

BEFORE THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Special Meeting. :

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PROCEEDINGS

before Chairman Douglas J. Preisze, Director William A. Anthony, Jr., Deputy Director Dana Walch, and Board Members Zachary E. Manifold, Bradley K. Sinnott, and Kimberly E. Marinello, at the Franklin County Board of Elections, 280 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, called at 3 p.m. on Monday, August 5, 2013.

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1 ALSO PRESENT:

2 Ms. Suzanne Brown,
3 Executive Assistant to the Board.

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Monday Afternoon Session,

August 5, 2013.

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DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Then I would like to call the Franklin County Board of Elections monthly meeting of August 5 to order.

I will need a roll-call.

Kimberly Marinello.

BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Zachary Manifold.

BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Douglas Preisse.

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And Bradley Sinnott.

BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Mr. Chairman, we have
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The first order of business will be to approve the minutes of the May 20, June 3, and June 6, 2013, minutes.

BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board approve the minutes of the May 20, June 3, June 6, 2013, meetings of the Franklin County Board of Elections as submitted.

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

2 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor.

4 I'm sending around -- motion carries.

5 I'm sending around for you guys all to sign.

6 The next item on the agenda will be the
7 withdrawal of candidates for Franklin County
8 Municipal Court Judge Environmental Division.

9 MEMBER SINNOTT: We would have a
10 withdrawal letter?

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yeah, we do. We had
12 two of them.

13 MR. WALCH: Yes. We did -- we had two
14 withdrawals, candidates withdrawal, Michael Cassone
15 and Martin Nobile both withdrew as candidates for the
16 Franklin County Municipal Court for the Environmental
17 Judge position, the Environmental Division position,
18 and so we were just asking for acceptance of those
19 withdrawals so that they would not appear as
20 candidates on the November ballot.

21 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Very well. I move
22 that the Board accept the withdrawal of Michael
23 Cassone as a candidate for Franklin County Municipal
24 Court with the unexpired term ending January 7, 2016,

1 and that his name shall not appear in the November,
2 2013, General Election Ballot.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Do we have a second?

4 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor.

6 Second motion will be for Martin Nobile.

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Nobile I believe
8 it is.

9 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, I
10 move that the Board accept the withdrawal of Martin
11 Nobile as a candidate for Franklin County Municipal
12 Court with the unexpired term ending January 7, 2016,
13 and that his name shall not appear on the November,
14 2013, General Election Ballot.

15 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Second.

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor.

17 And, now, we have a certification for a
18 replacement candidate for Franklin County Municipal
19 Court Judge. I guess all that paperwork came in. I
20 remember looking at it.

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: The committee
22 that was representing Michael Cassone met and they
23 submitted a replacement and filed the appropriate
24 paperwork to nominate Daniel Hawkins as replacement

1 candidate for the Environmental Court seat of
2 Municipal Court.

3 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, I move
4 the Board accept the Certificate of Choice by
5 Committee to Fill a Vacancy Nomination form filed on
6 July 25, 2013, nominating Daniel Hawkins as a
7 candidate for the Franklin County Municipal Court
8 Judge seat with an unexpired term ending January 7,
9 2016, on the November, 2013, General Election Ballot.

10 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Second.

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor.

12 Motion carries.

13 We put back on the agenda the Foster
14 Grandparent partnership that we had talked about
15 several meetings ago. We have the good folks from
16 the Foster Grandparent folks here, and if you had any
17 more questions or concerns, they are here to answer
18 them.

19 Would you guys want to say anything?

20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Steve, I don't
21 know if you want to come up and talk for just a
22 second and introduce our two guests and have them
23 present anything they would like to or questions.

24 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Could you put into

1 context, please, for us just a few sentences about
2 the discussion we had and then the delay and then set
3 it up for today's meeting.

4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Well, Steve could
5 probably do it better than both of us.

6 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay.

7 MR. BULEN: That's a lot of pressure.

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: It is.

9 MR. BULEN: Thank you, Director Anthony,
10 Mr. Chairman, Board Members, Deputy Director Walch.

11 Thank you for taking time today to put
12 this on your agenda so we may discuss it again. In
13 front of you you have a flier with a little Post-it
14 note, some just highlights of what we are going to
15 talk about today. The flier is something we have
16 created that we would like to use to recruit poll
17 workers. Also a packet has been provided by the
18 Foster Grandparent Organization that tells a little
19 bit about what they do.

20 We have two special guests with us today.
21 I would like to introduce them. We have Shryiell
22 Owens who is the Director of the Foster Grandparent
23 Program; and with her is Charles Leister, the
24 Chairman of the Advisory Council for the Foster

1 Grandparent Program.

2 As you know, each election we recruit
3 anywhere from 3,500 to 4,500 plus poll workers, and
4 the nuances of knowing who is coming back and who
5 isn't is what makes our job fun and exciting and
6 challenging, anything from personal schedules, work
7 schedules, seasons of life, whatever else keeps us
8 guessing as to who we'll be able to use again from
9 one election to the next so the more we have the
10 poll -- from the larger the pool of poll workers the
11 better for us and so ventures like the Champions of
12 Democracy, Youth at the Booth just increases the
13 number of poll workers we can use to schedule with
14 each election.

15 So that's what we are interested in
16 pursuing with the Foster Grandparent Program. You
17 see numbers in front of you from the General Election
18 of 2012. We had 4,751 total poll workers. That's on
19 your yellow Post-it note. Of those 2,124 are
20 currently over 55 years of age and that's 44.71
21 percent.

22 And so by working in conjunction with the
23 Foster Grandparent Program, we target a large
24 demographic of poll workers we are currently serving.

1 At the same time on the flier that they provided on
2 the packet, you'll see some benefits that they
3 provide poll workers who would serve in this program,
4 an annual physical exam, meals during service,
5 supplemental insurance, so in our opinion we think
6 it's a win-win situation. And thank you for
7 considering this program.

8 And Ms. Owens, Mr. Leister, and I are
9 here to answer any questions that you might have
10 concerning a joint venture with them.

11 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Steve, could you
12 elaborate on what it is? What is it that we would be
13 doing and what would the Foster Grandparents be
14 doing?

15 MR. BULEN: Yes, sir. We're going to
16 start out small, and one of the things we've talked
17 about is simply using the fliers that you see in
18 front of you. They will provide us with a flier to
19 educate our poll workers about the program of
20 becoming a Foster Grandparent, and then they will use
21 our flier to educate the folks they work with to --
22 about becoming a poll worker.

23 And so it's just a small little step and
24 we'll see how that works, and the nice thing about

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1 Ms. Owens and Mr. Leister is they are willing to
2 explore other opportunities that, you know, can
3 expand both sides of the program so. But we'll start
4 out with simply educating our poll workers about
5 their program and vice versa.

6 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Educating them by
7 providing this flier electronically and/or in person
8 at training sessions or mailings or what are the
9 anticipated actions and costs to the Board?

10 MR. BULEN: For starters we would include
11 their flier in a packet that would be mailed to all
12 of our poll workers at the start of our recruiting
13 season which would be early September.

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: The mailing is going
15 out already anyway.

16 MR. BULEN: Correct, for starters.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: For starters.

18 MR. BULEN: And then we've not discussed
19 how they will use -- getting our information out, but
20 I am pretty confident they will find ways.

21 One thing I also want to add is that
22 both -- both of them are two of our best voting
23 location managers who are currently serving in our --
24 as poll workers, and so they know the ins and outs of

1 working the poles and so that's an added benefit.

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: This is just another
3 way involving our reach out there. We currently have
4 relationships with some corporations in the county
5 and some state agencies to provide us with poll
6 workers and this is just another method to keep our
7 pool of poll workers coming -- coming into our
8 organization.

9 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And, Steve, you would
10 be the manager internally that would be promoting,
11 monitoring this program.

12 MR. BULEN: Yes, sir. I will work
13 closely with both Ms. Owens and Mr. Leister.

14 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Steve, I notice
15 there is a listing on the yellow Post-it note of four
16 benefits, things that are provided by the Foster
17 Grandparent Program. These would be the four things
18 that all foster grandparents receive? This isn't
19 peculiar to poll workers, right?

20 MS. OWENS: Thank you for allowing us to
21 be here.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Could you state your
23 name and title for the record, please.

24 MS. OWENS: Sure. My name is Shryiell

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1 Owens, and I'm the Director of the Foster Grandparent
2 Program. One of the things foster grandparents do is
3 mentor children in schools, day care centers, and
4 developmental disability agencies. So we provide for
5 them a monthly -- hourly stipend. We give them a
6 transportation allowance, supplemental insurance, and
7 we give them meals during their service hours of all
8 the stations that do provide the meals. We offer
9 this to them, and they have -- and for them to be
10 able to volunteer at least 15 to 20 hours a week.
11 The minimum they can volunteer is 15 hours a week,
12 and they have training and all that with them. So we
13 provide this for them.

14 One of the things we were thinking with
15 the partnership is we have a monthly in-service
16 training. With that monthly in-service training we
17 can provide -- we can give the fliers and let someone
18 come in and talk to them about being poll workers
19 along with you being able to help us to recruit the
20 volunteers that we need to have.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: How many active foster
22 grandparents do you have -- your jurisdiction is
23 Franklin County?

24 MS. OWENS: Our jurisdiction is Franklin,

1 Richland, and Clinton Counties. We do have -- Union
2 is probably one of ours but we don't have volunteers
3 there but we do have volunteers in the other
4 counties.

5 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: How many do you have
6 in Franklin County?

7 MS. OWENS: In Franklin County I can say
8 80 percent of our volunteers. We have 155 so about
9 80 percent of our volunteers are in Franklin County.

10 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: So then the
11 tax-free stipend, annual physical exam, mileage,
12 supplemental insurance, those are all things you get
13 for service as a foster grandparent.

14 MS. OWENS: That's right.

15 MEMBER SINNOTT: These aren't things that
16 would be provided as an incentive of a poll worker?

17 MS. OWENS: Not as a poll worker. If
18 they become a foster grandparent, they will get that.

19 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Okay. Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. Did Mr. Leister
21 wish to make a statement, or is he merely available
22 if we ask?

23 MR. LEISTER: By way of introduction my
24 name is Charles Leister. I am the Chair of the

1 Advisory Council to the Foster Grandparent Program as
2 well as one of the sites in which we have foster
3 grandparents, I'm the senior pastor of the Beginning
4 Christian Center and we have foster grandparents with
5 us this summer as part of a school lunch program for
6 the Groveport-Madison School District and they
7 provide an exceptional service to the children and
8 to -- both in the classroom and in the setting we
9 have both educational and lunch provided.

10 One of the advantages is not only for the
11 children in terms of the -- of them providing
12 nurturing and caring for the children, but it's quite
13 a benefit to the elderly population, to senior
14 citizens, in terms of quality of life where they
15 experience something in contributing to the community
16 so there are significant benefits to that population
17 55 and older besides what we already mentioned in
18 terms of the benefits.

19 So I think for that population, that
20 demographic that we identify within the poll workers,
21 the 44 percent, this is just another opportunity for
22 them to be out in the community providing a service
23 to our population. We think it's an exceptional
24 opportunity, and we want to thank you again for the

1 opportunity to present the program and the
2 possibility of collaborating with the Board. Thank
3 you.

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Does anybody have any
5 questions for Mr. Leister?

6 Well, thank you very much.

7 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: I do have. What
8 all comes within the mailing we send out? What all
9 has to go in? What else is in that mailing, Steve?

10 MR. BULEN: It would be the initial
11 mailing that we target those that have responded yes
12 they are going to work again for this November or
13 we've talked to them, they are going to stay, we send
14 out a commitment card that gives them where they are
15 going to serve in November, gives them the location,
16 gives them the dates and times for their training so
17 it's a packet that they receive initially to get
18 started for the new election.

19 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Okay.

20 MR. BULEN: And my suggestion would be
21 that, you know, instead of trying to target simply 55
22 year old plus I would suggest we target everyone
23 because could be, you know, a parent of a poll worker
24 that would qualify, it could be a grandparent of a

1 poll worker that would qualify, so from a time
2 perspective we just stuff all the envelopes and make,
3 you know, as many people as possible aware of this
4 opportunity.

5 Now, we could separate out 55 year olds
6 and older, but it would be a little bit more time
7 consuming from that respect. I think it's a good
8 program a lot of people would be interested in coming
9 to find out about.

10 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: I think it's a
11 great idea. Do you have any concern -- because you
12 mentioned the Champions of Democracy Program I think
13 it's mostly corporate, right? Is it all corporate
14 members?

15 MR. BULEN: We are also expanding into
16 governmental agencies.

17 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Okay. Is there
18 any concern that, I don't know, as we circuit more
19 and more folks in, that there will be more requests
20 of some sort of reciprocal nature that we will do
21 this if you guys do something for us thing or this is
22 a unique opportunity, I guess?

23 MR. BULEN: It's hard to, you know, say
24 what's going to happen in the future. The way I

1 would approach it, sir, would be, you know, I look at
2 this as a win-win. 44.7 percent of our poll workers
3 fall into the age category that they are serving.
4 And so --

5 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: I think it's a
6 great idea.

7 MR. BULEN: So I would say if -- if it
8 happens, can we take it case by case and go, okay,
9 what's the best response, you know, as we move
10 forward?

11 MEMBER MANIFOLD: Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Any other questions?

13 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Is there any Board
14 action necessary to move forward?

15 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: You know, I don't know
16 if there really is. We just wanted you guys to know
17 we wanted to go into a -- not a partnership but to
18 have a relationship with the Grandparents/Hands On
19 folks and just make you -- you aware of it and then
20 have Steve go back and do what he has to do to make
21 it happen.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I appreciate the
23 information today and I am much better informed and
24 thanks for your visit here today and for -- you are

1 both poll workers too?

2 MR. LEISTER: Yes.

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Thanks for your
4 continued service as well.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: There is no money
6 pass -- there is no money being passed by us to them
7 so.

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Great. Thank you very
9 much.

10 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All right. So from
11 that just so Steve can go back and ask some
12 clarification, proceed.

13 MR. BULEN: Thank you. Thank you very
14 much.

15 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Thank you both for
16 coming out today.

17 MS. OWENS: Thank you.

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Now, the next item on
19 the agenda I stuck on the agenda because that will
20 need Board action and wanted to put it back out
21 there, the League of Women Voters. They wanted us to
22 do a joint venture for the Voters Guide that they put
23 out during the election cycle and they are still very
24 interested in the Board picking up that cost of the

1 Voters Guide. And it's a nonpartisan guide and it's
2 like 200 -- 200 words on it. Just to let you know
3 it's still out there and thinking about it. And if
4 you don't want to do it, I need to kind of let them
5 know and let's move on. I won't keep bringing them
6 back.

7 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Maybe we could have a
8 little executive briefing on where we have been and
9 where we are on that. Maybe we've had that, and I
10 don't recall, but I need it again to get back up to
11 speed.

12 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Well --

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: We don't have to do it
14 now because you are not suggesting we need imminent
15 action.

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: No, I am not.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Just so you've
18 succeeded in provoking that conversation and I am
19 admitting I need to be --

20 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I want to put it back
21 on the -- on all your radar.

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: And here is what
23 we propose, perhaps, Bill, we do have to have another
24 meeting here in a couple of weeks because we have two

1 certified candidates from the General Election Ballot
2 and perhaps Bill and I could get some more
3 information out to each of you about this and it can
4 be a topic of discussion at that next meeting, if I
5 may propose that to the members.

6 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Anybody remember
7 what the cost is?

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: \$6,000. That's what
9 sticks in my head but I'm not sure what the exact
10 cost is.

11 MEMBER SINNOTT: If I remember, \$6,000,
12 we are paying for that whole bulletin.

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yeah, and we only --
14 we've advertised in that bulletin before. And the
15 Dispatch prints it and the Dispatch uses it and it's
16 in all the libraries and they do a big wide
17 distribution of Voters Guides and we get a lot of
18 phone calls in our -- in our office about who is on
19 the ballot and this would help us, hey, go to the
20 Voters Guide because we don't really want to give
21 out, you know, vote yes, vote no on the issues so we
22 basically always refer folks to the Voters Guide.

23 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: I wonder if this
24 shouldn't be wrapped in your annual fall advertising

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1 budget. It's more of the advertising budget because
2 we usually have an advertising budget. It seems like
3 they want us to essentially buy the back page of the
4 ad, right, the back page, essentially an ad buy?

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We have to do an ad in
6 a newspaper of all of our candidates on the ballot.
7 We have to have that there every cycle and this
8 may -- they do have the Voters Guide itself,
9 everybody on the ballot, every office so that
10 would -- that may suffice for that.

11 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Have you started
12 looking at the fall advertising budget yet?

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We don't really
14 have too big of a advertising budget. It's mainly
15 for gubernatorial elections, president years we have
16 some money. As Bill talked about, we do have to by
17 state law do notices of the election six weeks out or
18 something along those lines where we do have to
19 notice it but that one is specifically a newspaper of
20 primary circulation. I forget the exact wording in
21 the state law on that.

22 So that would be something I think that
23 we still have to have the Columbus Dispatch on as it
24 being a major newspaper, but our budget is a lot

1 lower in non-presidential, non-gubinatorial years for
2 advertising.

3 If I remember right too, Bill, I believe
4 Harold was looking into something on this also as we
5 did with the kids voting proposition we had earlier
6 in the year and this will allow me some time and Bill
7 some time to follow back up with Harold to see if
8 there is any legal requirements on that also. We can
9 have that all to you prior to the meeting that we
10 have in a couple of weeks, if that's acceptable to
11 the members.

12 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Sounds good.

13 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Then I move we
14 adjourn.

15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: I'm sorry, just
16 one moment. No other agenda item but we were looking
17 at potentially August 19 which is two weeks from
18 today for a meeting. I would ask if each of you
19 could check your calendars on that to let us know.
20 We do have the certification of candidates for the
21 General Election Ballot. The 19th is the latest date
22 by which we can do that according to statute.

23 We also at the next meeting will bring to
24 you proposed early voting hours for in person

1 absentee voting, and we also are going to have to --
2 we have got some folks working right now on a few
3 precincts that we may have to do some arrangements
4 to -- due to I think you each have the letter in
5 front of you about a few precincts that we have that
6 exceeded the maximum number according to state law so
7 we have got folks working on that right now also but
8 we will have that done in time for if you could do a
9 meeting on the 19th, if that is okay with everybody's
10 schedule.

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Kim and Zach?

12 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: I think so.

13 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: I think.

14 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: 3 o'clock works for
15 everybody?

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yeah.

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Great. Susan
18 will get notice out to each one of you of that
19 meeting.

20 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Motion to adjourn.

21 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor.

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Oh, you are
24 recognizing Brad, all right.

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1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: It has been motioned
2 already.

3 We stand adjourned. There was a vote,
4 right?

5 Thank you all very much.

6 (Thereupon, the hearing was concluded at
7 3:40 p.m.)

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9 CERTIFICATE

10 I do hereby certify that the foregoing is
11 a true and correct transcript of the proceedings
12 taken by me in this matter on Monday, August 5, 2013,
13 and carefully compared with my original stenographic
14 notes.

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18 Karen Sue Gibson, Registered
19 Merit Reporter.

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