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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, Director William A. Anthony, Jr., Deputy Director Dana Walch, and Board Members Zachary E. Manifold and Kimberly E. Marinello, at the Franklin County Board of Elections, 280 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, called at 3:09 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21, 2012.

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1 APPEARANCES:

2 Franklin County Prosecutor's Office  
3 By Harold J. Anderson, III  
4 Assistant Prosecuting Attorney  
5 373 South High Street, 13th Floor  
6 Columbus, Ohio 43215

7 On behalf of the Board.

8 ALSO PRESENT:

9 Ms. Suzanne Brown,  
10 Executive Assistant to the Board

11 Ms. Karen Cotton,  
12 Operations Manager,  
13 Franklin County Board of Elections

14 Mr. Ben Piscitelli,  
15 Public Information Officer,  
16 Franklin County Board of Elections

17 Mr. Todd Wedekind,  
18 Manager of the Absentee Department  
19 Franklin County Board of Elections

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Good afternoon,  
everyone. I would like to call the Franklin County  
Board of Elections Special Meeting to order. I'll do  
the roll call.

Kimberly Marinello?

BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Zachary Manifold?

BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Douglas Preisse?

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Mr. Chairman, we  
called this meeting because we have to remake an  
additional 677 ballots due to some alignment problems  
we had with the 650 and the ballots.

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Do we want to have a  
description of that? I'd like one. Is that all  
right?

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Sure, that'd be fine.

MR. WEDEKIND: The print shop, when they  
printed the provisional ballots, they had an issue  
that they had their technicians come in to work on

1 the machine and, while they were doing that, they  
2 turned off the auto-center for the back of the ballot  
3 where the registration marks line up with the  
4 squares.

5 So they ran a period of provisional  
6 ballots for Election Day without the auto-center, so  
7 they would not read when they go through the 650  
8 because they're not lined up properly, so those have  
9 to be remade in order for us to count them with the  
10 650 tabulators.

11 They have given us assurances that they  
12 will be more diligent in checking the ballots through  
13 the ballot-printing process so that this does not  
14 happen again.

15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: And we will also,  
16 as it relates to the November election, we will also  
17 put some measures in place for us to have folks go  
18 down and be periodically checking ballots as they are  
19 printed off in preparation for the November election;  
20 to be scanning them to make sure the alignment does  
21 stay good to form for the November election.

22 We've had, as Todd said, conversations  
23 with the print shop on this and it's being taken care  
24 of, so this issue will not present itself again in

1 November.

2 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, I  
3 move that the Board accept the staff recommendation  
4 for the validation of an additional 677 remade  
5 Election Day and provisional paper ballots, and that  
6 these remade ballots be tabulated and included in the  
7 official canvass.

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

9 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

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

12 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Motion carries.

14 That's all we have for today. Again, we  
15 have our Special Meeting, Friday, to certify the  
16 election at three o'clock.

17 With that, is there a motion to adjourn?

18 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I  
19 move to adjourn.

20 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

21 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We stand adjourned.

23 (Thereupon, the proceedings concluded at  
24 3:12 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

*Carolyn M. Burke*

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Carolyn M. Burke, Registered Professional Reporter, and Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio.

My commission expires July 17, 2013.

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