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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 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 19, 2013.

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Monday Afternoon Session,

August 19, 2013.

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

I will do the roll call.

Kim Marinello.

MEMBER MARINELLO: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Douglas Preisse.

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Bradley Sinnott.

MEMBER SINNOTT: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Mr. Chairman, we are at a quorum.

First item on the agenda is to set our in-person absentee voting hours. We were looking at -- since this is an off-year cycle we were looking at the hours would be 8:00 to 5:00 Monday through Friday beginning October 1 and ending November 1 and then -- vote 8:00 to 5:00, and then on November 2, we will be open 8:00 to 12:00 noon and voting will be -- will take place here at Memorial Hall.

Any -- any questions? It's similar to

1 what we've done in every off-cycle election that we
2 have had, and we normally have it in this room.

3 MEMBER SINNOTT: Bill, was there early
4 in-person voting until, you know, what, the Saturday
5 before in 2012?

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: 2012 was different.
7 2012 we were up at the voting center, and we had the
8 last Saturday and Sunday.

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: I think we went
10 until 2 o'clock on Saturday and 1 to 5 on Sunday and
11 that was all prescribed by the Secretary of State.

12 MEMBER SINNOTT: Directive on that.

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: These would be
14 the same as we had for the Primary Election this
15 year.

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay.

17 MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move
18 that the Board set the early voting hours from 8:00
19 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday beginning
20 October 1, 2013, and ending November 1, 2013, and
21 Saturday, November 2, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00
22 p.m. at the Memorial Hall, 280 East Broad Street,
23 Columbus, Ohio, and that the 280 East Broad Street
24 location shall serve as the Board's designated

1 provisional voting location.

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

3 MEMBER SINNOTT: There is.

4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor say
5 aye.

6 The motion carries, Mr. Chairman.

7 The next item on the agenda is
8 certification of candidates and issues. And before
9 you we will start I guess as Exhibit A, and Jeff will
10 walk us through this exhibit.

11 MR. MACKEY: Exhibit A will have all the
12 petitions that staff found that meet sufficient and
13 valid. We had 325 total petitions filed for the
14 General Election of which 219 of those were found
15 sufficient and valid. Only 16 were not we will talk
16 about on Exhibit B.

17 MEMBER SINNOTT: So Exhibit A would
18 represent those candidates who filed and upon staff
19 review their candidacy petitions were found to be
20 sufficient.

21 Mr. Chairman, I move the Board certify to
22 the November 5, 2013, General Election ballot those
23 candidates listed on Exhibit A and that these
24 petitions were timely filed before August 7, 2013,

1 and found to be valid and sufficient by the Board's
2 staff.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

4 MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor.

6 Motion carries.

7 Mr. Chair, the next item on the agenda
8 then would be Exhibit B. Mr. Jeff Mackey will go
9 through those and those are the ones that did not
10 make it.

11 MR. MACKEY: On Exhibit B you'll see the
12 candidates who had petitions that were either found
13 to be insufficient or did not have enough valid
14 signatures on them. We had 11 had an incomplete
15 circulator statement, either didn't fill in the
16 circulator statement, didn't sign the circulator
17 statement, or didn't indicate the number of the
18 signatures of the witness. There were three that
19 just didn't have enough valid signatures once we
20 checked all the signatures and two where they did not
21 sign the statement of candidacy on one or more of
22 their petitions, short ballot signatures.

23 There is a description on each candidate
24 there if you are interested, if you have any

1 questions.

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And our staff looked
3 over these several times, and we feel confident that.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: And just for
5 members of the Board, so you know whenever we do have
6 a petition that comes up with an insufficient number
7 of signatures or some other reason, we know that it's
8 going to be potentially disqualified, we do go
9 through and double and triple check all of those to
10 make sure the first person who did the check on it
11 did it correctly and that everything is correct on
12 it, especially in the cases where, you know, an
13 example of somebody needs 25 valid signatures and the
14 first pass it's 24 or something like that. We go
15 through those two and three times to double, triple
16 check and make sure that -- we certainly look for
17 ways to try and include somebody on the ballot as
18 opposed to excluding them from candidate.

19 These ones that are before you in Exhibit
20 B would all be ones upon double or triple checking
21 just have a problem that disqualifies them.

22 MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move
23 that the Board deny certification to the candidates
24 appearing on Exhibit B on the basis that their

1 petitions were either not timely filed or found by
2 staff to be invalid or insufficient and that these
3 candidates will not appear on the November 5, 2013,
4 General Election ballot.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

6 MEMBER SINNOTT: There is.

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

9 Motion carries.

10 The next item on the agenda would be on
11 Exhibit C.

12 MR. MACKEY: All the issues that were
13 filed with us were reviewed by the County
14 Prosecutor's Office and found to be sufficient and
15 valid. Staff recommends certification of all of the
16 issues that were submitted to us timely.

17 MEMBER SINNOTT: Mr. Chairman, I move
18 that the Board certify to the November 5, 2013,
19 General Election ballot those issues listed on
20 Exhibit C and that these issues were timely filed
21 before August 7, 2013, and found to be valid and
22 sufficient by the Board's staff.

23 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

24 MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor say
2 aye.

3 Motion carries.

4 The next item on the agenda would be
5 Exhibit D, Mr. Mackey.

6 MS. PATTON: Exhibit D is the local
7 option questions that we're recommending for
8 certification. There were 29 issues filed, 24 of
9 such projects were found to be valid and sufficient
10 resulting in 30 issues to be certified to the ballot.
11 So Exhibit D we ask that they be certified to the
12 ballot on the grounds that every -- all the
13 requirements were met, and the signatures met the
14 required number.

15 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: As you notice, that's
16 not Mr. Mackey. That would be Carla.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yeah. I looked up.

18 MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move
19 that the Board certify to the November 5, 2013,
20 General Election ballot those local option questions
21 listed on Exhibit D and that these local option
22 questions were timely filed before the August 7,
23 2013, deadline and found to be valid and sufficient
24 by the Board.

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

2 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.

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

5 And then the next would be Exhibit E, and
6 I will go to not Mr. Mackey but Ms. Patton.

7 MS. PATTON: Five local option petitions
8 were found to be insufficient resulting in seven
9 questions contained within on those five local option
10 petitions.

11 The reason for these in -- or the not
12 recommending for certification is a number of them
13 were insufficient number of valid signatures were
14 found. One part petition of a Columbus 45-A the
15 circulator statement indicated 26 signatures when
16 there were 27 on the petition. Therefore, they were
17 insufficient on the number of signatures required as
18 they only filed 5 signatures over the required
19 number.

20 On the other 45-A Wine & Mixed Beverages'
21 liquor petition, after checking three-part petitions,
22 14 signatures were found to be invalid, and they only
23 filed 7 over, therefore, deemed to have an invalid
24 sufficient number of signatures.

1 For the local option on Columbus 77-B an
2 entire part petition was not filled out with the
3 question that was to appear on the ballot as required
4 by Ohio Revised Code. Therefore, 10 of the
5 signatures were invalidated and automatically not
6 allowing them to re -- meet the requirement of
7 sufficient signatures as only 7 extra were filed
8 above the requirement and there was 10 signatures on
9 that petition.

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Did you mention do
11 these, if found to be deficient, undergo the
12 double-check as well?

13 MS. PATTON: Yes. They have all been
14 double-checked. On the ones where -- where they had
15 enough filed and we did not find enough, they were
16 gone through a second time, sometimes even a third
17 time as well as the ones that did not have all the
18 information completed accurately on the petition.
19 Those were double-checked as well to make sure the
20 requirements were not met.

21 MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move
22 that the Board deny certification to the local option
23 questions appearing on Exhibit E on the basis that
24 their petitions were either not timely filed or found

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1 by staff to be invalid or insufficient and that these
2 issues will not appear on the November 5, 2013,
3 General Election ballot.

4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

5 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor say
7 aye.

8 The next item on the agenda is a write-in
9 candidate. Mr. Mackey.

10 MR. MACKEY: Well, we have so far had one
11 write-in candidate file a valid decoration of attempt
12 to be a write-in. Let you guys go ahead and certify
13 him in case no additional write-in candidates come in
14 and we won't have to have a special meeting to
15 certify him. He is running in Riverlea.

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: His name is?

17 MR. MACKEY: Michael D. Blanchard.

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Will you explain that
19 again?

20 MR. MACKEY: Candidates who do not file a
21 regular petition with all the signatures and stuff
22 have up until the 70th day before the election to
23 file a declaration of a write-in candidate. They
24 file a declaration of an attempt to be a write-in

1 candidate. It will include a write-in space on the
2 ballot for them, and then folks for Mike Blanchard,
3 Michael D. Blanchard, Michael Blanchard will all be
4 counted toward his vote count.

5 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: What was the part
6 about -- you mean he has done so; he is the only one.

7 MR. MACKEY: He is the only candidate
8 write-in so we included him in this meeting.
9 Deadline is next Monday for candidates.

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: If we get more, we
11 would have to convene; and if not, you are taking
12 care of it at this meeting. Okay. I understand.

13 MEMBER SINNOTT: I move that Michael D.
14 Blanchard be certified as a valid write-in candidate
15 for the office of Village Council in Riverlea on the
16 November 5, 2013, General Election ballot.

17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

18 MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

19 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor.

20 Motion carries, Mr. Chairman.

21 The next item on the agenda has to do
22 with Board of Elections moving our holidays. Every
23 cycle because Columbus Day falls right in the middle
24 of early vote and then Veterans Day falls right in

1 the middle of our counting provisional ballots and
2 trying to close out the election, we require our
3 folks to work, and so because we require them to
4 work, we -- we give them -- the holiday day on the
5 14th for Columbus Day we give them the day after
6 Thanksgiving and for Veterans Day we give our staff
7 the day before Christmas, Christmas Eve, and we do
8 this through a motion.

9 And we have been doing this about as long
10 as I can remember, at least since the early vote has
11 been 35 days, six or seven.

12 MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move
13 the Board offices will remain open on Columbus Day,
14 October 14, and will instead close on Friday,
15 November 29.

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

17 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor.

19 And then the second motion would be for
20 Veterans Day which is November 11. We will move that
21 holiday to Tuesday, Christmas Eve, December 24.

22 MEMBER SINNOTT: I move that the Board
23 offices will remain open on Veterans Day, November
24 11, and will close instead on Tuesday, December 24.

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

2 MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor.

4 Motion carries.

5 We have several folks that want to use
6 alternative names on the ballot which is -- we get a
7 lot of those questions and that would be on Exhibit
8 F, and Mr. Mackey will walk us through those.

9 MR. MACKEY: On Exhibit F on the cover I
10 included the directive about nicknames should be a
11 derivative of your name. I have a list on the second
12 page of individuals who have requested names
13 different from their full name, if you would like to
14 run through each one briefly, attached letters for
15 some of the people as well.

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Say that again.

17 MR. MACKEY: I have attached the letters
18 again for some of their name requests explaining why
19 they have requested the name to be the way it is. I
20 can hit the highlights for you if you would like.

21 MEMBER SINNOTT: Would you give us just a
22 moment to study this?

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yeah.

24 MR. MACKEY: On the list you will see the

1 full name as we have them registered, and then the
2 ballot name is the way they have requested it to
3 appear with some notes and staff recommendations.

4 MEMBER SINNOTT: So the staff
5 recommendation is to approve all but one?

6 MR. MACKEY: Correct.

7 MEMBER SINNOTT: And that one is an
8 instance where a Eugene wants to be on the ballot as
9 Bud.

10 MR. MACKEY: That doesn't follow the
11 directive for nicknames as far as it being a
12 derivative of any of his natural names.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Oh, wait a minute.
14 That was -- oh, you are recommending denying that.

15 MR. MACKEY: Yes.

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Recommending
17 approval of all of them except that one.

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: We happen to have -- I
19 do have some familiarity with this fella and know him
20 as Bud. I think I've seen letterhead and business
21 cards and everything else with Bud on it. Reading
22 the section of the cover of Exhibit F it talks about
23 our flexibility and that a nickname has to be a
24 natural derivative. Are there conditions such as the

1 name somebody has been known by -- did we have this
2 conversation?

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yeah. If he were to
4 sign his voter registration card as Bud instead of
5 Eugene, then it would have been a consideration.

6 MR. MACKEY: I think, first of all, he
7 hasn't actually changed his name to allow him to run.

8 MEMBER SINNOTT: This is a case of first
9 impression on my tenure on the Board, but it's a
10 fairly commonly occurring situation, has the Board
11 ever allowed someone to appear on the ballot by a
12 nickname not derived from a person's given name?

13 MR. MACKEY: Not that I am aware of and I
14 do know that we have previously denied a request to
15 run as Bud.

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: This is coming back to
17 me now. It is how he is known, I think his printed
18 material and cards. I've never heard him called any
19 derivation of Eugene. Maybe his mom did or does.

20 MEMBER SINNOTT: Did Dana G. Rinehart
21 appear as Dana G.? I think so.

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The only other one I
23 saw was really Shawna Gibbs. Shawna is not her name,
24 but she signs everything Shawna W. Gibbs.

1 MR. MACKEY: I do have her registered.

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: As Shawna W. Gibbs so
3 if Eugene would register that Bud, then we would --
4 it would have matched his voter registration.

5 MEMBER SINNOTT: So if Mr. Zappitelli
6 registered with the Board as a voter under the name
7 of Bud Zappitelli, then the recommendation would be
8 different, correct?

9 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: It would be.

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We probably would
11 check with counsel on that to see. I see Harold
12 smiling because I think he knew I was going to say
13 that so.

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: He could change --
15 he's a public figure, continues to be one. He's been
16 around for a while, talks about continuing public
17 service. It may be an example here provided but Bud,
18 this is how he's known. He is comfortable with it.
19 I don't know what it takes to change your name; Brad
20 may. Is that Common Pleas Court?

21 MR. ANDERSON: Probate Court, petition
22 Probate Court.

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I see a volunteer. Is
24 that a volunteer in the audience offering? Would you

1 state your name for the record, please.

2 MS. COTTON: It's Karen Cotton, retired
3 Franklin County Board of Elections as of December
4 last year. Henry M. Butch O'Neal used to wish to go
5 on the ballot as Butch O'Neal and went through the
6 court process to get his name changed and he is
7 carried on our voter registration files in Franklin
8 County as Henry M. Butch O'Neal.

9 W. Shawna Gibbs, Weirdella Shawna Gibbs
10 actually came in and changed to W. Shawna Gibbs on
11 her registration form so she could appear on the
12 ballot like that.

13 Mr. Zappitelli, when I was still here at
14 the Board, had requested to go as Bud and brought the
15 stationery, business cards, and everything else, and
16 we stuck with the clear derivative of what his name
17 from his registration was at the time so unlike Grove
18 City which they don't have the option of doing that.
19 Their charter says they have to run as the Board has
20 them registered. So we always had to deny the
21 request of Richard L. Ike Stage to go on the ballot
22 as Ike Stage so.

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. Thank you.
24 Very helpful.

1 MEMBER SINNOTT: We have experience with
2 Mr. Zappitelli asking to be on the ballot as Bud, and
3 it's been denied, the request, in the past.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: That's correct,
5 yes.

6 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I didn't want to give
7 you any advice from this microphone, but Bud has been
8 through this before. Bud has been through this
9 before.

10 Okay. Thank you. Any other questions
11 and thoughts?

12 MEMBER SINNOTT: Okay. Mr. Chairman, I
13 move that the Board accept the recommendation of the
14 Board's staff listed in Exhibit F regarding the
15 requests for alternate ballot names for the November,
16 2013, General Election ballots.

17 MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

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

20 Next item on the agenda we have some
21 challenges. We have four challenges and that's in
22 Exhibit G.

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: If it's okay with
24 you, Bill, I will pick up from here?

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yes, sir, you can.

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We have Renee
3 Klco, Manager of Voter Services, will provide you
4 with a briefing on each of these, but Renee had to
5 leave this morning. She wasn't feeling very well,
6 and so I will fill in as best I can.

7 I should ask is there anybody here -- I
8 see Ms. Bicking is here today. Is there anybody that
9 was challenged in any of these that's here today to
10 present the information on this?

11 Okay. Ms. Bicking filed four challenges
12 of voter registration. Those are listed for you in
13 Exhibit G. Just very briefly I will go through each
14 one of them very quickly. Mr. Miesse, Kenneth
15 Miesse, 3300 West Broad Street, we have done some
16 research into that. That is a commercial address.

17 This was an interesting case in that we
18 did have on file from Mr. Miesse a letter from back
19 in 2004 of his being a professional house sitter and
20 that he did not officially have a residence to call
21 his own, so to speak, and that all of his possessions
22 were contained in a -- a storage facility at 3300
23 West Broad Street.

24 So he has been on the -- on the books at

1 this address since I think it was 2004. We did do --
2 and he has voted. He is a very regular voter. He
3 does vote in person not via absentee so he has been
4 present here in Franklin County. We did check his
5 driver's license number with the Bureau of Motor
6 Vehicles. They do provide -- they did provide us
7 with an address that is -- his driver's license is
8 registered at a residential address.

9 It is our recommendation to the Board
10 that we place this voter in an inactive voter status,
11 restrict that address at 3300 West Broad because it
12 is a commercial address, and send a letter to
13 Mr. Miesse telling him he's got to give us a
14 residential address.

15 The second case, Lashaun V. Marshall,
16 somewhat similar circumstances except for the house
17 sitting aspect. She has voted from this address. We
18 did have her at a previous address nearby there.
19 This address came through an online change of address
20 request. She did vote at the 2880 South Hamilton
21 Road address in the 2012 General Election but that is
22 a commercial address.

23 Our recommendation to the Board on this
24 one is the same as it is with Mr. Miesse which is

1 place Ms. Marshall in an inactive voter status, send
2 her a notice at this address and her last known
3 address also explaining that she needs to provide us
4 with a residential address or she will be removed
5 from the list. I believe it's after a period of a
6 couple of months; I don't know exactly when. We have
7 a standard form we send.

8 The third, Ms. Caudy, 750 East Eleventh
9 Avenue is a commercial address also. She has not
10 voted. We've seen no activity from her at that
11 address.

12 Our recommendation to the Board is to
13 place her in pending status which is a nonvoting
14 status, restrict that address as it is a commercial
15 address, and send her letters to any address we have
16 on file for her that she needs to provide us with a
17 residential address.

18 Last, Mr. Kessinger at 7535 Alta View
19 Boulevard is the same situation as Ms. Caudy. That
20 is a commercial address. He has not voted or had any
21 activity at that address.

22 It would be our recommendation to place
23 that voter in -- also in the pending status, restrict
24 the address for future reference, and send a letter

1 to him telling him he's got to find a residential
2 address from which to be registered from in Franklin
3 County.

4 MEMBER SINNOTT: Is there a law that
5 precludes someone from residing at a property that's
6 zoned commercial? It looks to me as though we have
7 flagged these people for scrutiny because the address
8 they provided has been zoned commercial.

9 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Or asking it in the
10 other direction, what are the residency requirements
11 for --

12 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Columbus?

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: -- for registration to
14 be proper?

15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Matt Roche is
16 with us and Carla. I don't know if you have any
17 comment on that. We do check -- when we get to
18 situations like this, we do go to the Auditor's
19 website to check how that residence -- how that
20 address is zoned and if it is zoned for residential
21 living or strictly commercial and that's how we made
22 that -- that distinction on all these, for example,
23 if they were zoned as other commercial properties.

24 So we do go to the Auditor's Office to

1 check that. I don't know if counsel has anything
2 additional on top of that.

3 MR. ANDERSON: The Secretary of State's
4 Office has determined that a residence is a
5 residence, and voters have to have a residence and
6 unless one could demonstrate that they live at the
7 commercial address, they wouldn't meet the
8 requirements set out by the Revised Code or guidance
9 given to the various Boards of Election by the
10 Secretary of State's Office.

11 The reasoning for that I wouldn't fathom
12 a guess. That would reside with the legislature and
13 Secretary of State. I know that's not a satisfying
14 answer but.

15 MEMBER SINNOTT: I don't want to take
16 unnecessary time on this and substance where I find
17 sending a letter please explain how it is you are
18 giving that property that is zoned as commercial, but
19 it seems to me as though we're flagging these people
20 on the premise that no one can reside at a building
21 that has been zoned commercial, and I'm not sure
22 that's the case.

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I know -- I forget
24 your first name. It's Carol, isn't it?

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Yes. I was going
2 to ask Ms. Bicking if she wanted to present anything
3 further as we normally do with these circumstances,
4 Mr. Chairman.

5 Would you state your name.

6 MS. BICKING: Carol Bicking. I just
7 wanted to say that my husband and I learned a whole
8 lot about self-storage units while we were doing this
9 project. There was probably over 125 that we, you
10 know, looked into.

11 We -- I got the information off the
12 website, you know, to find all of them in the
13 Columbus area, and then we did due diligence, looked
14 into whether or not they were registered at a
15 commercial address and there are some that fall into
16 the resident manager categories. In fact, we rented
17 storage space when Bill's dad was, you know, in the
18 hospital to, you know, have a place to put his stuff.
19 And there are, you know, resident managers, and we
20 did not include those because I -- you know, I did
21 phone calls and then followed up with a visit if they
22 said there wasn't a resident manager on site but
23 there are some that do live in the storage units and
24 we did not include those in our challenges.

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Are these four
2 addresses storage units?

3 MS. BICKING: Yes.

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: All four of these are
5 addresses --

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: They are business
7 addresses of various types of storage --

8 MS. BICKING: Right.

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: -- places.

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Is a storage unit a
11 residence?

12 MR. ANDERSON: Under -- well, it would
13 depend on the zoning code but generally speaking
14 probably not.

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Each of these persons
16 was sent a registered letter --

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: That's correct.

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: -- at the storage
19 unit.

20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: That's correct.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Letter come back?

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: I'm unaware of
23 the answer to that. They are legitimate addresses.
24 They are addresses. We confirm that but they are

1 according to the Auditor's website zoned for
2 commercial purposes and.

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: When's the last -- did
4 you tell us when the last time each of these persons
5 voted?

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Miesse and
7 Marshall both voted in the 2012 General Election. We
8 had no vote history at those addresses listed for
9 Miss Caudy or Mr. Kessinger.

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Did Miesse and Marsha
11 vote from those addresses?

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: They did.
13 Ms. Marshall voted via absentee ballot at this last
14 General Election, and Mr. Miesse voted in person.
15 That's as he has done for quite some time with that
16 unique circumstance that it had been on there before,
17 this house sitter correspondence that he sent to us
18 sometime ago.

19 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Interesting.

20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We always do --
21 Mr. Chairman, we always approach these circumstances,
22 you know, we try our best to always find ways to keep
23 people on the list of registered voters obviously.
24 But there are requirements we have to abide by doing

1 that and that's why the recommendations on all these
2 is for communication from our office to these people
3 to see if we can in some way get this clarified to
4 our satisfaction.

5 MEMBER SINNOTT: What troubles me about
6 this, and I recognize the recommendation is simply we
7 engage in additional correspondence to clarify, but
8 we seem to be working from the premise that no human
9 can reside in a building that has been zoned
10 commercial, and I'm not sure that's the case.

11 I don't think that's a presumption that's
12 in accord with reality. Now, maybe you're violating
13 some sort of zoning law if you are, in fact, residing
14 in a building that is zoned exclusively commercial,
15 but you're still residing there.

16 My suggestion is that we not take action
17 on this Board staff recommendation today so that
18 there can be additional inquiry into that particular
19 concern on the part of counsel and the Board's staff.

20 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: That's kind of where I
21 was heading too which is I want to say thanks to
22 Carol and, is it, Bill for once again shedding some
23 light into one of the dark little corners of -- one
24 of the many, many we all discover through time dark

1 little corners of -- of election law and turning up
2 new questions -- ever new questions and interesting
3 examples.

4 But I'm reluctant. Inasmuch as there's
5 no vote coming up in the next number of days in any
6 event that would affect these votes, I think we ought
7 to take a closer look into how we ought to consider
8 these folks. I'm competent there are people that are
9 voting and living in commercial, although this is a
10 different -- this is an interesting animal here if
11 they are all storage units.

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Would somebody
13 want to present a motion tabling this now for
14 consideration at our next meeting?

15 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yeah. I'll move to
16 table it and if the Board staff would like to propose
17 it for the next agenda, that would be fine.

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

19 MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

20 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor.

21 Motion is tabled for further research and
22 follow-up by the staff.

23 The next item --

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Thank you,

1 Ms. Bicking, for researching this.

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The next item on the
3 agenda as you know we are -- we've lost a couple of
4 folks, and today we would like to -- I am going to
5 let Dana take off. We do have a new hire, let Dana
6 talk about.

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: As you know --
8 well, you already know, we will deal with it here in
9 a minute, we lost Dan Furman out at the warehouse,
10 now known as Captain Dan. He took a job down in
11 beautiful Fort Lauderdale, ferry boat captain, so we
12 needed to replace Dan, and we bring forth to you for
13 recommendation Lance Mingo. Lance is here today. I
14 saw him somewhere. Lance stand up. There he is.

15 Lance has a number of things in his
16 professional career, even being in the United States
17 Marine Corps and in the Army National Guard. Also
18 has a background in corrections and health care, has
19 done a good deal of work with some of the items that
20 we think will be of benefit to us out in our
21 warehouse logically and things of that sort.

22 I don't know if you have any questions
23 for Lance, but he is with us. And it is our
24 recommendation we bring Lance onboard as a new

1 employee in our Logistics Department at the
2 warehouse.

3 MEMBER SINNOTT: Very well. I move the
4 Board hire Lance Mingo as an employee in the
5 Logistics Department beginning August 26, 2013, and
6 at a compensation rate of \$20.1923 per hour.

7 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I second the motion.

9 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor.

10 Motion carries.

11 Welcome aboard.

12 MR. MINGO: Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Congratulations and
14 welcome aboard.

15 MR. MINGO: Thank you.

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The next item on the
17 agenda we've had several resignations in the last
18 month. The first one was David Hansen as Mr. Walsh
19 spoke to earlier. And so we would like the Board to
20 accept his resignation effective August 9.

21 MEMBER SINNOTT: I move that the Board
22 accept the resignation of David Hansen effective
23 August 9, 2013, and thank David for his service to
24 our office and the citizens of Franklin County.

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?
2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.
3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor say
4 aye.

5 Motion carries.

6 We also lost Joel Bradley. He worked in
7 the PEO Department, Poll Worker Training Department,
8 Poll Worker Training Department but.

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Precinct Election
10 Official.

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Thank you. I had a
12 mental block.

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Happens to us
14 all.

15 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: That's what PEO is,
16 Precinct Election Official. Joel left us on August 2
17 to take a job with another county agency. We do not
18 have a replacement for Joel at this time. We're
19 still working on it.

20 MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move
21 the Board accept the resignation of Joel Bradley
22 effective August 2, 2013, and thank Joel for his
23 service to our office and citizens of Franklin
24 County.

1 MEMBER SINNOTT: Second.

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor.

3 And that concludes what was on the agenda
4 for our special meeting. Is there a motion to
5 adjourn?

6 MEMBER SINNOTT: There is.

7 MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor.

9 (Thereupon, the meeting was concluded at
10 3:50 p.m.)

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