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7 On behalf of the Board.

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12 Operations Manager,
13 Franklin County Board of Elections

14 Mr. Jeffrey Mackey,
15 Petitions and Financial Filings Clerk,
16 Franklin County Board of Elections

17 Mr. Ben Piscitelli,
18 Public Information Officer,
19 Franklin County Board of Elections

20 Ms. Renee Klco,
21 Manager of Voter Services,
22 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 meeting to order and 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: Just for clarification
for all you good folks in the audience, this is a
Special Meeting to talk about approving the
provisional ballots, closing on Columbus Day, and
then a couple other items. We will not, cannot take
votes or legally discuss anything about early voting.

However, Chairman Preisse . . .

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: It is obvious to all
of the Board members and staff that there are many
people, good citizens of Franklin County who have
concerns and you have come here today and you're

1 welcome here as the public is at every Board meeting.

2 So we're going to attempt to get through
3 today's noticed business in as timely a fashion as we
4 can, some of it involves the staff finalizing some
5 votes so we may have a little delay, but during that
6 time, and at the end as time permits, we certainly
7 welcome members of the public to address the Board
8 and staff on the record. I think that some of our
9 folks have distributed --

10 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I have this.

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. So we've got
12 the names of folks who may wish to address the staff.

13 In deference and respect to your friends
14 and neighbors who may be here, too, as we begin that
15 process we'll kind of feel our way through it and ask
16 that you be respectful of the others who may be in
17 line behind and wish to make comments as well.

18 Having said that, we have a majority, we
19 have a quorum.

20 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Thank you, sir.

21 The first item on the agenda,
22 Mr. Chairman, is the approval of the minutes of the
23 August the 1st, 2012, meeting of the Franklin County
24 Board of Elections.

1 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I
2 move that the Board approve the minutes of the
3 August 1st, 2012, meeting of the Franklin County
4 Board of Elections as submitted.

5 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

7 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The next item on the
9 agenda is approval of the provisional ballots at the
10 August 7th Special Election. We have Renee Klco who
11 will talk about the provisional ballots.

12 MS. KLCO: There were 34 provisional
13 ballots cast; 27 of those are valid, 7 are not. Four
14 of them were not registered in the State of Ohio, one
15 forgot to sign the envelope, one voted in the wrong
16 precinct, and one voted absentee.

17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And that will be your
18 Exhibit A.

19 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay.

20 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I
21 move that the Board accept the staff recommendation
22 for the validation of 27 provisional ballots and the
23 rejection of 7 provisional ballots cast at the August
24 7th Special Election as submitted in Exhibit A.

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

2 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor,
4 say aye.

5 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Mr. Chairman, you need
7 to sign this.

8 The next item on the agenda, as you all
9 know, early voting is in October and there's a
10 holiday in October. And Dana and I, as we do every
11 year, we would like to have the Board employees
12 report to work, even though we will not be open, in
13 preparation for all the other things that we need to
14 do to get ready for the November 6th Election. So we
15 need an authorization to have our employees work that
16 day, but we will be closed to the public for that
17 Directive.

18 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I
19 move that the Board office be closed to the public on
20 Monday, October 8th, 2012, per Secretary of State
21 Directive 2012-35, but that employees come to work
22 for their regular work schedule. For working a
23 holiday, the Board office will instead close on
24 Friday, November 23rd.

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

2 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

4 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We will let our
6 employees know.

7 We also have on the agenda the hiring of
8 several -- several folks, and I'll let Dana go
9 through that. We have several folks leaving and we
10 need to replace them in our Voter Services Department
11 and Absentee Department. Mr. Walch.

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We had an
13 employee who resigned from our office a few weeks
14 ago; Jane Hanley. And after talking with a few folks
15 about it, we recommend hiring Pamela Laycock, who I
16 think is here today in the corner here, for that
17 position. She's done a number of different things
18 over the years; worked for the Department of Commerce
19 as a former Army Reservist, I believe, it is the
20 Army, correct, Pam?

21 MS. LAYCOCK: Yes.

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: And we think
23 she'd be a good fit for the office and we would love
24 to bring her on board in the clerk position.

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Having said that, I
2 move that the Board hire Pamela Laycock as an
3 employee of the Board of Elections in the Voter
4 Services Department beginning August 21, 2012, at a
5 compensation rate of \$14.67 per hour.

6 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

7 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All in favor, say aye.

8 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

9 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And then the next
10 hire, it's on the Democrat side, and we had an
11 employee, Jim Meyer, who unfortunately had to retire
12 due to some health issues, and we've had the position
13 open and we would like to hire Chris Cipriano.

14 We would like to hire him -- actually,
15 the work -- we made some movement around, we would
16 like to have him in the Absentee Department and we're
17 making a switch from one of our Absentee employees
18 over to Voter Services and we would like to have
19 Chris work in the Absentee Department. Chris is also
20 here. I think I saw him here. Maybe I didn't see
21 Chris here. Anyway, at a compensation rate of 14.67
22 an hour.

23 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I
24 move that the Board hire Chris Cipriano as an

1 employee of the Board of Elections in the Absentee
2 Department beginning September 4, 2012, at a
3 compensation rate of 14.67 per hour.

4 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor,
6 say aye.

7 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The next item is kind
9 of a clean-up item. As you all know, our early vote
10 center, we had 1700 Morse Road, and we needed to --
11 since you guys had entered into that contract, we
12 need to make a motion to kind of make it all come
13 together the right way, so.

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We had originally
15 done the motion that you gave the Director and I the
16 authority to move into the contract when, actually,
17 the contract was for the members of the Board, so we
18 just wanted to clean this motion up to make sure that
19 it was proper, so.

20 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, to
21 clarify the motion made at the August 1st, 2012,
22 meeting regarding the in-person absentee vote center,
23 I move that the Board enter into a contract with NMRD
24 Limited for the rental of a location at 1700 Morse

1 Road, Columbus, Ohio, to conduct our in-person
2 absentee vote center.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

4 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor,
6 say aye.

7 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We have a name change
9 on the ballot. It's for Michael K. Herrell.

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: "Hare-ol."

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: "Hare-ol." He's
12 running for Sheriff of Franklin County. He would
13 like to change his name to Mike Herrell.

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: "Hare-ol."

15 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: "Hare-ol," yeah. I'll
16 get it right. At any rate, it's -- the Board sees
17 nothing -- it's a derivative of Michael and we've
18 done this in the past.

19 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: I move that the
20 Board accept the change of name request of Michael K.
21 Herrell for Sheriff and that his name shall appear on
22 the November 6, 2012 General Election ballot as Mike
23 Herrell.

24 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

1 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor,
3 say aye.

4 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Several -- well, Dana,
6 maybe a couple weeks ago, we had --

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: About two weeks
8 ago.

9 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And this came from
10 you, Zach. He had sent me an e-mail about a group of
11 folks that wanted to do a documentary on Boards of
12 Elections throughout the state of Ohio and how they
13 operate, and they wanted to come in and do one here
14 as they are several other counties across the state,
15 and what they wanted to do is really document how
16 Boards of Elections actually operate; the day-to-day
17 of the Board of Elections.

18 Dana and I met with the individuals and
19 we think it would be a pretty good -- a pretty good
20 idea to have them come in and just kind of film us
21 doing the stuff that we do. Right now the
22 documentary is being called "The BOE," and they're in
23 search of a better name, Dana and I couldn't come up
24 with one, so right now it's called "The BOE."

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Are they here today?

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I don't think they
3 are.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: I don't think so.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: This would have been
6 good for them to show. But anyway, they seem pretty
7 -- they -- their résumé seemed pretty impressive to
8 me and they're funded by some nonprofits, two charity
9 trusts and some other folks, so I think they will do
10 a good job. You probably know a little more than I
11 do about it, Zach.

12 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: I -- they reached
13 out to me a few weeks ago and wanted to do this.
14 They talked a lot about how the public doesn't know a
15 whole lot about the Board of Elections and that they
16 wanted to, you know, help educate the public which I
17 think is a great thing. I'm glad you guys checked
18 them out. And I agree, I can't remember right now,
19 they had a list of things that they've done that I
20 thought were impressive, and I'm glad you guys
21 checked them out.

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Dana, did you want to
23 add anything to that?

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: No, I think

1 that's it. We thought it was a very good idea. We
2 generally -- Bill and I had a -- we were very similar
3 on this and had the same mindset that we encourage
4 folks to come and learn what it is we do and how we
5 do it. We're always here to help answer any
6 questions we have, educate people on how Board of
7 Elections work, so we thought this was an interesting
8 idea to have them in and be able to broadcast it out
9 to folks to see the inner workings of a Board office.
10 So we -- we don't see a downside to it; we see only
11 plus.

12 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, I
13 move that the Board approve the Director and Deputy
14 Director and staff at the Board to work with the
15 producers of the documentary "The BOE."

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

17 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor,
19 say aye.

20 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

21 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The next item on the
22 agenda is, several weeks ago, the Tenth District
23 Court of Appeals basically in a decision said that we
24 should place Terri Jamison on the November 6th ballot

1 and that's what we'd like to do, get her placed on
2 the November 6th ballot.

3 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, in
4 accordance with the decision of the Tenth District
5 Court of Appeals, I move that the Board place Terri
6 Jamison on the November 6th, 2012 General Election
7 ballot as a candidate for the office of Franklin
8 County Common Pleas Court - Domestic Relations
9 Division, with a commencement date of January 5th,
10 2013.

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

12 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor,
14 say aye.

15 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The motion carries.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Can we pause for a
18 moment to ask the young lady what she wishes --

19 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC: Yes, I was hoping
20 that the proposed rulings and the language, that it
21 could be read louder.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Louder?

23 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC: Yes. It's pretty
24 hard to hear.

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Good comment.

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Am I talking too fast
3 too?

4 The next item on the agenda is the
5 certification of issues and candidates for the
6 General Election and that would be your Exhibit B.
7 And we have Jeff Mackey from our Department to
8 explain what this is. Jeff.

9 MR. MACKEY: August 8th or prior to that
10 we received six filings for candidate for State Board
11 of Education; three in District 6 and three in
12 District 9. Exhibit B lists five individuals whose
13 petitions were found to be valid and sufficient.

14 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Which exhibit are you
15 reading from?

16 MR. MACKEY: B.

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Exhibit B.

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Exhibit B?

19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: B as in boy.

20 MR. MACKEY: B as in boy.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: That's the school --
22 State school candidates, right?

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: That's correct.

24 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Okay. We need a

1 motion for Exhibit B as in boy.

2 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, I
3 move that the Board certify to the November 6th, 2012
4 General Election ballot those candidates listed on
5 Exhibit B, and that these petitions were timely filed
6 before August 8th, 2012 and found to be valid and
7 sufficient by the Board.

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: The next item is
14 Exhibit C as in Charles.

15 MR. MACKEY: One candidate for State
16 Board of Education in District 9 did not file a
17 petition with sufficient valid signatures. One of
18 his part petitions was deficient in the dating of the
19 statement of candidacy. There should be an
20 attachment there that you can see. We ruled that
21 those 20 signatures were not valid, as a result he
22 was eight signatures short of the 100 required
23 signatures, so we do not recommend him for
24 certification.

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay.

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a motion?

3 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I
4 move that the Board deny certification to the
5 candidates appearing on Exhibit C on the basis that
6 their petitions were either not timely filed or found
7 by the staff to be invalid or insufficient.

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there second?

9 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

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

12 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And Exhibit D as in
14 Dan. Karen Cotton, from our office, will be
15 presenting these to us.

16 MS. COTTON: Those items listed on
17 Exhibit D were all propositions, tax levies, bond
18 issues that were filed by the various subdivisions,
19 with the exception of Westerville City School
20 District's Proposed Tax Reduction by Petition at the
21 bottom of the list where there's an asterisk. There
22 is an asterisk on the back side also which tells you
23 that we did find enough valid signatures on those
24 petitions to move forward and order that issue to the

1 ballot.

2 The Prosecuting Attorney's office has
3 reviewed all of the ballot questions that are
4 submitted here on Exhibit D and approved them as to
5 form.

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Any questions?

7 (No response.)

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a motion?

9 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, I
10 move that the Board certify to the November 6th, 2012
11 General Election those issues listed on Exhibit D,
12 and that these issues were timely filed before
13 August 8th, 2012, and found to be valid and
14 sufficient by the Board.

15 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor,
16 say aye.

17 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Motion carries.

19 The next item on the agenda is Exhibit E
20 as in Edward.

21 MS. COTTON: Exhibit E contains all the
22 local option ballot questions that were filed with
23 our office that were timely filed and had enough
24 valid signatures to qualify for the ballot.

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Before we move on with
2 this, yeah, we need to redo D as in David. I forgot
3 to take the second. Manifold made the motion.

4 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Kim seconded. And,
6 again, all those in favor?

7 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The motion carries.
9 Now we're on to E as in Edward. Sorry
10 about that.

11 MS. COTTON: Exhibit E is a listing of
12 all of the local option questions that were filed for
13 this election. They were timely filed and had
14 sufficient number of valid signatures to qualify for
15 the ballot. They all are either applicants or
16 holders of the specific permits that they're applying
17 for; that is one of the requirements of the law.

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Any questions?

19 (No response.)

20 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I
21 move the Board certify to the November 6th, 2012
22 General Election ballot those local option questions
23 listed on Exhibit E, and that these local option
24 questions were timely filed before August 8, 2012,

1 and found to be valid and sufficient by the Board.

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those favor?

3 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I mean, I'm sorry, is
5 there a second?

6 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

7 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All right. All those
8 in favor, say aye.

9 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

10 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Motion carries. Thank
11 you all.

12 Item F as in Frank.

13 MS. COTTON: We had several local option
14 questions that were either filed short or had another
15 problem with the petition which caused the petition
16 to be invalid in its whole. We have a particular
17 location in Ward 19, Precinct H, which is Mozart's,
18 and they were short by 24 signatures.

19 We had McWillis Incorporated doing
20 business as Polly's Tavern. They were 30 signatures
21 short.

22 The two local option questions filed for
23 Ward 45, Precinct A, in an attempt to dry up the
24 precinct, the circulator did not fill out the

1 circulator's affidavit on either -- or, on any of
2 those part petitions on that petition.

3 The Global Gallery, in Ward 20, Precinct
4 A, they fell short of having enough valid signatures,
5 but they also failed to provide for us, on the
6 petition form, the city, state and zip code, and
7 there could be many addresses in the State of Ohio
8 that corresponded to the address that they had listed
9 there, so it had two whammies on it. So we're
10 recommending that Exhibit A, none of the questions
11 listed -- on Exhibit F, I'm sorry, be approved.

12 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Any questions?

13 (No response.)

14 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, I
15 move that the Board deny certification to the local
16 option questions appearing on Exhibit F on the basis
17 that their petitions were either not timely filed or
18 found by the staff to be invalid or insufficient.

19 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

20 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

21 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor,
22 say aye.

23 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

24 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Okay. And then the

1 next item we had a candidate that filed as a
2 write-in, Jeff Brown for the 3rd Congressional
3 District, and it was valid for the write-in, so we
4 need a motion for that.

5 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, I
6 move that Jeff Brown be certified as a valid write-in
7 candidate for the office of Representative to
8 Congress in the 3rd Congressional District on the
9 November 6th, 2012 General Election ballot.

10 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

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

13 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

14 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: At this time,
15 Mr. Chair, we can move to take remarks from the
16 audience, and do you want me to just go through the
17 list as I have it?

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes. That concludes
19 our -- our noticed business except for the fact that
20 we have to take a vote after the staff reviewed and
21 done what they needed to do with the ballots we voted
22 on earlier as they're processing them and we'll come
23 back and deal with that issue when they're prepared.

24 But, in the meantime, we're still in

1 session and we can proceed with accommodating members
2 of the public who wish to address the Board and
3 staff.

4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The first one on the
5 list, Mr. Chair, is a James Ragland.

6 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: As anyone who wishes
7 to address the Board would please do, we do have our
8 stenographer here, please state your name and address
9 and organization you're with, if you are, and then
10 feel free to proceed. We're going to kind of keep an
11 eye on the time a little bit here.

12 MR. RAGLAND: Good afternoon. My name is
13 James Ragland. I live at 3784 Conway Drive, that's
14 Columbus, Ohio 43227. I stand before you today as a
15 representative of the thousands of my ancestors who
16 were hanged, beaten, and castrated in order that I
17 might be afforded the right to vote. I am appalled
18 that I am forced to revisit these American atrocities
19 in order to persuade you, in 2012, to do the right
20 thing and allow access to the polls to those who want
21 to exercise their rights.

22 Recent comments in the press by both
23 Mr. Preisse and our own Secretary of State,
24 Mr. Husted, have made the State of Ohio the

1 laughingstock of our nation and forced commentators
2 as well as the public to liken our state leadership
3 to officials during the Jim Crow era. The blatant
4 disregard for the fairness of our voting process will
5 not be tolerated or forgotten, and today I urge you
6 to separate yourself from Jim Crow disenfranchising
7 tactics. Here's why:

8 In our last presidential election in
9 2008, 93,000 Ohioans cast ballots in the final three
10 days before the election. Here in Franklin County,
11 14,046 Ohioans used weekend voting to vote early.
12 This represents 27 percent of those who use the early
13 vote option. In addition, African Americans
14 disproportionately used the early vote, walk-in
15 option to exercise their right to vote.

16 This early vote, walk-in option is used
17 primarily because people in the African American
18 community have a historical mistrust of government
19 officials when it comes to their vote being counted,
20 and the actions of our leaders today only fortifies
21 that mistrust.

22 Mr. Preisse, as well as Mr. Husted, let's
23 be fair and responsible. Our right to vote is one of
24 the most fundamental rights guaranteed by our

1 Constitution. Trampling on those rights for the sake
2 of political convenience will further erode the
3 public faith in your office and cast doubt on the
4 validity of the entire election. Is your ultimate
5 goal that of anarchy? Is your ultimate goal outright
6 defiance of our political process?

7 I urge you, as well as our Secretary, to
8 disavow yourselves from Jim Crow tactics and allow
9 access to the polls in Ohio on the weekends leading
10 up to Election Day. Discrimination has no place in
11 the State of Ohio and you can confirm your agreement
12 with that statement by restoring fairness to our
13 electoral process. Thank you for allowing me to
14 address you today.

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Thank you.

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The next speaker on
17 the list is a David Girves.

18 MR. GIRVES: My name is Dave Girves,
19 G-i-r-v-e-s. I live at 5041 Greensboro Court in
20 Columbus, 43220. I'm a citizen. I don't represent
21 anybody other than myself.

22 "Of the people, by the people, for the
23 people," those words didn't really connect with me
24 until about six decades ago, but during the past 60

1 years, I still have never paid much attention to
2 politics. I have heard over and over that voting is
3 one of the most important rights we, as citizens,
4 have.

5 In 2004 we had long lines at the polls.
6 Our state adopted early voting to get rid of that
7 problem. The result was this country elected a black
8 president. Mitch McConnell, then our Senate minority
9 leader, said with all the problems in our country,
10 the number one priority of the Republican Party was
11 to defeat President Obama.

12 Sure enough, our state legislature
13 enacted House Bill 194 that restricted voting hours
14 severely. I, along with thousands of others,
15 collected petition signatures to get that on the
16 ballot so the voters could decide like they did with
17 Senate Bill 295. The legislature responded, when we
18 had enough signatures, by repealing the law, so it
19 would not be on the ballot and, as I understand it,
20 enacted another law with different voter
21 restrictions.

22 A week or two ago, John Husted ruled to
23 limit early voting. You now have my attention. Many
24 people have said this is just politics. And it is;

1 on both sides. I'm surprised he didn't restrict
2 early voting to just two hours a day.

3 I used to own the Jai Lai Restaurant. My
4 employees would love to have worked from eight to
5 five, Monday through Friday, with weekends off. The
6 problem is, my customers wanted to eat at lunchtime
7 and they wanted to eat at dinnertime. In response to
8 our customers' demands, we were open late in the
9 evening.

10 It just seems to me your customers are
11 the voters. If you can't afford anything more than
12 eight to five, Monday through Friday, how about
13 eleven to eight, Wednesday through Sunday?

14 Thank you very much.

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Thank you.

16 (Applause.)

17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The next speaker is
18 Janet Stoneking.

19 MS. STONEKING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
20 the Board. My name is Janet Stoneking.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I'm sorry. I'm sure
22 they can't hear you in the audience because I'm
23 having a hard time.

24 (Turning on microphone.)

1 MS. STONEKING: Can you hear me now?

2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Good work.

3 MS. STONEKING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman
4 and the members of the Board. My name is Janet
5 Stoneking. It's J-a-n-e-t S-t-o-n-e-k-i-n-g. I live
6 in Westerville, Ohio. My address is 118 East Walnut
7 Street, 43081.

8 I'm here today as a private citizen and
9 also as a former Legal Aid attorney. I'm very
10 concerned about the elimination of the weekend hours.
11 My former clients had to work two jobs because the
12 only jobs that they could get were minimum wage and
13 they needed two jobs just to attempt to pay the rent
14 and put food on the table. That doesn't count taking
15 their kids to the doctor or other activities to
16 support the children that they have.

17 I am deeply, deeply troubled about the
18 political climate here and it causing people who are
19 struggling to make ends meet to do the right thing in
20 taking care of their families that you've eliminated
21 the three days where a lot of those people voted in
22 2008.

23 I normally am not a politically active
24 person. I don't normally get out with signs. This

1 takes me way outside my comfort zone. I'm fine with
2 talking in court and talking in front of a judge
3 about the issues and the facts and the law.

4 The facts here are this seems to be
5 arbitrary and capricious. We're not following the
6 law. We're also not following -- using the money
7 that's been budgeted both in this county and in
8 Montgomery County, and in Cuyahoga County and I
9 understand also in Hamilton County that the Boards of
10 Elections did the responsible thing and they planned
11 for extra hours in 2012 just as they did in 2008. It
12 makes no sense to me to not use that time to allow
13 people to exercise the one right that they have and
14 that's to vote. Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Thank you.

16 (Applause.)

17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The next speaker is
18 Pat Hammel.

19 MS. HAMMEL: Distinguished members of the
20 Board and hard-working staff of the Board, my name is
21 Pat Hammel, I live at 5436 North Meadows Boulevard,
22 Columbus, 43229, and I am here because I am a worker.

23 Workers have a privilege in this country
24 because we have the opportunity to participate in

1 government systems that affect our lives. I beseech
2 the Board to please ensure that it will be easier,
3 not harder, for workers to participate fully in our
4 society.

5 As well, please, make it easier for me to
6 explain to my 85-year-old mother, who has left me a
7 message on my home voice mail every night for a week,
8 "Why is it that my local Board of Election officials
9 are not standing up and defending everyone's access
10 to the ballot box?" Thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The next speaker is a
13 Camille Wimbish.

14 MS. WIMBISH: Good afternoon. My name is
15 Camille, C-a-m-i-l-l-e, Wimbish, W-i-m, b as in boy,
16 i-s-h, and I'm Election Counsel with Project Vote.
17 Project Vote is a national nonpartisan organization
18 dedicated to eradicating barriers to the ballot for
19 underrepresented communities.

20 Election officials should be here to
21 ensure that there's a fair and even playing field;
22 protective of voters' rights. The aim of equal
23 protection is to prevent voters from being
24 disenfranchised or unduly burdened by individual

1 counties that interpret and apply the law in varying
2 ways that take away the right to vote.

3 The right to equal protection provides
4 what counties should do as a minimum; it sets a
5 floor. Counties may provide additional assistance to
6 voters beyond the minimum the law requires; taking
7 into consideration the particular demographic,
8 geographic, and financial considerations of each
9 county. Larger counties may need to plan and budget
10 for extra hours because their citizens' behavior
11 demonstrates that need, while rural counties may
12 present different patterns. We need fairness, not a
13 one-size-fits-all uniformity.

14 And I just wanted to highlight a few
15 facts and figures that were discovered by research by
16 Norman Robbins, a professor at Case Western
17 University, and he found that there were 535,000
18 votes cast early, in person, statewide in 2008.
19 Nearly half, 47 percent, of all early, in-person
20 votes were cast during nonbusiness hours during the
21 evening hours and on weekends; half.

22 This Directive that Secretary Husted
23 issued gives back to voters only one-fifth of those
24 early voting hours that have been taken away since

1 2008 by House Bill 224 and by Secretary Husted's
2 tie-breaking votes.

3 And so I'm here just to urge everybody in
4 this room to continue to press their election
5 officials and Secretary Husted to restore weekend
6 voting and make sure we have greater access to the
7 polls for all voters in Franklin County.

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The next speaker is
11 Paula Garfield.

12 MS. GARFIELD: I'm a little short, so I'm
13 going to lower this down. Take it down a notch.

14 Thank you so much for giving me the
15 opportunity to speak today. My name is Paula J.
16 Garfield. P-a-u-l-a G-a-r-f-i-e-l-d. I live at 8188
17 Newark Avenue. That's in Westerville, Ohio, 43081.

18 I'm here representing myself; however, I
19 am also representing my students. I'm a teacher of
20 32 years here in Columbus City Schools. I teach
21 democracy. I teach democracy to my students so that
22 they will learn the importance of voting, why it's
23 important to vote, why it's important to stand up and
24 do their civil, citizen duty.

1 It's hard for me sometimes to explain
2 when they come to me and say, "Ms. Garfield, you
3 always say if you do the right thing, things work
4 out." This is not the right thing, ladies and
5 gentlemen.

6 As a teacher, I work seven in the
7 morning, I get up at five, and sometimes I'm not out
8 of school until six, seven, eight o'clock at night,
9 between duties, between tutoring, between helping
10 students, and families. My job doesn't stop at 2:30
11 or 3:00. I have papers to grade. I have OGT
12 testing.

13 There are many families that depend on
14 the early voting; I, for one, do. I have an elderly
15 father; he is 79 years old. Now, I can't justify,
16 like the lady previously before me, why I can't run
17 home right after work at 2:30, quarter to three, and
18 take him to the polls. He doesn't drive anymore.
19 He's a -- he fought in the Korean War, he served our
20 country, and believes in the right to vote just like
21 my students, just like I do.

22 Please, the only right thing to do is to
23 extend the hours of our working families. Most of
24 you middle class works till 5:00 in the evening. You

1 get up at seven or eight or, as Dolly Parton would
2 say, "Working nine to five." I'm not a singer, just
3 a teacher. You understand what I'm saying here? I'm
4 not -- well, I guess I'm a fat lady, but I'm just
5 trying to make a point here. Please, help me lead by
6 example, help me lead our youth. Let them know that
7 the good guys win. Let them vote. Let the people
8 vote. What's fair is fair. This is America, right?
9 Thank you.

10 (Applause.)

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The next speaker is
12 Reverend Joel King, Jr.

13 REVEREND KING: Thank you. Good
14 afternoon to this Board and I'm so happy to be back
15 before you again. I was here last month.

16 And I believe we did put Mrs. Jamison on
17 the ballot. I want to commend you, number one, for
18 doing the right thing in that situation. I didn't
19 want to leave here today and tell my membership that
20 you can get all the votes and signatures you need on
21 the ballot, but the Board that's supposed to serve me
22 downtown, refuses to put me on the ballot and not do
23 the right thing. So thank you for doing the right
24 thing and putting her on the ballot. I hope she do

1 get on that in time so her name will appear on that
2 rightfully. So thank you very much for that part.
3 That's part one.

4 Part two, again, is about I thought again
5 this Board would be the leader in our state even
6 though you wanted to follow the direction of our
7 Secretary of State order by not extending the hours
8 as you have done in the past by law, we've done it in
9 the past, to be an aggressive state in the United
10 States. And yet, we come back to fall on political
11 maneuvering and suppression of the vote of every
12 American citizen not just African Americans.

13 I can tell by this audience here today
14 that there's not just a lot of African Americans here
15 but there's a lot of voters present here today who
16 are concerned with the fact that we're not opening
17 our polls up later for them that work hard, try to
18 respect you by coming down here at 3:00 in the
19 afternoon to attend your Board meeting at 3:00, and
20 pay a fine if we don't have to pay a ticket by the
21 time we get out of here if we don't get out on time,
22 to do the right thing as citizens.

23 And yet, we refuse to let them have
24 extended hours to vote because we want to play this

1 political game that we're playing. Yet, we've been a
2 leader in Ohio and it's the accountability of Ohio to
3 show people we're doing the right thing in democracy.

4 I said this last time, but I'll repeat it
5 again for a matter of record: I hope we will stop
6 telling our boys and girls that's going to fight
7 their wars overseas for every other country to have
8 the right that we enjoy in this country and, yet, we
9 continue to suppress it in America.

10 Again, I woke up this morning and I
11 thought I was still in America. But by the justice
12 here served, everybody has the right to vote, and by
13 extending the hours, if you listened to the news this
14 morning, 315 was blocked from 5:15 in the morning to
15 almost 11:00; one semi truck. And if one semi truck
16 block 71, ain't nobody going to never get to 1700
17 Morse Road on Election Day in the traffic that's out
18 there now.

19 So I hope if you don't do it this time, I
20 hope you go back home and sleep well tonight and make
21 the decision that we're going to do the right thing
22 in the next election, that we're going to let the
23 American people, in Franklin County and Ohio,
24 exercise their right to vote with the extended hours,

1 weekend voting, so that we can have -- that we can
2 show other countries that we are America and we are
3 proud of our citizens who can exercise their right to
4 vote in this county.

5 Too many people have died unnecessarily
6 for this right. You know the history. I don't have
7 to repeat that to you right now. And I don't want to
8 have to tell your children and grandchildren that I
9 could have made the decision the right way, but I
10 didn't because I wanted to play politics. This is
11 still the United States of America. Thank you.

12 (Applause.)

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The next speaker is
14 James Jones.

15 MR. JONES: Thank you for giving me the
16 opportunity. My name is James Jones, Jr. My address
17 is 1750 Rebecca Street, Columbus, Ohio 43219. I'm
18 speaking on, you know, behalf of early voting. I,
19 too, have lost my ancestors, you know, great uncles,
20 great aunts, you know, who fought and died for their
21 right to vote, period.

22 I think early voting, it benefits
23 everybody of all races, genders, as well as parties.
24 Why are we even having a discussion of early voting?

1 Democrats aren't the only voters who can do early
2 voting. The Republicans can vote early as well, as
3 well as the Green Party or the Tea Party or any other
4 party that's out there. Early voting is the only
5 thing that makes common sense.

6 People have stood -- understand,
7 recognized, and realized, and especially, you know,
8 the Republicans, there are more single mothers in
9 Franklin County than there are June Cleavers, Carol
10 Bradys, and Florida Evans in this world.

11 We also have to understand that early
12 voting is not only our right, we earned it, we
13 deserve early voting. This coming October 25th,
14 2012, my grandmother will turn 87 years old and she
15 always does absentee -- absentee balloting.

16 Early voting, it definitely makes sense
17 to me because I took advantage of early voting when I
18 voted, last year, no against Issue 2, Senate Bill 5;
19 I came to this building on a Saturday. When I voted
20 for Barack Obama to be President in 2008, I took
21 advantage of absentee balloting.

22 And the reason why, and I'll leave on
23 this note as far as early voting: When the
24 Republicans speak out against early voting as us

1 Democratic supporters or other any supporters stand
2 up, speak out -- stand up and speak out on early
3 voting, it proves what President Barack Obama has
4 said about the Republican party and that is simply,
5 "They're out of touch."

6 (Applause.)

7 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Our next speaker is
8 Robert Letcher.

9 MR. LETCHER: Hi. Thanks for letting me
10 speak to you. I have Parkinson's Disease; it makes
11 it hard to speak. My name is Robert L-e-t-c-h-e-r.
12 I live at 8194 Rochester Way in Westerville, 43081.

13 And I came up here to -- let me begin by
14 evoking Shakespeare. He wrote there's --
15 something stinks here. "There's something rotten in
16 the state of Denmark." Let me -- I will take
17 liberties with that twice. The first one is there is
18 something inconsistent in the state of Ohio. We
19 support a pro-business presidential candidate who's
20 running on his experience and who keeps businesses
21 open and, as has been described, can maximize cash
22 flow and stuff, but somehow or other we have a policy
23 that keeps the votes hard to get too. I don't
24 understand why that is. And so people are gasping

1 for breath. So I really -- it's like we're marching
2 ourselves out of jail, you know, like.

3 And the second one I want to say is
4 there's inconsistency in the United States in this
5 regard and its foreign relations. We try to make
6 ourselves look like a good, strong Democracy who
7 helps and stands as a fatherly figure and motherly
8 figure, while everybody else discovers the errors of
9 their ways and wonders of our ways. They have their
10 "spring" and I don't know whether we're fit to call
11 it "our spring" anymore. I'm not sure we're up to
12 the standards of democracy we so often herald. And I
13 really think that's . . .

14 Finally, I'll say that I've been making a
15 lot out of people saying, "I got your back." You
16 know, that's like the ubiquitous statement, "We got
17 your back." But there's a problem with it, it's
18 unusual, and that is if you qualify it, it loses its
19 meaning. You can't say I got your back on Tuesdays,
20 because since you won't do it on Wednesdays or
21 Fridays that means that people are going to be less
22 likely to cover your backs on Tuesday, so it doesn't
23 -- any qualification. So I really think that we have
24 a problem when it comes down to people saying we got

1 your back figuratively and we got your back
2 literally. You see what I mean?

3 I hope that you'll let that work on you
4 and it will rip you apart because it's ripping me
5 apart. It's the only thing that I've ever thought of
6 yet that might help us both on health care and also
7 bridge this terrible divide that's worse than what
8 Lincoln faced, I think. So with that good note and
9 starting off on Shakespeare, I hope you'll think
10 about it.

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Thank you.

12 (Applause.)

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Mr. Chair --

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: One moment.

15 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: -- if we can move back
16 to regular business. There are no more speakers.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Are there no more
18 speakers?

19 MS. REESE: I did not sign in.

20 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Oh, you didn't sign in
21 to speak?

22 MS. REESE: I did not.

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I have 4:30
24 [verbatim]. We've got time if you would like to

1 address the Board, please do so. We still have a
2 little bit of official business to take care of,
3 but . . .

4 MS. REESE: Thank you so much. My name
5 is Deidra Reese, D-e-i-d-r-a, last name R-e-e-s-e. I
6 am -- I live at 6314 Downwing Lane in Gahanna, 43230.
7 I'm speaking on behalf of the Ohio Unity Coalition.

8 And I just, you know, really wanted to
9 put, I guess, rhetorical questions to this Board:
10 If, indeed, we did budget to allow for early voting,
11 as you did with your last budget; if we do, indeed,
12 believe that voters should have access to the polls;
13 if we do believe that the law provides that access in
14 a number of ways, which is Election Day, which is
15 through absentee ballot by mail, which is also
16 through the early in-person absentee balloting, I
17 guess my question just goes back to why, last month,
18 we even had a tie vote.

19 And I would ask that this Board would
20 consider contacting the Secretary of State and
21 stating that there are people in this county,
22 certainly, and across this state who took advantage
23 of early voting.

24 With all due respect, Mr. Chairman, it

1 was rather offensive to read your comment in the
2 Dispatch yesterday about African American turnout.
3 There are more than African Americans that live in
4 urban counties including Franklin County.

5 There are many people, many workers,
6 African American, Caucasian, Hispanic, Asian, women,
7 men, Democrats, Republicans, Green Party,
8 Libertarian, and any other group you can think of,
9 who took advantage of early voting because it was
10 their opportunity to come and stand proudly and cast
11 their ballot and be a part of their community, saying
12 that they were doing their civic duty together. We
13 should not be taking this away.

14 And as an African American woman who does
15 have family members who suffered and some who died
16 during the Civil Rights Movement for their right to
17 go into a place, a public place, and say this is what
18 I believe in; we should continue to provide that
19 opportunity.

20 I don't know what your experience has
21 been or anybody else sitting around this table, but
22 it gives me great pride to go and stand, even if I
23 have to stand in line, I stood in line for hours. I
24 thank God that this government decided it was going

1 to make the opportunity easier and better and more
2 accessible. And what we're doing now is going
3 backwards and that trip going backwards started
4 before the Secretary issued his directive. You all
5 could have made the right decision and I ask that you
6 reconsider and you go back, as leaders, to the
7 Secretary and say we want this for our voters in this
8 county; they want it and they deserve it. Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We have time. Who
11 else? Come on up.

12 MS. ELMORE: Hi. My name is Lori Elmore.
13 I live at 5098 Cherry Blossom Way, Gahanna, Ohio.
14 Thank you for this opportunity to address this Board.
15 I stand here asking the question "Why." And that's
16 an important question to ask because, as children, we
17 ask why all the time. And "why" is to gain
18 understanding and knowledge to learn as to why
19 situations and circumstances have to change and why
20 are they so like they are.

21 And so when I was a child, my mother
22 taught me, my grandparents taught me that when you
23 get to be 18, you can vote. And I looked forward to
24 voting and I've been a regular at voting in the

1 primary and the presidential elections.

2 And now we come to a time -- I was born
3 in 1964 -- now we come to a time where it appears as
4 though there is a restrictiveness, there is a plot so
5 to speak. I've never been in a situation where a law
6 was introduced and the very people that introduced
7 the law repealed their own law. I've never seen that
8 or heard of it before and that's new and so new
9 things happen a lot.

10 But then we come to this time where I
11 have a child that's on her way to college and
12 she's, you know, filled out her voter's registration,
13 looking forward to voting, and now we come to a
14 circumstance that we have today and I have to ask why
15 are we actually doing this.

16 It's oppressive, it's divisive, it
17 disenfranchises voters and really it's a ploy, in my
18 opinion, to get people so frustrated that they don't
19 even turn out to vote, and I think that it is my
20 civic duty to educate people to what their rights
21 really are.

22 And I think that as we elect officials,
23 like we elect people all the time in these
24 circumstances, that we elect people that really speak

1 to the issues that concern us, that really speak to
2 the heart of what the United States is really about.
3 This is not about a Democratic process, this isn't
4 really about a Democratic process if this is what
5 we're standing before today. It comes to a point
6 where we say is this a union right. Is this -- is
7 this -- because we were given the rights per the
8 Constitution. This is a human right. It's a right
9 to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and
10 all of this, in my opinion, comes together, a right
11 to vote and to vote for those officials that
12 represent the issues that affect us every day.

13 And I'm asking that you guys reconsider
14 this because it affects my children, children's
15 children that come, and the fact that I've been
16 telling my children all along if you wait until
17 you're 18 and fill out your voter's registration; you
18 can vote.

19 Now what do I tell my daughter that's at
20 OU now; that's going to OU. I have to go down and
21 get her, you know, come back, and figure out a way to
22 make that happen. That shouldn't be so, not in these
23 times, not when we have other countries that are
24 voting for the same thing or we're helping them to

1 fight to vote for the same thing when we're here in
2 the United States and have that opportunity right
3 here.

4 I appeal to you guys today to think about
5 the effects that this has, not on the -- look at the
6 room. The room is a melting pot. Many different
7 races. Many different cultures. And we stand here
8 today to stop that oppressive action. Thank you for
9 the opportunity and thank you for your time.

10 (Applause.)

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We've got time for one
12 more. Sir.

13 MR. MOORE: Thank you for the opportunity
14 to speak. My name is Greg Moore. I'm the Director
15 of Fair Elections Ohio. I also served as the
16 Director of Ohio Voter Fund and the Executive
17 Director of NAACP National Voter Fund.

18 I'm a resident of Cuyahoga County, but
19 I'm down here with my friends and colleagues from
20 Franklin County just to point out this one fact which
21 I know has been stated, but we spent -- Deidra and I
22 actually spent and many people in this room several
23 months collecting signatures from over 500,000
24 residents who fought for a repeal of 194.

1 After that was done and the legislature
2 did repeal its own law, as Lori mentioned, there was
3 a second wave of work that would basically push to
4 have the last three days of weekend voting restored
5 which meant that the law as we knew it, that was
6 being repealed under HB 194 and Senate Bill 295,
7 restored the ability of this Board to allow weekend
8 voting on the second and third weekend before the
9 final weekend.

10 So what was passed in S. 295 -- sorry,
11 Senate Bill 295 has given you the right to take this
12 position. It's already in the law passed by a
13 Republican majority in both the House and Senate and
14 signed by the Governor, which gives the right of this
15 body and every single county Board to set the rules
16 for weekend voting.

17 So on behalf of the 50,000 people plus
18 from Franklin County who signed that petition and the
19 over half-million voters across the state, we're
20 simply asking you to do what the law has already
21 given you the right to do, which is to take a stand
22 for the voters.

23 This is not a race to the bottom; this is
24 a race to the top. By taking away the rights of

1 voters to have their opportunities expanded, we sort
2 of start the march backwards. So those people who
3 signed those petitions did not do so in vain; we've
4 told them so much. We wanted to vote on this in
5 November, but the legislature basically took that
6 right away when they passed it as a piece of
7 legislation instead.

8 So now that it's been repealed by the
9 legislature that passed it, we're simply saying to
10 this Board to follow through on the wishes of the
11 people and of the legislature to give us those last
12 three weekends back. It's a piece of legislation --
13 it's a piece of litigation that's fighting for the
14 last weekend; we'll let the courts decide that. For
15 the weekend -- the two weekends we have before that,
16 that rests with this body and all the other county
17 boards and we hope that you stand with us in that
18 request. Thank you.

19 (Applause.)

20 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The next item on the
21 agenda will be the certification of the August 7th,
22 Special Election. You have before you the official
23 results of the election. Take a moment to look at
24 it.

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Looks like it passed.

2 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I
3 move that the Board certify and declare as final the
4 official canvass of votes cast at the August 7th,
5 2012 Special Election, as detailed in Exhibit G.

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

7 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor,
9 say aye.

10 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Motion carries. I'm
12 passing around the affidavit -- I mean, the abstract
13 that needs to be signed, three copies.

14 That concludes the agenda for the Special
15 Meeting. Is there a motion to adjourn?

16 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: I'd just like to
17 say a quick thank you to everybody that came out. I
18 really appreciate hearing your individual experiences
19 and I think it means a lot that you came out and took
20 the time to let us hear your opinions, so thanks.

21 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I concur with those
23 remarks and move to adjourn.

24 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor,

1 say aye.

2 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Hearing adjourned.

4 (Thereupon, the proceedings concluded at
5 4:06 p.m.)

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7 CERTIFICATE

8 I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a
9 true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken
10 by me in this matter on Monday, August 20, 2012, and
11 carefully compared with my original stenographic
12 notes.

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

16 My commission expires July 17, 2013.

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