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1 Tuesday Afternoon Session,
2 March 12, 2013.

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4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Good afternoon. I
5 would like to call -- I would like to call the
6 Franklin County Board of Elections meeting to order.
7 I will do roll call.

8 Kim Marinello.

9 MEMBER MARINELLO: Here.

10 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Zach Manifold.

11 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Here.

12 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Douglas Preisse.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

14 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Bradley Sinnott.

15 MEMBER SINNOTT: Here.

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Mr. Chairman, we have
17 a quorum.

18 The first item on the agenda is a
19 certification of the Brice Charter Commission
20 members. Do you want to talk about that, Dana?

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Sure. We had
22 a -- the Village of Brice filed a resolution to form
23 a Charter Commission. The filing deadline for that
24 was Friday, I believe it was. There was one slate of

1 15 candidates, which is presented to you in Exhibit
2 A, for filing on this so this is simply to put this
3 slate of 15 candidates on the ballot if the Brice --
4 this will appear along with a question about the
5 formation of a Charter Commission in Brice. But if
6 that issue passes, then it calls for up to 15 people
7 to be put on said Commission. And these are for you
8 to certify 15 people who did file timely to be on
9 this Commission.

10 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Any other questions?

11 MEMBER SINNOTT: So it's a 15-member
12 Commission; we've had 15 applicants that are properly
13 filed?

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: That's correct.

15 MEMBER SINNOTT: I move that the Board
16 certify to the May 7, 2013, Primary Election Ballot
17 the candidates for Brice Charter Commission members
18 listed on Exhibit A.

19 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

20 MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

21 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All in favor say aye.

22 The next issue is a Gahanna issue, and I
23 will ask Dana to take the lead on that.

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: At our

1 February 15 meeting the Board passed some precinct
2 changes in the City of Gahanna that matched new ward
3 boundaries that the city adopted. In putting those
4 forth to the Secretary of State's Office, we had
5 asked for some waivers. Ohio Revised Code requires
6 that precinct boundaries match up to census
7 geography, and the ward boundaries did not match
8 census geography for the City of Gahanna and that
9 prevented us from drawing them according to census
10 geography also.

11 We had asked for waivers that were
12 rejected by the Secretary of State's Office. We have
13 been in communication with the City of Gahanna. They
14 are -- they have agreed they will go back and take
15 another shot at redrawing their ward boundaries so
16 that they do match the census geography and so this
17 motion would be to rescind the motion we passed at
18 our February 15 meeting and go ahead and just use the
19 same ward boundaries for the precinct boundaries that
20 were there for May in 2012.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay.

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We've also
23 offered to help to work with the City of Gahanna in
24 any way possible in redoing their boundaries so that

1 the situation doesn't present itself again.

2 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, per
3 discussions with the City of Gahanna, I move that the
4 Board rescind the acceptance of the new ward
5 boundaries passed by this Board at our February 15,
6 2013, meeting, and that the Board use the same ward
7 boundary lines in place for the City of Gahanna in
8 2012.

9 MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

10 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor.
11 Motion carries.

12 The next item on the agenda would be our
13 paper ballot allocation for the May 7 primary. We
14 are looking at 25 paper ballots, and they come in
15 stacks -- we print stacks of 25 for each of the
16 locations. Did you want to add anything?

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Our research on
18 this we are -- we are directed by the Secretary of
19 State's Office to provide at least 5 percent more
20 provisional ballots than were cast in either 2009 or
21 2011 like elections which would be the primary in
22 each of those years.

23 We went back and looked at those
24 elections. I believe the most we had at any area was

1 1 precinct that had 17 and so 5 percent more of that
2 would be 18. Most of the precincts that are -- had a
3 primary in 2009 or 2011 had one or two that they
4 needed so we thought that just providing a packet of
5 25 to each precinct was very ample for this election.

6 MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move
7 that the Board provide 25 paper ballots for each
8 ballot style for provisional voting and machine
9 back-up at polling locations open for the May 7,
10 2013, Primary Election.

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

12 MEMBER SINNOTT: Second.

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor.
14 Motion carries.

15 The next item on the agenda would be
16 voting machine allocation for the May 7 primary. See
17 Exhibit B, that's our machine allocation.

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We ran the
19 formula on this. We are required by the Secretary of
20 State directive to provide one voting machine for
21 every 175 registered voters per voting location. We
22 are permitted by Secretary of State directive to
23 exclude anybody whose not responded to a 30-day
24 confirmation notice which is the column that would be

1 on there identified as active voters for this
2 election. And the number of machines next to that in
3 your Exhibit B would be how many machines there will
4 be for the 1 per 175 ratio as mandated by the
5 Secretary of State's Office.

6 MEMBER SINNOTT: Mr. Chairman, I move
7 that the Board adopt the voting machine allocation
8 formula found on Exhibit B for the May 7, 2013,
9 Primary Election.

10 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

11 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

12 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor say
13 aye. Motion carries.

14 The next item on the agenda is I don't
15 know if you guys know it or not but we are doing some
16 renovations in our -- in the office. We moved from
17 the 340-342 East Gay Street and brought all of our
18 PEO staff back to this building.

19 And in order to do so we had to make some
20 renovations and this is -- this is the cost of
21 putting in -- making those renovations, putting in
22 additional cubicles. We're taking away -- we're
23 moving the reception area. If you seen it when you
24 came in, we're moving it across the aisleway, and we

1 are taking -- where the reception area was we are
2 going to put four -- we are going to make that the
3 absentee area for other -- I'm losing my thought
4 here, for -- anyway and then we will take the
5 mezzanine and that's where we are putting all the PEO
6 staff. So we had to do some changes there.

7 There may be some additional cost to
8 this. We are trying to get the phones put in and
9 electrical work that we had to get done so I don't
10 have a copy of the proposal.

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We do -- in your
12 packet there is a printout of the quote from The
13 Bradley Company for \$33,091 and there are also some
14 sketches on the back that do tell you the renovations
15 being made to accommodate the additional staff.

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And I might add this
17 is still cheaper than renting 340-342 East Gay Street
18 out for a year or two years so this is still -- so we
19 do have the money in the budget because we budgeted
20 for the lease at 340-342 East Gay Street.

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: And this is the
22 county's vendor of choice on this. They also do have
23 a state term contract by which the county can buy
24 into which does guarantee us the lowest rate out

1 there.

2 MEMBER SINNOTT: The date, it's already
3 been prebid?

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: It's been prebid
5 through the state uniform pricing across the state
6 for these type of materials placed for state
7 purchases and any county that opts into the state
8 term contracted process which Franklin County does
9 do.

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Good.

11 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, I move
12 that the Board authorize the Fiscal Officer to open a
13 purchase order in the amount of \$33,091 to The
14 Bradley Company for the purchase and installation of
15 additional cubical spaces in the Board office at 280
16 East Broad Street in Columbus.

17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

18 MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

19 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor.

20 Motion carries.

21 The next item on the agenda is update on
22 what we talked about last week, the interviews that
23 Todd was going to conduct with folks that we were
24 looking into having voted more than once. Todd.

1 MR. WEDEKIND: Okay. We did not subpoena
2 anyone yet because we wanted to see what we could do
3 to get ahold of them first before we had you guys
4 issue any subpoenas.

5 So there was one individual that we were
6 able to get to come in and interview, to give us
7 sworn testimony, waived his right to attorneys -- to
8 an attorney, and he admitted that he was trying to
9 test the system so he went to the vote center and he
10 purposefully attempted to vote twice and realized he
11 did something wrong so he called the Bureau of
12 Criminal Investigations and told them that that's
13 what he had done.

14 He realized that he had made a mistake
15 and owned up to it, came in, told us about it so we
16 have that. We'll be getting the transcript from that
17 conversation that we had.

18 The next person I did speak to a Rosemary
19 McGilligot, and she is 83 years old. I spoke to her
20 on the phone. I did not have her come in. She said
21 she has no recollection so, you know, at the time I
22 didn't feel that I needed to bring her in unless you
23 guys want me to bring her in. She has no
24 recollection of what she did. She thinks she

1 remembers voting on a paper ballot by mail, but I'm
2 not so sure she is even sure about that.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Todd, let's not name
4 names.

5 MR. WEDEKIND: Oh, okay. I'm sorry. If
6 we don't name names, then I've got no one else that I
7 have actually been able to get in here. There is
8 only one individual I got in and I spoke to another
9 individual.

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: How many are we
11 talking about again?

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: There's seven
13 total.

14 MR. WEDEKIND: Seven total and one of
15 them said he would be in but he did not come in. He
16 really didn't speak any English. He had someone else
17 on the phone that spoke for him. They said they were
18 going to be here last Friday. They didn't show up,
19 and they are not answering the phone. Two of the
20 individuals live at the same residence and their
21 phone is disconnected so couldn't get ahold of them.
22 And the others I left messages for and have gotten no
23 response and I've called more than once and they are
24 not responding so.

1 In my opinion the only way we are going
2 to get any responses, if we get any responses, is to
3 issue subpoenas because the phone contact is not
4 going to work, and I don't expect just a regular
5 letter to work either so.

6 That's all I've got and it's all up to
7 you from here.

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: What -- what did we
9 discuss last time? We decided we would try to reach
10 out and get a sense from as many of these citizens as
11 we could what the circumstances were. You've spoken
12 to two.

13 MR. WEDEKIND: Two individuals.

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: One we discussed last
15 time was the self-reporter.

16 MR. WEDEKIND: Correct.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And the second was --

18 MR. WEDEKIND: It was the self-report
19 prior to us doing our due diligence after the
20 election. He was -- this individual was identified
21 as one of those people, but we found out that there
22 was a self-report prior to that.

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. And you -- we
24 mailed something to these addresses?

1 MR. WEDEKIND: We have not mailed
2 anything to them.

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: What's the pleasure of
4 the Board? Do we -- are we compelled now to take
5 action on the first, or can we try to look at this as
6 a package and continue to try to communicate with
7 these folks perhaps through the mail?

8 MEMBER SINNOTT: I think we could say
9 it's an ongoing investigation at this point.

10 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: So you like for us to
11 do what, to send a letter out, to issue subpoenas for
12 them to come in?

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I think you ought to
14 try a letter with a deadline.

15 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Send a letter with a
16 service of -- so they have -- if they don't,
17 certified letter?

18 MEMBER SINNOTT: Send it both regular
19 mail and certified.

20 MR. ANDERSON: My opinion try hand
21 delivery depending on the number.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: All right. Why don't
23 you guys talk about it.

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We will get a

1 letter via regular and certified mail.

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And hand deliver,
3 we'll do it all.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We will do it
5 all.

6 MEMBER MANIFOLD: We only have five left?

7 MR. WEDEKIND: Well, we have already --
8 if you want, we could -- we've already got sworn
9 testimony from one so I don't think we need to
10 contact him any further. But I think all the others,
11 even the one we did speak with, I think we should go
12 ahead and get something in writing from her. Since
13 the one I did not have I would --

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Why don't you guys
15 discuss the best plan and share it with us so we can
16 comment on it before we send it.

17 MR. WEDEKIND: I am fine right now. I
18 tell you I will send a letter to all of the
19 individuals other than the one.

20 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I think what I am
21 saying I would like to see it, and maybe my
22 colleagues on the Board would too, to understand what
23 the letter says, what we are asking them, what we are
24 asking them to do and how to respond. I would like

1 to see it, please.

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Can we -- do we have
3 to have another meeting? Can we send that via e-mail
4 to everyone?

5 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I don't think we have
6 to have another meeting to approve the letter. I
7 don't think we need to vote anything.

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We'll e-mail you all a
9 copy of the letter and just sign off on it.

10 MR. WEDEKIND: We can get input, see if
11 you want any changes. Once everybody agrees to it
12 we'll fire it up.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Sounds good. Thanks,
14 Todd.

15 MR. WEDEKIND: You're welcome.

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We'll send you just a
17 copy of a draft letter.

18 The next item on the agenda is the Selina
19 Miller appeal. At this point I will turn it over to
20 Jeff Mackey and take a look at Exhibit C.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Before we do that,
22 Mr. Director, Deputy Director, Members of the Board,
23 if I could ask Mr. Sinnott if he would address the
24 question he brought to us earlier about what we are

1 about to proceed on, and the question is whether we
2 could properly proceed in this direction. I think we
3 believe we can and perhaps a description from
4 Mr. Sinnott will help clarify that for the Board and
5 the audience.

6 MEMBER SINNOTT: Thank you, Chairman.
7 Through staff I learned right before today's meeting
8 that one of the candidates had questioned whether
9 3501.39(B) of the Revised Code prohibited us from
10 acting on certain candidacies which were otherwise
11 coming before the Board today in terms of whether
12 there should be certification to the ballot.

13 In relevant part Division (B) of 3501.39
14 says "A Board of Elections shall not invalidate any
15 declaration of candidacy or nominating petition under
16 Division (A)(3) of this section after the 60th day
17 prior to the election at which the candidate seeks
18 nomination to office." In this particular instance
19 this Board is not proceeding under the provisions of
20 Division (A)(3) of the statute but rather Division
21 (A)(1) of the statute.

22 This is an instance where there has been
23 a written protest against the candidacy that has been
24 presented timely to the Board. There is a statutory

1 protest procedure found in Revised Code 3513.05, and
2 as a consequence, we proceed today under the
3 provisions of 3501.39(A)(1). So the objection had
4 been related to me on the three candidacies that will
5 come before the Board this afternoon would not be
6 proper, but as it's not grounded in statute -- and
7 I'll be quiet at that point and see if our counsel
8 has anything to add.

9 MR. ANDERSON: No. I think that summed
10 it up well, Mr. Sinnott.

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: You concur with that
12 having examined the statute and the section of the
13 question?

14 MR. ANDERSON: I believe the Board has
15 full authority to proceed on the protest hearings.

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Thank you,
17 Mr. Director. Okay. Do we want to have Bill and
18 Dana's description of where we are today as we
19 proceed in each of these cases starting with the case
20 Selina Miller?

21 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yes.

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Do you want me to
23 go ahead?

24 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yes.

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: On Exhibit C,
2 which all of you have in front of you, this is the
3 packet dealing with Ms. Miller's appeal. On the last
4 page of this there is a tally sheet at the end. It
5 lists out every signature that she has made an appeal
6 upon.

7 At this point Ms. Miller has 294 valid
8 signatures to run for Columbus City School Board.
9 There are 300 needed to be a candidate for that
10 office. And in your packet Exhibit C are the
11 signatures that she has appealed that she believes
12 should have been counted that we rejected. And I
13 think Mr. Sinnott had a procedure by which he thought
14 would be good for us to follow in doing this, if
15 everybody wants to follow it.

16 MEMBER SINNOTT: Mr. Chairman, the
17 suggestion I had today was to try to make this time
18 efficient but still afford the candidate an
19 opportunity to be heard similar to something we did
20 last time we sat as a Board and examined signatures.
21 I would propose that we send each signature
22 controversy down the line to be examined by each of
23 us, and we will make a preliminary marking as to
24 whether we would count the signature or not.

1 Where there is consensus on the part of
2 the Board there would not be a need for discussion
3 but where there is disagreement on the Board Members
4 we could discuss our views on counting that
5 signature.

6 What comes before the Board today is the
7 discrete subject as to whether a signature should be
8 counted or not. There are a couple of different
9 bases why a signature might be excluded from the
10 count. When we have finished our process as to each
11 candidate, we will reveal what our preliminary view
12 is, and then the candidate will have an opportunity
13 to be heard, address what she has heard coming from
14 the Board this afternoon or he has, and then there
15 can be a motion and a vote.

16 Does that seem reasonable to Board
17 Members?

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: You recall last time
19 we did this we passed one document down.

20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We did this with
21 the provisional ballot right after the election.

22 MEMBER SINNOTT: For the sake of the
23 record we can attach the exhibit, our markings, to
24 the transcript but there will also be an oral motion

1 made that would indicate what was the Board's final
2 conclusion on each candidate's signatures in
3 question.

4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: So will you start the
5 list, Brad?

6 MEMBER SINNOTT: I will go ahead and mark
7 first, and going down the line to my left we will go
8 to Mr. Preisse, pass to Mr. Manifold and
9 Ms. Marinello.

10 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: That works for me.

11 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Before we get started I
12 know somebody put here the legal mark of registered
13 electors, signed, what a signature is, and what
14 counts, I guess. I guess, Harold, I have some
15 questions like a lot of it is very subjective in --
16 it seemed like some of these people signed in cursive
17 their legal marking in their printed part of their
18 signature. Any direction on how we should view
19 these?

20 MR. ANDERSON: Signature in accordance
21 with the Revised Code, specifically 3501.011, sign a
22 signature is a defined legal mark. A signature under
23 Ohio law is the cursive signature unless that
24 person's -- unless that person has a legal mark or a

1 printed -- a printed name on their registration file.
2 The signature is the signature which means the
3 cursive version of that person's name. And that's
4 set forth very specifically under Division (A) of
5 3501.011 so the Board is vested with the authority to
6 determine whether or not the signature in dispute is,
7 in fact, a "signature" and whether it, in fact,
8 matches the registration signature that is on file
9 with the Board.

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: If I might
11 interject too, in the last directive we had on this
12 which was back in 2011 from the Secretary of State's
13 Office checking statewide petitions last year,
14 2011-40, there is a portion in there that says a
15 printed signature alone with no cursive signature is
16 allowed only if the elector's signature on file with
17 the Board is also printed.

18 MR. ANDERSON: Right.

19 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: So does that address
20 Zach's question of if the first name is printed and
21 the last name is signed, do we count it? I think
22 that was the question.

23 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Yeah. It looks like
24 percentage on some of these where they go back and

1 forth in their own name.

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Half of it's signed,
3 half of it's printed. Do we count it or don't count
4 it? I believe that was the question you asked.

5 MR. ANDERSON: The Revised Code states
6 and, I quote, "sign or signature mean that person's
7 written cursive style, legal mark written in that
8 person's own hand" so it's the Board's
9 responsibility --

10 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Subjective nature to
11 decide.

12 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All right.

13 MEMBER SINNOTT: And I think any Member
14 of the Board should feel free to ask questions of
15 staff as we go through this review. I am going to
16 mark Y if I would count the signature and N if I
17 would not.

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: As he is doing
19 that, each one of these will have at the top of it
20 the signatures that appeared on the petition and down
21 below it will be the signature that is on file with
22 us in the Voter Registration Office.

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Let me ask a question.
24 Jeff, come over here for a moment, will you? What is

1 this piece?

2 MR. MACKEY: This person is not in the
3 school district.

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: This person?

5 MEMBER SINNOTT: The staff's view of Leah
6 Stephens' signature is that Ms. Stephens does not
7 reside in the school district, that the address
8 reported is not inside the school district.

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We put that one
10 on because it was a question that she petitioned, she
11 questioned.

12 MEMBER SINNOTT: Okay. In the instance
13 of Steven Taylor, this is a signature that was
14 already included in the count?

15 MR. MACKEY: Yes.

16 MEMBER SINNOTT: Then I --

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Why are we looking at
18 it?

19 MR. MACKEY: It was one of the signatures
20 that was in the appeal.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And we agreed?

22 MR. MACKEY: We had already agreed that
23 was a valid signature and is part of her total 294
24 signatures.

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay.

2 MEMBER SINNOTT: There is a sheet that is
3 part of Exhibit C involving a Steven Taylor.
4 Mr. Taylor's signature has already been accepted and
5 is included in the current count. If there is no
6 objection from a Member of the Board, I am going to
7 remove that from the exhibit.

8 I understand with regard to Karla
9 Lipscomb there is a signature that was not included
10 in the present count but there is now an agreement
11 there is a registered voter at that address.

12 Colleagues, I am told that there is a
13 page in Exhibit C related to a Herbert Safford.
14 Mr. Safford's signature has already been included in
15 the count. If there is no objection, I will remove
16 that from the exhibit.

17 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Jeff, Mr. Marvin
18 Morgan, we have a signature on file.

19 MR. MACKEY: We found his record.

20 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Okay.

21 MEMBER SINNOTT: Jeff, speak aloud about
22 the Bill Watkins' page. Mr. -- there is a signature
23 for a Bill Watkins. Candidate says this is Bill
24 Watkins, 1566 Cassady Place. What more do you know

1 about the subject?

2 MR. MACKEY: Originally we coded this as
3 illegible. Upon reviewing the appellant's contention
4 that this is Bill Watkins at 1566 Cassady Place, we
5 did look at the voter registration system. There is
6 no address 1566 Cassady Place. There is only one
7 address on Cassady Place. It is 2701 Cassady Place
8 and there is not a Bill Watkins registered at that
9 address.

10 MEMBER SINNOTT: Instead there is a
11 Robert Butcher.

12 MR. MACKEY: Robert Butcher and Brenda
13 Moorehead.

14 MEMBER SINNOTT: Would you speak to
15 involving Tonya Wright, Jeff?

16 MR. MACKEY: Tonya Wright, appellant
17 contends Tonya Wright is a registered voter which we
18 did agree on with her, but the address that she has
19 on the petition is 712 Reinhard, and the petition
20 that we have Tonya Wright registered at is 2084
21 Penrose Drive so we had originally coded that as not
22 registered at the address and I would contend that is
23 still the case.

24 MEMBER SINNOTT: Okay. Jeff, would you

1 speak to the page that involves a Shaun McGowan.

2 MR. MACKEY: Shaun McGowan is in our
3 system as not registered because on his registration
4 application he did not include ID, driver's license
5 number or last four of his Social Security number.
6 So he is and still remains in a pending status which
7 is not a registered status for purposes of voting or
8 signing petitions.

9 MEMBER SINNOTT: On the last three pages
10 of the exhibit the staff's objection relates to the
11 illegibility of the signature and the inability to
12 find the registered voter at the address that's
13 shown.

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Give you guys a moment
15 to do this tally sheet. Jeff.

16 MR. MACKEY: Yep.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Why don't you tally
18 down there. Clarify because some of these we already
19 counted. Are they on here, the ones that Brad
20 removed, because they were already in the 294 count?

21 Okay. So those should, rather, be
22 stricken from the tally as well, right? Because they
23 are already counted in the 294; is that right? So
24 could you make sure that is accurately done down

1 there? What is the circumstances -- why are there Xs
2 on these two?

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Do you want my count?

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: If you could hold
5 off one second, I'm sorry.

6 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yeah.

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: I'm sorry,
8 Mr. Chairman, if I might for just one moment, after
9 my discussion with counsel on this, Ms. Miller did
10 submit two additional signatures for consideration
11 today. I believe it's up to the Board's discretion
12 whether they want to accept those and make a
13 determination on those or I think it's up to your
14 discretion per my discussion with counsel on whether
15 you want to consider those in today's appeal or not.

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: When were these
17 submitted?

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: This afternoon.

19 MEMBER SINNOTT: Are there any other
20 signatures that have been submitted today for
21 consideration by a candidate in a matter coming
22 before the Board?

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: No, sir.

24 MEMBER SINNOTT: Are you prepared to show

1 us the material to be relevant?

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Yes.

3 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Yeah. In the past
4 where we would send -- before Jeff we would send
5 Carrie to go get the stuff. I mean if we have it, we
6 might as well look at it.

7 MEMBER SINNOTT: I will say I'm swayed by
8 the fact there are 2 and not 200.

9 MR. MACKEY: I made this one
10 double-sided, sorry. It's going to be inconvenient.
11 First person is on the front. Second person is on
12 the back.

13 MEMBER SINNOTT: So effectively what we
14 are doing we are adding two additional sheets to
15 Exhibit C.

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: That's correct.

17 MR. MACKEY: First one is for Joyce Bert.
18 Joyce Bert in August of 2012 filed with us a
19 registration card that did not include an address.
20 This pushed her into a pending status. She actually
21 included a P.O. Box instead of an address. Pushed
22 her into a pending status which would have made her
23 ineligible to vote and ineligible to sign a petition.

24 Mr. Calloway was in a canceled status

1 prior to us receiving the most recent registration
2 card which came in in January because he was in a
3 canceled status. Even though we have a record in our
4 system that starts him off as a new person, the
5 registration card that he filed in January was
6 missing identification, driver's license or the last
7 four of his Social, even though we do have a Social
8 Security on file in the old record that was canceled
9 because he is a new person for our purposes. The
10 lack of the ID on the new registration card placed
11 him in a pending status so he was not registered at
12 the time that the petition was filed.

13 MEMBER SINNOTT: So Mr. Galloway was once
14 a registered voter, but he was removed from the
15 registration roles because of inactivity.

16 MR. MACKEY: I am not sure why he was
17 removed.

18 MEMBER SINNOTT: But he was removed.

19 MR. MACKEY: Yes.

20 MEMBER SINNOTT: When was he removed?

21 MR. MACKEY: I can't tell that here.

22 MEMBER SINNOTT: He attempted to
23 reregister after his removal from the roles, but he
24 submitted a registration card that did not have all

1 needed information, correct?

2 MR. MACKEY: Correct.

3 MEMBER SINNOTT: So he was assigned a
4 pending status, correct?

5 MR. MACKEY: Correct.

6 MEMBER SINNOTT: And the Board's records
7 reflect that his registration is pending today; is
8 that correct?

9 MR. MACKEY: Correct. And also at the
10 time of the filing of the petition.

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Give Bill a moment to
12 tally that up.

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I'm all complete. How
14 do you want to proceed?

15 MEMBER SINNOTT: I think we need to know
16 first whether there were disagreement.

17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: There was no
18 disagreement on all four of the Board members on all
19 the names that were submitted. It was a unanimous
20 decision on each of them and we have four yeses and
21 the rest were no. That gives her 298.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And the minimum number
23 to qualify is 300. The Director has tallied the
24 unanimous collective decision of the four Board

1 members and has -- and we have come to the
2 preliminary conclusion that we agree to 298 valid
3 signatures on the petition in question which would be
4 2 signatures, valid signatures, short of a sufficient
5 number to file.

6 So we do wish to ask Selina Miller if she
7 wishes to address the Board or any of this matter
8 further? And certainly has access to examine the
9 materials we've just reviewed, if she wishes.

10 MS. MILLER: Good afternoon. Selina
11 Renee Miller. And given the fact that there is 2 shy
12 of the 300, I will make an attempt to review at least
13 2 that I overheard you say were not counted and --

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

15 MEMBER SINNOTT: Ms. Miller, you have
16 full access to the sheets from Exhibit C if you would
17 like to see which ones the Board --

18 MS. MILLER: I have a copy.

19 MEMBER SINNOTT: But you have not seen
20 our markings from today. You don't know who the
21 Board at this point is proposing to include and who
22 the Board is proposing to exclude.

23 MS. MILLER: Okay.

24 MEMBER SINNOTT: Would you like to see

1 that?

2 MS. MILLER: I'll take a look, yeah.

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I wonder if we.

4 MS. MILLER: Okay.

5 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay.

6 MS. MILLER: Okay. I will make an
7 attempt for the signature on Stephen Calloway.

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Calloway.

9 MS. MILLER: Yes, sir.

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And, Jeff, can you
11 remind us where we would find that in our -- we don't
12 have it any more.

13 MR. MACKEY: I don't have that.

14 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: This is one of the
15 filed today?

16 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes. That was one of
17 today's.

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: That was filed on
19 today.

20 MEMBER SINNOTT: Ms. Miller, this is one
21 where we believe Mr. Calloway is in a pending status.

22 MS. MILLER: Yes, sir. And it was turned
23 in before the date of the day that was scheduled for
24 me to have them in to be counted on my petition.

1 However, it appears that the Social Security number
2 was not provided on the registration form but given
3 the fact that I did get a new voter in and I do see
4 on the screen at the bottom where it says Social
5 Security number it is given, the first four digits,
6 and I don't know if that could have been picked up by
7 your data entry person instead of minusing out
8 because his signature is too, you know, clear and
9 everything else is there. You have been provided on
10 your screen the last four digits of his Social
11 Security number. Could that have been counted?

12 MR. MACKEY: The reason that we have the
13 Social Security number there is because he was
14 previously registered, I think.

15 MS. MILLER: That's correct.

16 MR. MACKEY: But because he was canceled
17 he starts again as a new person.

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: He was not a
19 registered voter?

20 MR. MACKEY: He is not a registered voter
21 currently and not at the time the petition was filed.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: He was not at the
23 time --

24 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: So every time you

1 change your address or you have to present a whole
2 new file, it's like you are newly registered so
3 whatever he had on file previously would not be
4 considered by us.

5 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay.

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: So he would have had
7 to provide his ID each time he registered. We don't
8 go back and take information off of an old file and
9 bring it forward. We create a whole new file so we
10 need a whole new everything.

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay.

12 MS. MILLER: Okay. I guess I have no
13 argument other than I can see that I thought maybe
14 since it was presented on your exhibit that it shows
15 that they could have picked up the number as well for
16 the last four digits of his Social Security number
17 for that one as well as the McGowan. I am just
18 trying to sneak in these extra two points.

19 MEMBER MARINELLO: I know.

20 MEMBER MANIFOLD: I know.

21 MS. MILLER: Is there a written rule they
22 could not have done that?

23 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: No. I believe it's in
24 the Revised Code. We follow the law whenever you --

1 you are unregistered, you have to reregister, and we
2 can't use any of your previous registration
3 information. You have to use all new information so
4 that's why we can't count it.

5 MS. MILLER: Okay. Well, thank you so
6 much.

7 MEMBER MARINELLO: So sorry.

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I need my forms back.

9 MS. MILLER: I guess that would help you.

10 MEMBER MANIFOLD: It's always so tough
11 when you are so close.

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Selina, thank you very
13 much. As I have said to many people who come before
14 us, I have been in the same position where I have
15 filed a petition and it was deficient and it's not
16 good, it's not fun, but I think and hope our process
17 has been fair and hope you will stay engaged and next
18 time do what I did the next time.

19 MS. MILLER: I will the next time. Next
20 time it will be for the mayor's position.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: For mayor. Thank you,
22 Selina.

23 I think for the record we will state that
24 per sidebar with counsel we don't need to make a

1 motion or vote on this matter because we are merely
2 sustaining the Board's position that there were
3 insufficient signatures, and the appeal has failed.

4 MR. ANDERSON: Correct.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The next item on the
6 agenda --

7 MEMBER SINNOTT: Could you -- could you
8 recite for us the signatures that we accepted today?

9 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yes, I can. There
10 were four signatures you accepted, Henry Scott, Karla
11 Lipscomb, Marvin Morgan, and Lisa Shepherd. 298.

12 I will give this to you as part of our
13 official record.

14 Ready to proceed to the next item on the
15 agenda. Protest against candidacy of Dominic
16 Paretti. How do you want to proceed with that,
17 Mr. Chairman?

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I think we have
19 established a -- for the circumstances an efficient
20 methodology that Brad suggested is we examine the
21 next packet which is Exhibit D.

22 MR. MACKEY: I would bring up just the
23 first signature that you are going to be looking at
24 are the protest so, whereas, we were dealing with an

1 appeal of signatures that the appellant thought
2 should have been included.

3 The question is now whether or not this
4 signature should be removed so I don't know if that
5 changes.

6 MEMBER SINNOTT: No. I think the
7 standard remains the same. We are making a
8 determination whether or not to count the signature
9 or not.

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We can code it
11 accordingly at the end, at the end of the process,
12 whether it takes away from the total or adds to it.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: The question is it's a
14 valid signature in the circumstance presented or not.

15 MEMBER SINNOTT: So I will continue to --
16 I'll continue to mark Y if I think it should be
17 counted and N if it should not be.

18 There is one that this is a sheet that
19 has 666 Mohawk at the top. And we're shown a
20 signature line from the petition and then we are
21 shown a signature line for somebody whose residing at
22 668 Mohawk and is registered to vote and beneath that
23 we are shown two signatures of individuals who do
24 reside at 666 Mohawk and are registered to vote. Did

1 I say that correctly, Jeff?

2 MR. MACKEY: Correct.

3 MEMBER SINNOTT: Jeff, can you speak to
4 the sheet called Buchanan?

5 MR. MACKEY: Staff has the ability to
6 view additional documents. On the case of petition
7 1457, line 4, there are two distinct signatures on
8 file. I have included them both for your reference.
9 It was after she got married or whatever, started
10 hyphenating her name, she started signing
11 differently.

12 MEMBER SINNOTT: Well, okay. So as it
13 appears on the petition, it's Charkel Buchanan, 485
14 South Ohio. And then we have in our records two
15 different registration cards; is that correct?

16 MR. MACKEY: At least two. There was a
17 string of change of addresses, et cetera.

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: The one at the
19 top is the current one, I assume; is that correct?

20 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: It was '09.

21 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yeah. There is one from
22 June 5, '04, and one from November 3 of '09.

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: When anybody is
24 registered to vote, we keep a scanned copy of it and

1 then if they move and do a new updated form, we keep
2 a scanned copy of it and we have all of those back
3 for a number of years.

4 MEMBER SINNOTT: Okay. What I am going
5 to do then is compare the signature on the petition
6 to the signature on the more current registration
7 card which is the only registration card in which
8 there is also an address page.

9 Jeff, will you speak to the one at 328
10 Jackson.

11 MR. MACKEY: 328 Jackson, protestor
12 contends no voter is registered at this address. I
13 have a signature that matches the one on the
14 petition. It's coded as Brian Anaya, 328 Jackson
15 Street. Appears to be Brian's signature.

16 MEMBER SINNOTT: So there a Brian Anaya
17 registered at 328 Jackson Street?

18 MR. MACKEY: Yes.

19 MEMBER SINNOTT: Next one, 529 South
20 Lazelle Street, you are able to identify a Joseph
21 Duffy, 529 South Lazelle, Apartment C, as a
22 registered voter?

23 MR. MACKEY: That was how we coded it.
24 This is that person's signature, signer of petition,

1 Apartment B.

2 MEMBER SINNOTT: Jeff, with regard to
3 captioned Andrew Trout, the Board coded that as
4 illegible. The candidate identified an Andrew Trout
5 at 502 Jackson Street and provided a signature sample
6 from 12 which is on the sheet; is that correct?

7 MR. MACKEY: That's correct. It appears
8 with the signature we have on file.

9 MEMBER SINNOTT: With regard to the sheet
10 involving Jayme Staley, the candidate has provided --
11 pardon me.

12 MR. MACKEY: We didn't find it. He found
13 it, but she's in the Hilliard School District.

14 MEMBER SINNOTT: Okay. So the candidate
15 has provided a matching individual at 3602 Fishinger
16 Mill Drive, Hilliard, but that is outside the
17 Columbus School District the staff believes, correct?

18 MR. MACKEY: Correct.

19 MEMBER SINNOTT: Jeff, do you want to
20 speak to the sheet that's captioned Leroy Smith?

21 MR. MACKEY: Leroy Smith was not located.
22 Originally candidate provided us information where we
23 were able to locate a record of Mr. Smith registered
24 in the Westerville School District.

1 MEMBER SINNOTT: Speak to the sheet
2 labeled Dennis West.

3 MR. MACKEY: Dennis West was currently
4 given credit in our system as a valid signature.

5 MEMBER SINNOTT: So the Dennis West
6 signature that's already been counted?

7 MR. MACKEY: Correct.

8 MEMBER SINNOTT: Board Members, the
9 Dennis West signature has already been counted, and
10 just as we did a moment ago in Ms. Miller's case, if
11 there is no objection, I'll remove that sheet from
12 the exhibit.

13 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Okay.

14 MR. MACKEY: Next one is the same.

15 MEMBER SINNOTT: And with respect to
16 Harry Reinhart, I'm told that he also has been
17 included in the count already, so likewise I'll
18 remove that from the exhibit.

19 Jeff, would you speak to the sheet
20 Evangelene Betts.

21 MR. MACKEY: We had -- originally were
22 not able to locate the record, candidate identified a
23 record, and this is the record they identified. Do
24 you agree?

1 MEMBER SINNOTT: Where is there an
2 address?

3 MR. MACKEY: (Indicating.)

4 MEMBER SINNOTT: Jeff, would you speak to
5 the James Bardash?

6 MR. MACKEY: James Bardash was not
7 originally located. The candidate was able to locate
8 a record for Mr. Bardash, but his record is currently
9 canceled. He is not a registered voter.

10 MEMBER SINNOTT: Jeff, would you speak to
11 Glenn Gustafson on that sheet?

12 MR. MACKEY: We were not originally able
13 to locate a record. The candidate did locate a
14 record. Glenn Gustafson if you concur.

15 MEMBER SINNOTT: He is registered to
16 vote.

17 MR. MACKEY: Yes. He's good.

18 MEMBER SINNOTT: Okay. Jeff, would you
19 speak to the sheet marked David Carpenter?

20 MR. MACKEY: Originally we were not able
21 to locate Mr. Carpenter, coded as illegible.

22 Candidate has identified this line 2 as David
23 Carpenter. If you agree, it should be added to the
24 count.

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So we'll give our
2 colleagues a few minutes to catch up, and we'll wait
3 for the tally. We'll give a preliminary position and
4 because there is so many, we anticipate you may wish
5 to review, we will do that and proceed with the next
6 case. And then when you are ready, we will interrupt
7 the counting of that and get back to you.

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I'm ready, Mr. Chair.

9 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. Yes, sir.

10 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All right. My tally
11 was protest -- should I wait for Zach? I should wait
12 for Zach.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I don't think we need
14 to wait for Zach. We can proceed and tell him what
15 happened.

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Well, from the
17 protestor sheet there were 11 nos and that would have
18 put it at 290 but there were 2 ties. On the
19 candidate's appeal there were 8 yeses which you had
20 to add those to the 290 and that gets you at 298 and
21 there were 3 ties so I'm going to have you look at
22 the ties again and see if you can break the ties
23 unless you don't want me to. But, right now, there's
24 298.

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And you say there are
2 two ties --

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Three's two ties on
4 the protestor's and three ties on the candidate's.

5 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. Why don't we
6 do -- all right. Why don't we let Dominic look at
7 the total. Why don't we let Dominic look at the
8 tally -- or the coded documents and we will proceed
9 on the other and come back.

10 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All right?

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Is that all right?

12 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I'll let you look at
13 the protestor's first.

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: He needs to look at
15 all of them, the ties and the others.

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I understand.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And I think we are
18 prepared to proceed then in the matter of Jacqueline
19 Taylor, and we can continue with our existing
20 methodology.

21 MEMBER SINNOTT: Jeff, would you speak to
22 the sheet 760 Siebert.

23 MR. MACKEY: Protestor contended the
24 signature on the petition does not match anyone

1 registered at 760 Siebert Street. We coded it as
2 Latika James and included Latika James's signature as
3 well as Harold James's signature.

4 MEMBER SINNOTT: Jeff, would you speak to
5 the sheet 668 Bulen Avenue?

6 MR. MACKEY: I have also included
7 signatures of both individuals registered at Bulen
8 Avenue. We coded it Carlita.

9 MEMBER SINNOTT: Jeff, speak to the 2901
10 Footloose Drive.

11 MR. MACKEY: Also included signatures of
12 both individuals registered at 2901 Footloose Drive
13 for comparison.

14 MEMBER SINNOTT: With respect to the
15 sheet labeled Lamont Ransom the protestor challenged
16 the counting of that signature, but the Board's staff
17 already excluded it so it's not in controversy. And
18 as was true with others in that situation, with no
19 objection I'll remove that from the exhibit.

20 Would you speak to the petition 186, line
21 1 sheet?

22 MR. MACKEY: Signature on line 1 has
23 indicated 263 Carpenter Street. Our records did not
24 show anyone registered at 263 Carpenter Street. The

1 signature that we coded was Mr. Jones at 361
2 Carpenter Street. So I don't have a signature for
3 comparison.

4 MEMBER SINNOTT: Okay. So there is no
5 one registered to vote at 263 Carpenter Street?

6 MR. MACKEY: Correct.

7 MEMBER SINNOTT: Jeff, will you speak to
8 the page marked petition 188, line 18.

9 MR. MACKEY: Petition 188, line 18, was
10 originally coded by us as Nick Nelson. Protestor
11 contends that signature for Nick Nelson does not
12 match the signature on file which I would agree with
13 because I'm reasonably certain that the signature on
14 line 18 belongs to Marc Thomas, 1392 Bryden Road at
15 Apartment 4, which is indicated on the actual
16 signature line of the petition so.

17 MEMBER SINNOTT: And the Marc Thomas
18 signature that's shown on the sheet has not been
19 counted?

20 MR. MACKEY: This line has been counted
21 as a valid signature. We could not count it for Marc
22 Thomas. So line 18 was counted as a valid signature,
23 I would contend erroneously by us, contributed to
24 Nick Nelson because it is not the signature of Nick

1 Nelson. It is the signature of Marc Thomas.

2 MEMBER SINNOTT: Okay. Well, on the
3 signature page -- petition 188, line 18, has been
4 counted, correct?

5 MR. MACKEY: Correct.

6 MEMBER SINNOTT: But there is a protest
7 pending to it, correct?

8 MR. MACKEY: Yes.

9 MEMBER SINNOTT: Jeff, would you speak to
10 petition 198, line 8?

11 MR. MACKEY: Whoever was checking this
12 petition inverted the signatures for these two people
13 so protestor was contesting line 8 Jason Seward, I
14 have included his signature first there although he
15 appears second, and on line 9 we originally coded it
16 as credited them both, but they probably looked it up
17 by address and checked them out of order.

18 MEMBER SINNOTT: Jeff, what does the
19 coding not genuine mean?

20 MR. MACKEY: Not genuine indication on
21 signatures that we don't believe match the signature
22 that we have on file.

23 MEMBER SINNOTT: So it's another way of
24 saying there is not a match.

1 MR. MACKEY: Correct.

2 MEMBER SINNOTT: Jeff, would you speak to
3 the one labeled Jasmine Ransom.

4 MR. MACKEY: On line 8, petition 191,
5 Jasmine Ransom is indicating a 2483 Waterside Lane
6 written over what could have been Court. I've
7 included in the documentation the last address change
8 for Ms. Ransom. She previously lived at 2445
9 Waterside Court, now lives at 2483 Waterfall Lane so
10 the address indicated on the petition is incorrect,
11 although probably a combination of both of her
12 addresses.

13 Additionally, she is coded as a duplicate
14 voter because she is credited with signing the
15 petition previously. It was a -- it was a signature
16 that was being contested by the protestor's protest
17 so I don't know, should you have invalidated the
18 previous signature, the duplicate signature might not
19 come into play. Protestor contends no matching
20 address.

21 MEMBER SINNOTT: But did the -- has
22 Jasmine Ransom signed the petition twice?

23 MR. MACKEY: Yes. She was credited
24 signing it earlier, I believe the same petition.

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: With the same address?

2 MR. MACKEY: No. It's -- no.

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: With the correct
4 address?

5 MR. MACKEY: With the correct address,
6 2484 Waterfall Lane, I think.

7 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I wanted to review
8 that with Brad. I can do it now if that helps.

9 MR. ANDERSON: You got us all
10 discombobulated.

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: We are going to pause
12 for a moment.

13 (Discussion off the record.)

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Why don't we proceed
15 with Mr. Paretti's -- wait a minute. Announce our
16 initial results of Ms. Taylor's situation.

17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All right. We have
18 here at 288 -- oh, 293 is where she is at.

19 MEMBER SINNOTT: I'm sorry, Bill. Could
20 you take it from the beginning where we started?

21 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The protestor's
22 dropped her down to 288. There were -- we counted 18
23 nos on the protestor list. She started with 306,
24 take 18 from that, you get 288.

1 MEMBER SINNOTT: Are all Board Members in
2 agreement on those?

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: No. There were one,
4 two, three, four ties on those. Okay?

5 MEMBER SINNOTT: Are you counting the
6 ties in the ballot total or not?

7 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: No. We didn't count
8 them at all. And then for the candidate's appeals we
9 counted five yeses so we added that to the 288, and
10 then we came up with 293. And that one had -- I got
11 one tie. Okay. And so.

12 MEMBER SINNOTT: Taking into account
13 where all Board Members are in preliminary agreement
14 there are 293 valid signatures that we are now
15 counting.

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: That's correct.

17 MEMBER SINNOTT: And there are five in
18 which the Board members presently disagree.

19 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yes, sir.

20 MEMBER SINNOTT: Okay.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay.

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Now, on Mr. Parette I
23 put a no where it should have been a tie so he ended
24 up with 299 with 6 ties.

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. I think then,
2 Mr. Paretti, you wish to address the Board?

3 MR. PARETTI: Yes.

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I assume you are going
5 to focus on the six ties.

6 MR. PARETTI: Yes, and a few that
7 everyone voted no I wouldn't mind bringing up, might
8 as well.

9 All right. My name is Dominic Paretti.
10 Thank you very much. I want to turn first to --
11 okay. Actually, Mr. Mackey, I would like to clarify
12 the ones that were originally on tally sheets, it
13 looks like the math adds one, two, Dennis West and
14 Reinhart, it says in the run -- on the printout it
15 does say they were counted, but on the math on the
16 front of the actual petition where the Board made
17 their notes on that matches up as the correct number.

18 I mean, so is that total number different
19 than or? Because I'm just not sure then what the
20 total number is. So we look at my original petition
21 says there is 10 and 3, 10 valid, 3 invalid. Each of
22 these gentlemen were both included as being either
23 not registered or illegible, but then Mr. Mackey is
24 saying they were counted. I'm just questioning, and

1 I'm sure I just want an answer that's correct, but
2 the math on the sheet, is that representative then?
3 So that's wrong then?

4 MR. MACKEY: The math on the actual part
5 petition is likely incorrect, how it's coded on the
6 system, which is where I was pulling that from by the
7 system that they were valid signatures.

8 MR. PARETTI: So am I at 301?

9 MR. MACKEY: 301, I am using the number
10 generated by our system.

11 MR. PARETTI: Okay, okay. I just want to
12 make sure of that first. I would like to turn to
13 ones that all members -- on the candidate protest,
14 which would be mine, that everyone protested for
15 petition 1464, line 8, Steven Plottner. You know, I
16 know I can't just say I work with this guy, I know
17 him really well, but he was just trying to be really
18 careful and the S does match the signature. It does
19 vary. It's not in print so it wouldn't be a print
20 signature, but I would say that, you know, part --

21 MEMBER SINNOTT: Give us a moment.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: We are trying to catch
23 up. Is this under the candidate appeal?

24 MR. PARETTI: This is under my appeal,

1 correct. Plottner, Steven J.

2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. We have it
3 here. Do you have it?

4 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yeah.

5 MR. PARETTI: I understand the signature
6 does look somewhat different. The Ss are pretty much
7 the same. You know, he was just trying to be really
8 neat about it, I guess, with the petition and for my
9 sake for me freaking out a little bit, but I mean the
10 S is the same. He was a little neater on it. But
11 it's, you know -- unless this is -- we are calling
12 this fraud, you know, which it's not, I would think
13 that, you know, take a second look at that one as
14 well. I would just say just be careful with that
15 one. And then Mr. Carpenter, 1478, line 2, David
16 Carpenter.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: This is also your --

18 MR. PARETTI: Correct, candidate appeal.

19 MR. MACKEY: Second from the back?

20 MR. PARETTI: Second from the back.

21 I don't want to shoot myself in the foot
22 on this one, but I think he would fall into the same
23 partial address as Mr. Schultz did. Maybe he didn't
24 have the West in front of Blenkner but that's clearly

1 his signature. I mean, we have some overlap in the
2 signatures above and below it, but I would ask the
3 Board to reconsider and to look at that one as well,
4 if we are splitting hairs. I mean, that's his
5 signature and maybe partial address but it does all
6 match.

7 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: It wasn't the address
8 that threw me frankly.

9 MR. PARETTI: The lines from the above
10 signature and below.

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: No. It was the
12 substantial differences to me between the two
13 signatures in my estimate.

14 MR. PARETTI: Okay. I mean, subjective,
15 I guess, I mean, you know.

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Is this a friend?

17 MR. PARETTI: I think the T, the way he
18 crosses his T looks the same, you know.

19 MEMBER MANIFOLD: It was close on ours.
20 I had a tough time on this one.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: The D looks
22 substantial -- looks different, excuse me, for --

23 MR. PARETTI: He was also dealing with
24 the signature above it before him that crossed into

1 that cell so, you know, he is just following along
2 the petition so he's got to deal --

3 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Why don't you keep
4 going through the other ones. I think you have
5 better.

6 MR. PARETTI: So those were nos.

7 MEMBER MANIFOLD: I think there is
8 better.

9 MR. PARETTI: Those do warrant -- I just
10 feel like it looks exactly like the signature. It's
11 slightly different, but my signature looks different
12 from time to time too.

13 Let's see, Kyle McDermott.

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Where is that in our
15 packet?

16 MR. PARETTI: A protested signature, 164
17 Charleston Avenue, it was a no.

18 MEMBER MARINELLO: What petition?

19 MR. PARETTI: 1476, line 9.

20 It was part of the addendum. He uses the
21 same middle initial, I think, if it was -- you know,
22 if I was just looking up this guy's name and putting
23 it down, I definitely would have put a middle initial
24 like D. He is a lefty, and we are talking about a

1 petition cell. The M looks the same. I mean, we are
2 just talking about a very small cell for these people
3 to write in, and I am going to split hairs over
4 these. I think it should be counted, especially this
5 one, especially the use of the middle initial.

6 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Well, in that case the
7 D is different. I don't -- frankly both Ds are
8 different. I don't think there is a second D on
9 the -- on the petition line.

10 MR. PARETTI: So I would ask the Board to
11 reconsider that one too.

12 MEMBER MANIFOLD: It was close. I see
13 the M and the C.

14 MR. PARETTI: Are we saying these just
15 aren't legible enough; is that what it is or is it --

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: It's not legibility
17 because we approve squiggly lines all the time, but
18 the squiggly line in the record is supposed to be
19 substantially the same as the squiggly line on the
20 petition.

21 MR. PARETTI: Yeah, I agree.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So it doesn't have to
23 really be legible in the classic sense of legibility,
24 but we are -- when following the law though, there is

1 some subjectivity. We are compelled to use our own
2 decision-making abilities.

3 MR. PARETTI: Sure.

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: That they need to be
5 recognized as the same signature, same signer.
6 Again, to me there's substantial differences in this
7 one, many, many more differences than similarities,
8 and I know what you are saying about the D because I
9 think all four Board Members like to err on the side
10 of inclusivity so sometimes if we see a lot -- at
11 least in my own mind, I haven't talked to the other
12 three, but in my own mind if I see a point or two of
13 similarities, it's often enough for me. You pointed
14 out a D. That to me is one of the points of
15 difference in that.

16 MR. PARETTI: I pointed at the D as being
17 part of his signature and not necessarily something
18 that would be identified just by first and last name
19 regular signature, you know, using his middle initial
20 as part of his signature, not necessarily what
21 everyone has to use as their signature is my point.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I understand your
23 point better now. Thank you.

24 MR. PARETTI: And then as well the M and

1 C looks exactly the same. I understand the Kyle
2 doesn't look too clear but, I mean, you know.

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. Please proceed.

4 MR. PARETTI: Sure. Candidate appeals,
5 petition 1453, line 12, Andrew Trout, I mean, I don't
6 know what to say other than --

7 MEMBER MANIFOLD: You know, this one was
8 interesting. I voted to take this one.

9 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Where is it?

10 MEMBER MANIFOLD: It's pretty clear to me
11 that his signature matches the poll book, what he
12 signed for the fall of last year. Now, does it match
13 his registration? But I think we update -- we
14 usually update stuff, right? It looks to me like he
15 matched the poll book, that it's pretty clear.

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: How did we vote on
17 this one?

18 MR. PARETTI: Split.

19 MEMBER MANIFOLD: This is a split. I
20 didn't -- I didn't feel it matched what we have as
21 his registration, but I felt pretty clearly that he
22 matched the poll book. And I don't know. Is he a
23 lefty?

24 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Oh, go ahead. Okay.

1 Got another one?

2 MR. PARETTI: Ms. Buchanan, that would be
3 1457, that's a protestor. It's split by you folks.
4 I mean --

5 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: This was the matter --
6 okay.

7 MEMBER MANIFOLD: This is maiden name
8 versus the married name. And it's pretty clear -- I
9 mean, it's pretty clear to me she signs her maiden
10 name as a match. It looks like maybe she signs her
11 married name a little differently, but we do have her
12 signature on file with a match.

13 MR. PARETTI: I think it's obvious it is
14 the person.

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. Let's let you
16 go through all of them, and then we will consider
17 those after you've described those.

18 MR. PARETTI: And then 1463, line 1,
19 Bridgette Tupes, she printed her name and then signed
20 it. I mean, that's her signature. I think when the
21 person is filling out a petition, they are allowed to
22 correct their petition and fix it so I would ask the
23 Board to reconsider this one because there is a valid
24 signature and ask for a signature.

1 MEMBER MANIFOLD: On this one I was
2 pretty sure --

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: We thought, if it's
4 all right, we look at each of them together after.

5 MR. PARETTI: And then Lazelle, Apartment
6 B, I see it, 1461, I don't think I have anything on
7 that one if that's the address is different, I mean.

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay.

9 MR. PARETTI: Please look at it again but
10 that's it. Thank you very much.

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. Why don't you
12 hang on.

13 MR. PARETTI: Mr. Anthony, would you like
14 those back?

15 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yes, I would. Thank
16 you, sir.

17 MR. PARETTI: Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Shall the Board
19 Members while Mr. Paretto's discussion is fresh in
20 our minds consider his reaction first? And I wonder
21 if Bill could show us the ones in question.

22 MEMBER SINNOTT: I suggest that maybe
23 Board Members ask the others to reconsider the
24 preliminary reaction, certainly we have several in

1 which we disagree, if we would want to do that.

2 MEMBER MANIFOLD: So there's six ties?

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I think we -- how many
4 total are there in question or that -- how many did
5 we split on?

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: You split on six, and
7 he added one, two, three of the ties.

8 MEMBER SINNOTT: I would like to see the
9 six on which we split as a Board preliminarily.

10 MS. BROWN: Do you want me to copy them?

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: No. Why don't we
12 huddle around them here. Is that all right?

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Here is the other one
14 and keep them together because one is candidate and
15 one is the protestor's.

16 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Oh, okay.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So, Brad, can we ask
18 you and Kim to be the ones to come to the middle.
19 And where's Jeff?

20 Okay. We are looking at Andrew Trout.

21 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Line 12.

22 MR. MACKEY: The signature we had on
23 file, the appellant filed his paperwork, also wanted
24 to include the signature poll book.

1 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Are we allowed to
2 accept -- I guess what's our policy on that?

3 MEMBER MARINELLO: Consider.

4 MEMBER SINNOTT: What is true is what we
5 have done in the case of every other signature is had
6 part of -- we compared it the signature being
7 tendered to the signature on -- of record with the
8 Board. We've never gone searching other records the
9 Board has to see if we could find a matching
10 signature, so in my mind the comparison is the one on
11 the petition to the one on the Board's record. I
12 didn't think that the petition was the Board's
13 record. That's the reason I voted the way I did.

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: That's the same thing
15 I did. I notice the similarities a little bit more
16 here and here but not substantial similarities from
17 the signature on the registration record and the
18 petition.

19 MEMBER MANIFOLD: How often -- what's our
20 policy on people's signatures? They have to do
21 reregistration?

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: They have to update
23 their registration. They have to send it to us, and
24 we update their registration.

1 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Even when somebody
2 sends in for an absentee ballot, we don't pull that
3 signature even though it's the new?

4 MR. WEDEKIND: We cannot.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: No. They have to
6 update. They have to tell us this is an update to
7 whatever.

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: If the signatures
9 were not to match on an absentee ballot, for example,
10 they could be sent a notice back to say this did not
11 match. If you are claiming this is a new signature,
12 please update us and then we can proceed with
13 counting the absentee ballot. Is that correct, Todd?

14 MR. WEDEKIND: Correct, correct.

15 MEMBER MANIFOLD: I think I will change
16 my vote on this one because I think it does not match
17 the signature -- registration signature if we are not
18 allowed to use -- clearly it matches the poll book.

19 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: It doesn't match.

20 MEMBER MANIFOLD: It definitely doesn't
21 match the --

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: On the candidate's
23 list, protest.

24 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Candidate Andrew Trout,

1 I think it clearly matches the poll book but.

2 MEMBER MARINELLO: If we disregard that,
3 yeah.

4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: So what did that give
5 you? Yes or no?

6 MEMBER MANIFOLD: That would be no.
7 Do you want to go to the next one?

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yeah. Do you want to
9 pass that down to Bill?

10 Next one is Jayme Staley which was split
11 two nos, two yeses.

12 MR. MACKEY: That one should not have
13 been counted. She is in the Hilliard School
14 District.

15 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Oh, we did not know
16 that.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Oh, wrong school
18 district so that's a no. Yeah. Why don't you mark
19 that.

20 Next one is --

21 MR. PARETTI: That was a candidate
22 appeal.

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I'm sorry?

24 MR. PARETTI: That was a candidate

1 appeal, if I'm correct.

2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes, right. It's the
3 same thing on this one. We tied on this, the wrong
4 school district. And then the protestor's Charkel
5 Buchanan Suber, I think this was the case where the
6 most recent registration that we believe we have from
7 2009, obviously there is some similarities here but
8 this is substantially different in the most recent
9 registration and this.

10 MEMBER SINNOTT: That was my thought too.
11 I was having a hard time interpreting this in terms
12 of a new name because there isn't anything remotely
13 resembling the signature on the petition and the last
14 registration signature.

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yeah. You can see a
16 printed version, although where the Board's materials
17 call for the signature and a petition which calls for
18 a signature, we have substantial difference. I think
19 you would call this printed, whereas, this would be
20 some version of cursive.

21 Harold, you were referencing the
22 difference early in this meeting printed versus
23 cursive.

24 MR. ANDERSON: Signature is the person's

1 signature in cursive.

2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Unless it's always --

3 MR. ANDERSON: Unless it's always been
4 something else, either a mark or block.

5 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: The signature here,
6 the signature here.

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: The other item I
8 would like to add on this one, that I just noticed
9 actually, if you look at the second signature at the
10 bottom there, that one she spells her name -- her
11 first name with two Ls at the end of Charkel, but on
12 the petition she only uses one L which I didn't
13 notice until just right now.

14 MEMBER MANIFOLD: I'm still -- I don't
15 think I am going to change this, but I'm satisfied
16 like a lot of people, I guess, that have hyphenated,
17 they sometimes use one, they use the other.

18 MR. PARETTI: So could I just -- so the
19 Board's position on valid signature is the most
20 recent signature only the Board receives and no other
21 documents that the Board may be in possession of?
22 That is what the legal definition of a signature is?
23 So I would go back to the other ones, to Mr. Trout
24 and this one. What defines a legal signature, the

1 last thing you received or is it something you have?

2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: We are really not
3 debating what is or isn't --

4 MR. PARETTI: But that's what matters
5 though with this.

6 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: -- signatures.

7 MR. PARETTI: You have some other
8 evidence that the Board is in possession of that
9 shows her signature that should, I would think,
10 consist of a Board document that matches her
11 signature, same thing with Mr. Trout.

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I think as Mr. Sinnott
13 said earlier, we don't go fishing around for all the
14 records here or people's records in other places that
15 may have various versions of what -- what the
16 signature may be at a given time. What we can pretty
17 much only do is compare what is marked on the
18 petition and what is marked in the signature.

19 MR. PARETTI: Those were provided by the
20 Board of Elections.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: In the signature
22 line -- I understand -- in this context and in the
23 signature line of the -- of the petition. When I
24 compare the signature line 4 of the Charkel Suber

1 signature line on the petition, it is not at all
2 similar to the signature on file as the most recent
3 registration. That's the standard I'm using.

4 MR. PARETTI: Does that mean under the
5 legal definition of what her signature should look
6 like? Because we had -- we have other documents
7 here.

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. We are going to
9 have to move forward, Dominic.

10 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Yeah. I don't think I
11 am probably going to move off my. My feeling is that
12 it matches one of the signatures available on file
13 being her maiden name.

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Kim, what about you?

15 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yeah, I agree. I am
16 going to stick with my decision.

17 MEMBER SINNOTT: We can agree to
18 disagree.

19 MR. ANDERSON: You need a formal vote on
20 that because it's going to have to be submitted to
21 the Secretary of State's Office to break that tie.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: If it's material.

23 MR. ANDERSON: No. It's going to be
24 material. He's one signature off.

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Well, we are not done
2 yet.

3 MR. ANDERSON: Okay.

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: It may be.

5 MR. ANDERSON: True. You're correct, I'm
6 sorry.

7 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay.

8 MR. ANDERSON: I got one ahead of myself.

9 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Bridgette Tupes.

10 MEMBER MANIFOLD: I was happy that the
11 last name matched. It looked to me like this here
12 was -- this here she makes this appear -- it's kind
13 of got the thing going on. It looks like her first
14 name she kind of wrote it out more than she normally
15 does, but she printed and signed.

16 MEMBER SINNOTT: Well, I'm not looking at
17 the first name. I'm not --

18 MEMBER MANIFOLD: She wrote out her first
19 name more in cursive than she probably normally does
20 and then she did her normal scratch which is her last
21 name. It's really tough, you know. I think it's
22 hard to judge, I guess, what matches and what part
23 doesn't. I was satisfied that the last name matched.

24 MEMBER MARINELLO: Uh-huh.

1 MEMBER SINNOTT: Simply put I didn't
2 think those were substantially similar.

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Which is where I come
4 in too. Put that one aside.

5 This is the Lazelle Street, Apartment B,
6 no voter registered at this address, signature
7 matches the petition.

8 MR. MACKEY: We coded this as a valid
9 signature.

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Make yourself clear
11 here.

12 MR. MACKEY: They live in Apartment C.
13 That's how we coded it.

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. So you went
15 to -- is there an Apartment B? Or you just looked at
16 this address and came up with this?

17 MR. MACKEY: Whoever was checking it I
18 think erroneously coded it for this person who lives
19 in Apartment C.

20 MEMBER MANIFOLD: See, I always look for
21 identifying marks, and I thought that this J at the
22 front was the J here because I -- I must confess
23 nobody can read my handwriting. I do a Z and then a
24 scratch, and then I do an M and a scratch. There's

1 nothing else there.

2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Again, it is not about
3 whether you can read it or not, whether they are the
4 same squiggly lines or not. To me those are probably
5 not the same person.

6 MEMBER MANIFOLD: I'm just not sure.
7 Originally I could see the J, I thought I saw the J,
8 and then I saw -- could tell the Jr. part.

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Are we still
10 talking about the Lazelle Street?

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Uh-huh.

12 MEMBER MANIFOLD: I guess I'm going to
13 switch to no because this is the weird thing, the
14 apartment doesn't match up which is totally throwing
15 me off, although I think I see the loops, two of them
16 at least. I'm not sure. I'm just not comfortable
17 counting this one. So I guess I would vote no.

18 MR. ANDERSON: Which one was that?

19 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Lazelle Street,
20 petition 1461, line 19.

21 MEMBER MARINELLO: I'm going to stick.

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: It's a tie and it
23 would be a no?

24 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Yeah.

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Then you have the ones
2 that we didn't tie on.

3 MEMBER MANIFOLD: These are the two.

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: These are the two that
5 we continue to tie on.

6 MR. ANDERSON: Yes.

7 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. Why don't you
8 pass those back.

9 MR. ANDERSON: Well, we are going to need
10 a vote on those because he is two short.

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Well, I think he
12 talked about others.

13 MEMBER MANIFOLD: That was a tie.

14 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: But he is saying no.

15 MEMBER MANIFOLD: But he was at 299.

16 MR. ANDERSON: That will move him to 298.

17 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Counted that one?

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: If you vote --

19 MEMBER MANIFOLD: He's at 299 before you
20 count the vote so then that's one of the ties.

21 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: But that moves him --
22 that moves him as a -- that was a protested one so
23 that becomes no, can't count it. So he becomes yet
24 another vote short.

1 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Okay.

2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: 298.

3 MR. ANDERSON: The two ties.

4 MEMBER SINNOTT: Do we now have at that
5 end of the table a sufficiently clear documentary
6 record of what's in and what's out?

7 MR. ANDERSON: Yes.

8 MEMBER SINNOTT: All right. So then I
9 move for referral to the Secretary the two disputed
10 signatures on which the Board is -- had a two to two
11 division, those being the signature captioned
12 Bridgette Tupes and the signature captioned Charkel
13 Buchanan Suber.

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I'll second that.
15 And, well, this is -- Harold, you are saying this is
16 as with any time we refer to the Secretary of State.

17 MR. ANDERSON: Because whether or not the
18 petition is valid is going to swing on those two
19 signatures.

20 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: So I will -- was that
21 moved and seconded?

22 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.

23 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Do a roll call vote.
24 Kimberly Marinello.

1 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Zachary Manifold.

3 Motion to send it to the Secretary of State.

4 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Yes.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Douglas Preisse.

6 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

7 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Bradley Sinnott.

8 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.

9 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Motion --

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Might I

11 interject? I don't know that's necessarily a tie

12 vote. I think the way you have to do the motion is

13 whether to accept the signature or not accept the

14 signature.

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Oh, we have to tie on

16 something first and then refer to the Secretary of

17 State.

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: That's correct.

19 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Let me try that again.

20 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: All right.

21 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We would like to

22 ignore that, take that out.

23 MR. ANDERSON: Actually the referral is

24 necessary.

1 MEMBER SINNOTT: Harold, go ahead and
2 offer commentary guiding this process.

3 MR. ANDERSON: All the signatures and
4 vote yes or no.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Okay. Required to
6 report on the signature of --

7 MEMBER SINNOTT: Wait, Mr. Director.
8 Hold on a second.

9 Mr. Chairman, I move the exclusion from
10 the count of valid signatures the signature described
11 as Charkel Buchanan Suber.

12 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

14 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Kim Marinello.

15 MEMBER MARINELLO: No.

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Zachary Manifold.

17 MEMBER MANIFOLD: No.

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Douglas Preisse.

19 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

20 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Bradley Sinnott.

21 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All right. We have a
23 tie vote.

24 MEMBER SINNOTT: Mr. Chairman, I move the

1 exclusion from the count of valid signatures the
2 signature referred to as Bridgette Tupes.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Kim Marinello.

6 MEMBER MARINELLO: No.

7 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Pardon?

8 MEMBER MARINELLO: No.

9 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Zachary Manifold.

10 MEMBER MANIFOLD: No.

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Douglas Preisse.

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Bradley Sinnott.

14 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.

15 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Another tie vote.

16 MEMBER SINNOTT: Is there an automatic
17 referral?

18 MR. ANDERSON: You have done the
19 referral.

20 MEMBER SINNOTT: Very good. We just did
21 it backwards. We did the referral before we did the
22 vote.

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. Now, I think we
24 can move on to the matter of Jacqueline Taylor.

1 MR. PARETTI: You are not going to
2 respond to my two requests to reconsider
3 Mr. Carpenter and Mr. McDermott in closing the
4 matter?

5 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I think that we had
6 the discussion and examined the record thoroughly.

7 MR. PARETTI: Okay.

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: What do we have re --
9 why don't we have a report about where we stand with
10 Jacqueline Taylor again.

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Jacqueline Taylor, she
12 is at 290 -- I mean 293.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And the tally?

14 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The tally was the
15 protestor ended up tallying 18 votes that were no
16 which left her at 288, and the candidate's appeal she
17 had 5 yes votes that brought her to 293. And she
18 started with 296 valid signatures. And we have
19 four -- five ties on that one.

20 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yeah. We will hear
21 from Ms. Taylor and then why don't we follow along,
22 withhold our discussion in the interest of time
23 between us unless you have a very specific question.

24 Do you want to state your name for the

1 record, please.

2 MS. TAYLOR: Jacqueline, Jacqueline M.
3 Taylor. Good evening, Board. The first thing I want
4 to bring up is as the petitions were -- the documents
5 were circulated around the table, there was
6 discussion about Jasmine Ransom signing the petition
7 twice. Mrs. Ransom did not sign the petition twice.
8 Where you see the page that indicates petition 191,
9 line 1, that signature is not Ms. Ransom's. That is
10 her husband's signature, not hers. So regard -- so
11 whether it's valid --

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: 190 --

13 MS. TAYLOR: 191, line 1, that is her
14 husband Anthony Ransom, not Jasmine's. And that was
15 one of the exhibits from the protestor Ms. Reece. So
16 I did just want to restate that. Mrs. Ransom did not
17 sign the petition twice. Her signature is on the
18 same petition 191 but she is line 8.

19 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. Do you want to
20 go to the next one?

21 MS. TAYLOR: Sure. So I'm looking at the
22 nos on the protestor's document. And I'm looking at
23 petition -- I'm looking at petition 189, line 10.
24 Miss Felicia Valentino, the ruling I believe that was

1 handed down was, no, it was not a match. That is in
2 my estimation a match. I did see Ms. Valentino sign
3 this. Have you found it yet?

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Uh-huh.

5 MS. TAYLOR: What I am talking about?

6 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. And then --

7 MS. TAYLOR: Addition --

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And then the next one,
9 please.

10 MS. TAYLOR: Also in that packet petition
11 191, line 2, signature from Von Hubbard on the
12 petition and his signature's on file, looks like a
13 match to me. I believe your ruling it was a no. I
14 did see him sign it since he is my son.

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. And next.

16 MS. TAYLOR: And then in that same packet
17 petition 206, line 11, Ms. Syreeta Lacey, it looks
18 like the ruling was a no. My estimation is it's a
19 yes, but your eyes are well trained -- better trained
20 than mine.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And you said what
22 about this one again?

23 MS. TAYLOR: I'm sorry, sir?

24 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Would you say again?

1 I was looking for it. What's your comment?

2 MS. TAYLOR: It's the same packet,
3 petition 206.

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I am looking at it.
5 What was your comment about this one?

6 MS. TAYLOR: Syreeta Lacey, I said in my
7 estimation it looks like a signature match. Your
8 vote was all nos but what I said was in my estimation
9 probably doesn't matter because your eyes are better
10 than mine.

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay.

12 MS. TAYLOR: That was what I said.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. And next,
14 please.

15 MS. TAYLOR: Should I be addressing the
16 ties or not? If not, I'll just --

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yeah, I think.

18 MS. TAYLOR: So one of the ties, petition
19 No. 205, line 6, and this was one of the -- one of
20 the signatures that I had discovered. Initially it
21 was indicated as illegible. We were able to match
22 that in the signatory for the elector as Matthew
23 Dawson. The vote at the table that was -- it was a
24 tie. It appears to be a match.

1 MEMBER MARINELLO: 205.

2 MS. TAYLOR: 205, line 6, Matthew Dawson.

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. And the next
4 one, please.

5 MS. TAYLOR: The next one is -- and I am
6 going to the nos and this was one that I appealed,
7 petition No. 194, line 14.

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: One moment, please.
9 194.

10 MS. TAYLOR: 194, line 14.

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Right.

12 MS. TAYLOR: And this is Ms. Jeannine
13 Mays. Initial ruling on the petition indicated it
14 was illegible. We were able to discern it was, in
15 fact, Jeannine Mays. Vote at the table was no, that
16 it was not a match. I'm looking at it, and it
17 appears to be a match to me.

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: 194, line 14.

19 MS. TAYLOR: 194, line 14.

20 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I'm pulling out the
21 ones she's talking about if that's helpful for our
22 discussion at the end of her presentation. Okay.

23 MS. TAYLOR: I believe the ruling on
24 Jasmine Ransom was it was not the correct address.

1 She had --

2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. Which one is
3 that, please?

4 MS. TAYLOR: Petition 191, line 8,
5 Jasmine Ransom, I believe the ruling was that she was
6 not registered at the -- the address she placed on
7 the petition was a mixture of addresses so I will not
8 argue that.

9 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So what's your point
10 on this one?

11 MS. TAYLOR: My indication was I'm in
12 agreement with what you have with your ruling.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay.

14 MS. TAYLOR: It was one of the ones I
15 appealed.

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I see. Okay.

17 MS. TAYLOR: And then finally petition
18 191, line 9, Adrian Calloway, I believe the
19 indication on the original petition indicated NG, not
20 genuine. As I -- as we looked at the signature on
21 file, it appears to be enough of a signification that
22 the signature matches. Your ruling around the table
23 was no.

24 And that concludes my address to you. I

1 am bringing your documents back to you.

2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. Thank you very
3 much.

4 MEMBER SINNOTT: Bill.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yes.

6 MEMBER SINNOTT: As we did before, can we
7 begin our discussion with the ones we are divided?

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Well, you sure can.

9 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And then I think I
10 have them. I have -- let's do it the same way.

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Okay. Here are the
12 protestor's. Let me see that, Kim. That's not the
13 protestor's. That's the protestor's. And those are
14 the tie votes.

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay.

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And the single one
17 is --

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Candidate.

19 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: -- for the candidate.

20 MEMBER MANIFOLD: This one, it looked to
21 me -- because Matthew Dawson on 205, line 6, it
22 looked like he just kind of smooshed it looked like.
23 The signature, it just looked like he crammed it
24 together. It looks really tight.

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I see significant
2 difference in the D, significant difference in the
3 beginning of the M.

4 MEMBER SINNOTT: Why don't we set that
5 one aside for the moment.

6 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: This one is 1531
7 Lillian Lane. No matching signatures of anyone
8 registered at this address.

9 MEMBER SINNOTT: I just didn't find any
10 similarities here.

11 MEMBER MANIFOLD: See, I always look for
12 identifying marks. I saw I think it looks -- see,
13 there's a hoop to their -- to -- on this last name I
14 kind of look for identifying like major marks, that I
15 saw the hoop in the last name and this looks like it
16 is cut off here on ours, but it looks like maybe
17 that's an L that goes up. I don't know. It looks
18 like identifying marks to me. I thought it was a
19 match. It was good enough for me.

20 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Petition 184, line 8,
21 you mean this is a signature on file and it's a
22 cursive signature. This is some form of printed in
23 my estimation.

24 MEMBER MANIFOLD: This is the one -- this

1 is -- I think she goes back and forth even on her
2 name on file, like the M down here looks like she
3 printed. Even the one on -- this is on file, right?
4 It almost looks like she -- this person tends to go
5 back and forth even on file, printed in their
6 signature like certain letters are, this is one of
7 those like half and half where they go back and forth
8 on printed signature. It looked good enough for me.

9 MEMBER SINNOTT: I didn't. The signature
10 in the petition wasn't a match of record with the
11 Board. Why don't we set that in the pile.

12 MEMBER MANIFOLD: We have two here.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: This is the one on the
14 petition. Here is the registration. I don't know
15 what that is. Whatever they are they don't --
16 neither one of them looks to me like the one on the
17 petition.

18 MEMBER MANIFOLD: What's this on the
19 bottom here?

20 MR. MACKEY: Signatures.

21 MEMBER SINNOTT: I would agree these two
22 substantially match.

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: But not on the
24 petition.

1 MEMBER SINNOTT: But they don't match on
2 the petition.

3 MEMBER MANIFOLD: I don't know why, for
4 whatever reason the one here on the bottom, this is
5 on file, this is pretty close to me.

6 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yeah.

7 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: 187, line 5, Keisha D.
8 Pointer.

9 MEMBER SINNOTT: Some of these it just
10 reduces to whether you think this is that. In this
11 instance I didn't think it looked alike.

12 MEMBER MANIFOLD: I don't see the last
13 name. I see the first name isn't that far off and
14 then the initial and then the last name it's one.
15 What do you think?

16 MEMBER MARINELLO: Uh-huh.

17 MEMBER MANIFOLD: My liberal
18 interpretation.

19 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Petition 197, line 12,
20 Leslie A. Marshall.

21 MEMBER SINNOTT: My thought of that one
22 there wasn't much that matched.

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: This doesn't look like
24 it, Marshall with the Marshall down here. That's a

1 Leslie. I guess it's an L.

2 MEMBER MANIFOLD: I agree.

3 MEMBER MARINELLO: I am going to make
4 kind --

5 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Yeah. I tend to think
6 that one is in there. Yeah, Leslie Marshall, 197.

7 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Why don't you mark it.

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Would you speak
9 up so we could get that one on the record.

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yeah. The last one --

11 MEMBER MARINELLO: 197, line 12.

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: -- 197, line 12, the
13 Board is in agreement that it should not be included.
14 As to the four --

15 MEMBER MANIFOLD: The ones that she
16 mentioned, were there ones we didn't talk about she
17 mentioned?

18 MEMBER SINNOTT: If there is any that you
19 want us to examine, I think any Board member can call
20 it up for reexamination, any particular matter,
21 whether the candidate has brought it to our attention
22 during the presentation.

23 MEMBER MANIFOLD: I might have saw one or
24 two in her presentation. Are these the ones -- these

1 are all the ones --

2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Those are the ones she
3 brought up. Some are tied, may have touched on
4 already.

5 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Yeah. Some of these we
6 may have. She was not contesting that one.

7 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: She was not contesting
8 that one. That one we already handled. We agreed
9 first examination that was not recognizable.

10 MEMBER MANIFOLD: We voted no.

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Can I see that one?

12 MEMBER MARINELLO: Did we set these
13 aside?

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: This one, I was just
15 saying this one we were all in agreement this is
16 cursive signature, this is clearly a letter, although
17 some of it is not. That we agreed on at first blush.

18 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Before we are done
19 there is a couple Mr. Paretti mentioned that I
20 didn't -- I wanted to look at again that I never got
21 that we looked at when he was up there, and then we
22 didn't go through for.

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Let's finish.

24 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Before we are done.

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Finish with
2 Jacqueline.

3 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Yeah. I'm happy with
4 these.

5 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. And we have
6 four that you have not indicated any change and
7 neither have we.

8 MEMBER SINNOTT: Do we have a clear
9 record of the Board?

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Those we are not
11 changing. These I ripped out of my packet so I could
12 examine anything with Jacqueline.

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I need the ones I gave
14 you all.

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: We got those because
16 we were probably going to vote on them, tie.

17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Okay.

18 MEMBER MANIFOLD: We are going to vote
19 and tie, but it doesn't make a difference.

20 MR. ANDERSON: It doesn't make a
21 difference.

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: You added one. She's
23 actually at 292 now.

24 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I see.

1 MR. ANDERSON: So it would be a motion to
2 remove her from the ballot.

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: For insufficient
4 signatures.

5 MR. ANDERSON: Even with the ties.

6 MEMBER MANIFOLD: The ties on that --

7 MR. ANDERSON: The ties on that one don't
8 matter.

9 MEMBER SINNOTT: Are you certain we don't
10 need any record on these disputed signatures?

11 MR. ANDERSON: Yeah. They don't matter.

12 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: It's not enough.

13 MEMBER SINNOTT: And the motion is to
14 exclude.

15 MR. ANDERSON: To remove her from the
16 ballot.

17 MEMBER SINNOTT: Mr. Chairman, I move we
18 remove from the ballot Jacqueline Taylor as a
19 candidate for Columbus Board of Education.

20 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those -- roll call
23 vote. Kim Marinello.

24 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Zach Manifold.

2 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Yes.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Douglas Preisse.

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And Bradley Sinnott.

6 MEMBER SINNOTT: Aye.

7 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Okay. I need those
8 back.

9 MEMBER MANIFOLD: David Carpenter, there
10 was one he mentioned during -- Mr. Paretti mentioned
11 during his.

12 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Before we start can I
13 have the tie sheets back so I can keep --

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: There are these four.

15 MEMBER MANIFOLD: It's just Kyle
16 McDermott. He mentioned it. I thought of it when he
17 brought it up. I can see the Kyle getting kind of
18 condensed. And then he said when he was up there he
19 could see the M-C and then kind of scribbled the
20 rest. I think yes to this one as well. So I think I
21 would add that for us unless you are a no.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: May I look at it
23 again?

24 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes, you may.

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Could you tell
2 us --

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: 1476, line 9. Contend
4 no voter registered at this address with same
5 signature match.

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Was a part of the
7 protestor or the --

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Protestor's. I mean,
9 just I understand there may be a personal
10 relationship there.

11 MEMBER MANIFOLD: No, no.

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: But, again, when I
13 look at it even in the aforementioned similarities,
14 when he called it to my attention, significant
15 differences in the D --

16 MEMBER MANIFOLD: I wasn't sure when we
17 first looked at this, and it stuck in my head. I
18 wasn't 100 percent certain. I want to look at it
19 before I leave.

20 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: We agreed on that one
21 when we first looked at it. We were all in agreement
22 that it was not substantially the same and there were
23 substantial differences.

24 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Give me that number

1 again.

2 MEMBER MANIFOLD: 1476.

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I don't think we tied.

4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: 1476, line 9? It was
5 a no. It was all nos.

6 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Yeah. I struggled with
7 this one.

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: What are you saying
9 now?

10 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Just the more I keep
11 looking at it the more I don't know. It's one of
12 those where --

13 MEMBER MARINELLO: Where you are signing
14 it up.

15 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Percentage of --

16 MEMBER MARINELLO: I will change my
17 statement.

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: So you want to change
19 yours to a yes?

20 MEMBER MANIFOLD: I do.

21 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: So that would be --
23 that would --

24 MEMBER SINNOTT: Bill, let me suggest

1 this, it sounds to me like two members of the Board
2 who previously were in majority now want to call for
3 a reconsideration of a vote where they were a part of
4 the majority which would be proper under general
5 rules of parliamentary procedure. Why don't we have
6 a motion on an acceptance of the Kyle McDermott
7 signature, we can have a vote, and then become --
8 perhaps give them to the Secretary.

9 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Because it would make
10 it a tie vote then.

11 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Uh-huh.

12 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: So a motion.

13 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, I would
14 like to --

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Reconsider.

16 MEMBER MANIFOLD: -- reconsider petition
17 1476, line 9, Dominic Paretti's signature of it looks
18 like Kyle McDermott of 164 Charleston Avenue, and I
19 would like to include that in the count.

20 MR. ANDERSON: Accept the signature as
21 valid?

22 MEMBER MANIFOLD: To accept, yeah, to
23 accept the signature as valid.

24 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

1 MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Kimberly Marinello.

3 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Zachary Manifold.

5 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Yes.

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Douglas Preisse.

7 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: No.

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Bradley Sinnott.

9 MEMBER SINNOTT: No.

10 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I didn't find it.

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Automatically goes to
12 the Secretary.

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yeah, right.

14 MEMBER SINNOTT: Mr. Chairman, I move we
15 adjourn.

16 MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

17 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Aye, all in favor aye.

19 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We stand adjourned.

20 (Thereupon, the meeting was concluded at
21 6:27 p.m.)

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I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

Karen Sue Gibson, Registered
Merit Reporter.

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