
2 ballot, but these candidates will be
3 appearing on the fall ballot because no
4 primary is required.

5 Judge Pollitt is requesting -- he is
6 registered as Harry W. Pollitt, Jr. He is
7 requesting to go on the ballot as H. William
8 Pollitt, Jr. We have Kimberley Doucher
9 Piascik who is requesting to go on the ballot
10 as Kim Doucher.

11 James R. Brown, running for the
12 judgeship 1/3/2010, is requesting to go on
13 the ballot as Rick Brown. Paul M. Herbert,
14 II is requesting to go on the ballot as Paul
15 M. Herbert. Christopher T. Junga is
16 requesting to go on the ballot as Chris
17 Junga.

18 For Columbus Member of Council,
19 Matthew S. Ferris is requesting to go on the
20 ballot as Matt Ferris. Arthur T. Miller, Jr.
21 is requesting to go on the ballot as A. Troy
22 Miller. Michael Douglas Wiles is requesting
23 to go on the ballot as Mike Wiles.

24 Meagan L. Pandey is requesting to go

1 on the ballot as Meagan Lynn Pandey. James
2 Ash -- this is now in Hilliard, I'm sorry.
3 James O. Ashenhurst is requesting to go on
4 the ballot as Jim Ashenhurst.

5 In Reynoldsburg, Christopher J. Long
6 is requesting to be on the ballot as Chris
7 Long, and Ronald B. Stake is requesting to be
8 on the ballot as Ron Stake.

9 In the City of Whitehall, Robert
10 Bailey, running for Member of Council, Ward
11 1, is requesting to be on the ballot as Bob
12 Bailey. Karen Conison is requesting to go on
13 the ballot as Karen Liepack-Conison.

14 In Ward 2, Wesley Kantor is
15 requesting to be listed as Wes Kantor. And
16 In Ward 3, Whitehall, Leo Knoblauch, II is
17 requesting to be listed as Leo Knoblauch.

18 All of the requests appear to be
19 natural derivatives of their given names and
20 we're recommending the Board approve.

21 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move
22 the Board accept the name requests and hereby
23 grant to the May 5, 2009 primary and November
24 3, 2009 general election ballots those

1 requests.

2 MR. COLLEY: Second.

3 DIRECTOR STINZIANO: All in favor?

4 (All say aye.)

5 DIRECTOR STINZIANO: None opposed.

6 Next, we are suggesting the Board move into
7 Executive Session.

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Unless we need
9 to.

10 MR. ANTHONY: Do we need to? Only
11 if you all want to.

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I don't think
13 that we need to.

14 MR. ANTHONY: If we don't need to,
15 then I don't think I will go to it. I was
16 late so I'm not going to argue.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So, if we're not
18 going to Executive Session and there's no
19 reason to do so, then we can move on to some
20 --

21 MR. DAMSCHRODER: The first is,
22 these three seasonals are individuals who --
23 well, let me back up and say that as some of
24 you may know the method by which we

1 compensate seasonals is on a pay scale based
2 on the number of elections that they've
3 worked for us.

4 And there are a number of seasonals
5 who either work for us outside of that cycle
6 or they're working for us almost year-round
7 or seasonals who take on a larger, almost
8 supervisory role or lead role working with
9 other -- leading other seasonals.

10 And, so, these first two motions
11 would be for those two groups of individuals.
12 The first, people who are here either
13 year-round in a part-time capacity or almost
14 year-round, so we kind of have them outside
15 of the normal schedule.

16 Then the second motion will be for
17 our three seasonals in the warehouse who are
18 the lead floor guys who are setting machines.
19 So, the first section will be for Kevin
20 Bramer, Julie Kyle, and Bree Santone. And
21 the second set will be for Sam Distenfino,
22 Harvey Eader, and Charlie Howell.

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Any thoughts or
24 concerns or questions?

1 (No audible response.)

2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: All right. Then
3 I will move that the hourly rate of employee
4 compensation be increased effective January
5 5, 2009 as follows: Kevin Bramer, 14.25 per
6 hour; Julie Kyle, 13.75 per hour; and Bree
7 Santone, 11.20 per hour.

8 MR. ANTHONY: I second.

9 DIRECTOR STINZIANO: All in favor?

10 (All say aye.)

11 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move
12 the hourly rate of employee compensation be
13 increased effective immediately as follows:
14 Samuel Distenfanso, \$18 per hour; Harvey
15 Eader, \$18 per hour; Charles (Dixie) Howell,
16 \$18 per hour.

17 MR. COLLEY: Second the motion.

18 DIRECTOR STINZIANO: All in favor?

19 (All say aye.)

20 DIRECTOR STINZIANO: The next group
21 are PEO trainers. I know Ms. Marinello
22 attended one of the sessions with the
23 trainers, and we are recommending that they
24 get an increase from the current 55 to \$65

1 for their outstanding work and a reflection
2 for the changes. I don't believe they've had
3 an increase or any adjustments in over five
4 years.

5 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I think that's
6 accurate.

7 MS. MARINELLO: And they do
8 outstanding work, therefore, I move that the
9 rate of compensation for the PEO trainers be
10 increased to \$65 per class effective
11 immediately.

12 MR. COLLEY: Second.

13 DIRECTOR STINZIANO: All in favor?

14 (All say aye.)

15 MR. DAMSCHRODER: The next is a
16 Republican hire for full-time employee in the
17 Voter Services Department. As you know, Beth
18 Fulton has been with us for almost a year as
19 a seasonal, has worked all the way through
20 last year as an exceptional employee and will
21 be a tremendous asset to us as a full-time
22 employee.

23 And, so, would recommend that we
24 hire her as a full-time employee in Voter

1 Services Department effective January 5, 2009
2 at the hourly rate of 14.43 an hour.

3 MR. COLLEY: Second the motion.

4 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Let's have the
5 Chairman read it into the record.

6 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yeah. He was
7 describing it, but I actually need to make
8 the formal motion. I move that the Board
9 hire Beth Fulton as a Voter Services Clerk
10 effective January 5, 2009 at the hourly rate
11 of pay of \$14.43.

12 MR. COLLEY: And now I second the
13 motion.

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Excellent.

15 DIRECTOR STINZIANO: All in favor?

16 (All say aye.)

17 MR. DAMSCHRODER: The next is to
18 fill a Republican position that was -- is a
19 new position approved by the Commissioners
20 for this fiscal year. A Republican position
21 at the warehouse, as you know, is currently
22 -- the partisan balance is three to one at
23 the warehouse and this will get us closer to
24 parity.

1 MS. MARINELLO: You want all these?

2 DIRECTOR STINZIANO: Just the 2009
3 rates.

4 MS. MARINELLO: I move the Board
5 increase by 3.5 percent the current pay
6 grades for seasonal employees and establish
7 an additional category at \$16 per hour for
8 employees serving after 44 elections.

9 The starting pay would be 10.13;
10 after four elections, 10.66; eight elections,
11 11.20; after 12 elections, 11.73; 16
12 elections, 12.26; after 20 elections, 12.79;
13 after 24 elections, 13.33; after 28
14 elections, 13.86; after 32 elections, 14.40;
15 after 36 elections, 14.92; after 40
16 elections, 15.46; and after 44 elections, \$16
17 per hour.

18 MR. COLLEY: Second.

19 DIRECTOR STINZIANO: All in favor?

20 (All say aye.)

21 DIRECTOR STINZIANO: No other items
22 on the agenda.

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: If there is no
24 other business to come properly before us, we

1 can --

2 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Nothing official
3 on the agenda.

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I'll entertain a
5 motion to adjourn.

6 MR. ANTHONY: Make a motion to
7 adjourn.

8 MS. MARINELLO: I second.

9 DIRECTOR STINZIANO: All in favor?

10 (All say aye.)

11 DIRECTOR STINZIANO: We are
12 adjourned.

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14 Thereupon, the meeting was
15 concluded at 6:20 o'clock p.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 3rd day of March, 2009.

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