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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.

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