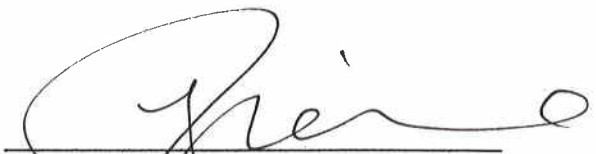


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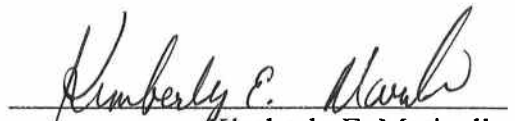
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Kimberly E. Marinello



Zachary Manifold

ATTEST:



William A. Anthony, Jr., Director

BEFORE THE

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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IN RE: :

Special Meeting :

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Proceedings before Chairman Douglas J.

Preisse, Board Members Michael F. Colley,

Kimberly E. Marinello and Zachary E. Manifold,

and Deputy Director Dana Walch, taken at the

Franklin County Board of Elections, 280 East

Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, on Friday,

December 16, 2011, at 3:35 o'clock p.m.

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1 APPEARANCES:

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6 By Mr. Nick Soulas and
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9 Mr. Jeffrey Mackey
10 Franklin County Board of Elections

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12 Ms. Carla Patton
13 Franklin County Board of Elections

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15 Ms. Karen Cotton
16 Franklin County Board of Elections

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19 ALSO PRESENT:

20 Ms. Suzanne Brown, Executive Assistant

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4 MR. WALCH: Let's go ahead and call
5 the Board of Elections meeting today to order
6 and take the roll.

7 Kim Marinello.

8 MS. MARINELLO: Here.

9 MR. WALCH: Zach Manifold.

10 MR. MANIFOLD: Here.

11 MR. WALCH: Doug Preisse.

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

13 MR. WALCH: Michael Colley.

14 MR. COLLEY: Here.

15 MR. WALCH: We have a quorum. And
16 the first item is to approve the minutes of
17 the meeting that was held on November 22nd.

18 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move
19 that the Board approve the minutes of the
20 November 22nd, 2011 meeting of the Franklin
21 County Board of Elections as submitted.

22 MR. COLLEY: Second.

23 MR. WALCH: All those in favor, say
24 aye.

1 MEMBERS: Aye.

2 MR. WALCH: Those opposed, nay.

3 The last Board meeting minutes are
4 approved.

5 The next item on the agenda is
6 certification of candidates to the ballot.

7 I'd ask that Jeff Mackey come on up and give a
8 summary to the members of the Board, if you
9 would, please.

10 MR. MACKEY: The Board accepted 390
11 individual petitions, which covered nine
12 different counties that I had to communicate
13 with to make sure that we were validating
14 signatures in all the appropriate counties.
15 We ended up with 333 valid petitions and 29
16 invalid petitions for a validity rate of about
17 92 percent.

18 Due to Sub House Bill 369 which was
19 passed yesterday, or signed yesterday, I
20 guess, we voided 28 petitions for Congress and
21 an alternate delegate to the Republican
22 National Convention.

23 You have Exhibit A in front of you.
24 Exhibit A includes all the candidate petitions

1 that we recommend for certification to the
2 March 26, 2012 primary ballot.

3 MR. WALCH: Just so the members
4 know, we were in communication with the
5 Secretary of State's office yesterday as House
6 Bill 369 was being debated and then approved
7 and signed last night, and their advice to us
8 was to just set aside and not bring up for
9 certification today those petitions for folks
10 running for Congress or the presidential
11 campaign, since there is a new filing deadline
12 with the legislation that passed yesterday, so
13 that's why they are not included in Exhibit A,
14 as Jeff said.

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay.

16 MR. WALCH: Any questions for Jeff?

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Are we going to
18 discuss or are we not going to discuss -- we
19 are discussing Exhibits C and B in further
20 discussion?

21 MR. WALCH: Yes, we are.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: In separately
23 handled motions?

24 MR. WALCH: Yes. This section is

1 just to handle those candidates that the staff
2 at the Board recommends for certification to
3 the March 6 primary ballot.

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And remind me the
5 deadline of people who wish to have their
6 names removed from the ballot.

7 MR. MACKEY: We have instructed
8 those that have inquired thus far to have that
9 information of withdrawal by December 30th to
10 facilitate our production of the ballots and
11 programming of the machines without their
12 names appearing on them.

13 MR. WALCH: There is no date by
14 which they cannot withdraw. A candidate can
15 withdraw up until the day of the election, but
16 the issue becomes if they withdraw after the
17 period in which we'd started to prepare
18 ballots and that sort of thing, then we have
19 to send notices out with absentees, et cetera,
20 et cetera.

21 So the date we had recommended folks
22 to do, so it doesn't interfere with our
23 preparation of ballots, is December 30th. But
24 a candidate legally -- the court has ruled

1 previously that you can't compel somebody to
2 run for an office. They can withdraw when
3 they wish, but it interferes, obviously, with
4 the ballot preparation, et cetera.

5 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay.

6 MR. MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, I move
7 that the Board certify to the March 6, 2012
8 Primary Election ballot those candidates whose
9 petitions have been timely filed on or before
10 Wednesday, December 7th, 2012, were found to
11 be valid and sufficient, and that the list of
12 those candidates submitted by the Director and
13 Deputy Director and reviewed by the Board be
14 attached to the record of these proceedings as
15 Exhibit A.

16 MR. COLLEY: Second.

17 MR. WALCH: We have a motion and a
18 second. All those in favor, say aye.

19 MEMBERS: Aye.

20 MR. WALCH: Those opposed, say nay.
21 Motion passes.

22 Now, we do have a couple of
23 situations where you, the members of the
24 Board, are also candidates for committee

1 positions, so we were going to deal with each
2 of you that are running for some kind of
3 committee position individually, as our
4 recommendation is those of you who are running
5 for a position would abstain on, obviously,
6 voting for yourself to be on the ballot.

7 The first one we wanted to take up
8 is Mr. Colley and his candidacy.

9 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move
10 that Michael F. Colley be certified to the
11 March 6, 2012 Primary Election ballot as a
12 candidate for member of the Republican State
13 Central Committee from the 16th Ohio Senate
14 District.

15 MR. MANIFOLD: I'll second.

16 MR. WALCH: It's been moved and
17 seconded. We should go ahead and do a roll
18 call on this.

19 Kim Marinello.

20 MS. MARINELLO: Yes.

21 MR. WALCH: Zach Manifold.

22 MR. MANIFOLD: Yes.

23 MR. WALCH: Doug Preisse.

24 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

1 MR. WALCH: Motion passes.

2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Should he have an
3 opportunity to abstain?

4 MR. WALCH: I'm sorry. How do we go
5 about doing that, counselor?

6 MR. ANDERSON: Call him and he'll
7 say, "I abstain."

8 MR. WALCH: Okay. Mr. Colley.

9 MR. COLLEY: Abstain.

10 MR. WALCH: Thank you. Thank you
11 for mentioning that, Mr. Chairman.

12 Next, Chairman Doug Preisse is a
13 candidate for the Republican State Central
14 Committee. Can I have a motion on his
15 candidacy?

16 MR. MANIFOLD: I move that Douglas
17 Preisse be certified to the March 6, 2012
18 Primary Election ballot as a candidate for
19 member of the Republican State Central
20 Committee from the 15th Ohio Senate District.

21 MR. WALCH: Can I have a second on
22 that?

23 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

24 MR. WALCH: Okay, it's been moved

1 and seconded.

2 Kim Marinello.

3 MS. MARINELLO: Yes.

4 MR. WALCH: Zach Manifold.

5 MR. MANIFOLD: Yes.

6 MR. WALCH: Michael Colley.

7 MR. COLLEY: Yes.

8 MR. WALCH: And Doug Preisse.

9 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I abstain.

10 MR. WALCH: Okay. And finally, the
11 candidacy of Kim Marinello running for
12 Democratic County Central Committee from
13 Columbus Ward 49. Can I get a motion on that?

14 MR. COLLEY: So moved.

15 MR. WALCH: Do we have a second?

16 MR. MANIFOLD: I'll second.

17 MR. WALCH: Okay. It's been moved

18 and seconded.

19 Zach Manifold.

20 MR. MANIFOLD: Yes.

21 MR. WALCH: Doug Preisse.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

23 MR. WALCH: Michael Colley.

24 MR. COLLEY: Yes.

