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BEFORE THE OHIO BOARD OF ELECTIONS

BOARD MEETING

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PROCEEDINGS

before Douglas Preiss, Chairman, Greg Haas and  
Kimberly Marinello, Board Members, at the Board of  
Elections, 280 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio,  
Third Floor Conference Room, Columbus, Ohio, called  
at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, November 15, 2013.

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Also present:

William A. Anthony, Jr., Director  
Dana Walch, Deputy Director  
Harold Anderson, Assistant County Prosecutor

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Friday Afternoon Session,

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November 15, 2013.

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MR. ANTHONY: Good afternoon, everyone.

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I would like to call the Franklin County Board of

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Elections meeting to order. I will do the roll call.

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Kimberly Marinello.

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MS. MARINELLO: Here.

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MR. ANTHONY: Greg Haas.

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MR. HAAS: Present.

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MR. ANTHONY: And Doug Preisse.

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MR. PREISSE: Here.

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MR. ANTHONY: We have a quorum.

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Mr. Chairman, first item on the agenda is

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the remaking of any absentee ballots.

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TODD: We have seven more remakes, and

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once again, it's just all the wetness. People get

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them wet. We don't know how, we don't know why, but

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they do.

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MR. WALCH: These are all ones that will

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not go through the machines due to the damage, and

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the regular protocol, the team sits down together and

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goes through and have them put them on ballots that

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can be read through the counters.

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1 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move that  
2 the Board authorize the staff to remake seven  
3 absentee paper ballots and that these remade ballots  
4 shall be tabulated and included in the unofficial  
5 canvass on election night.

6 MR. HAAS: Second.

7 MR. ANTHONY: All those in favor?

8 (All ayes heard.)

9 MR. ANTHONY: The motion carries.

10 The second item on the agenda is  
11 certification of Minerva Park issue. You have that  
12 in front of you as the Ordinance 012014.

13 MR. HAAS: I move that the Board certify  
14 to the February 4, 2014, Special Election Ballot the  
15 income tax question certified to the Board by the  
16 Village of Minerva Park.

17 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

18 MR. ANTHONY: All those in favor?

19 (All ayes heard.)

20 MR. ANTHONY: Motion carries.

21 The next item we have several voter  
22 challenges before us.

23 MR. WALCH: I'll go ahead, Mr. Director,  
24 if that's okay.

25 Renee Close, manager of our services

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1 wasn't feeling well, so I'll fill in for her.

2 We have two voter registration challenges  
3 being filed. The first one was filed by a Ms. Dena  
4 Layman of 1252 Sullivant Avenue in Columbus.

5 Is Ms. Layman here at all today?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. WALCH: Okay. She challenged the  
8 right to vote on a Mr. Clyde Cunningham, III,  
9 purportedly of 1252 Sullivant Avenue. Renee and her  
10 staff checked this out and Mr. Cunningham does not  
11 live at that address.

12 The recommendation of the staff to you is  
13 to place the voter in an inactive-other status in our  
14 system which would keep them eligible to vote but  
15 require the voter to show identification at the polls  
16 and cast a provisional ballot.

17 Mr. Cunningham has had a previous  
18 address; we will also try and contact him at that  
19 previous address to try and get this -- him into the  
20 right place, the right address, but this is the step  
21 before putting him in a different status so that he  
22 does have to prove residency in order to vote.

23 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, move that  
24 the Board place the voter registration of Clyde  
25 Cunningham, III, 1252 Sullivant Avenue, Columbus,

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1 Ohio, in the inactive-other status in our voter  
2 registration system.

3 MR. HAAS: Second.

4 MR. ANTHONY: All in favor.

5 (All ayes heard.)

6 MR. ANTHONY: Motion carries.

7 MR. WALCH: And then the second one was a  
8 single voter registration challenge filed by  
9 Ms. Roxanne Veeley, 2400 McZand Boulevard, in Grove  
10 City. Ms. Veeley has challenged the right to vote  
11 for Mr. Justin Huntzinger, purportedly of 2400 McZand  
12 Boulevard, in Grove City.

13 Ms. Veeley claims that she lives at 2400  
14 McZand Boulevard and Mr. Huntzinger does not. We  
15 checked this out, Ms. Veeley is the owner of that  
16 home.

17 I guess I should ask before we do that,  
18 are either Ms. Veeley or Mr. Huntzinger here today?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. WALCH: Didn't think so.

21 Mr. Huntzinger is previously a voter at a  
22 different address. This is the same sort of  
23 scenario; we will try and get in touch with him at  
24 that address to get this cleared up.

25 In the meantime our recommendation is to

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1 place Mr. Huntzinger in inactive-other status, try  
 2 and contact him. This would require him in the  
 3 meantime showing identification at the polls to cast  
 4 a provisional ballot in subsequent elections until we  
 5 get this all straightened out.

6 MR. HAAS: I move that the Board place  
 7 the voter registration of Justin Huntzinger,  
 8 purportedly of 2400 McZand Boulevard, Grove City,  
 9 Ohio, in an inactive-other status in our voter  
 10 registration system.

11 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

12 MR. ANTHONY: All vote in favor.

13 (All ayes heard.)

14 MR. WALCH: Mr. Director, if I could have  
 15 just one moment. This wasn't a scheduled item today,  
 16 I just want to point out there's no action of the  
 17 Board. Today they had little party in our PEO  
 18 Department for Penny Gilbert.

19 Penny, stand up and say hi.

20 Penny's been one of our seasonals in the  
 21 PEO department. Today's not her last day, she's  
 22 going to come back for a couple days to help, but  
 23 since they had a party today and we had a Board  
 24 meeting on the same day, it just came to me about ten  
 25 minutes ago we should say thank you to Penny.

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1           She told me today at lunch that she  
2 worked on the 1980 Reagan-Bush campaign, so she's  
3 held a few positions over the years but we just  
4 wanted to say thank you to Penny for your time here,  
5 and good luck with everything in the future.

6           ALL: Thank you, Penny.

7           MR. WALCH: I'll shut up, Mr. Director.

8           MR. ANTHONY: That's all on the agenda.

9           MR. PREISSE: That wraps it up.

10          MS. SHAFFER: I have a question for you.

11 My name is Paddy Schaffer and I'm the founder of the  
12 Ohio Election Justice Campaign and I wanted to ask  
13 what happened from last fall.

14           There was a person from True to Vote who  
15 had wanted to use a variety of candidates on their  
16 petition for election observers that was blocked at  
17 the meeting, which was like the day before the  
18 election, and my understanding at that point was that  
19 an investigation was supposed to happen with that  
20 woman, her name's Jan Bore, and that voter  
21 falsification I think would be what we would question  
22 was supposed to be pursued and I wondered what  
23 happened with that whole situation.

24           MR. PREISSE: Let me ask Bill and Dan to  
25 refresh my memory. I do remember something about

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1 that.

2 MS. SHAFFER: They were using several  
3 candidates for their petition and those candidates  
4 had come forward and said they did not want them used  
5 and this lore repeatedly kept submitting.

6 MR. HAAS: In fact, they xeroxed names  
7 and reapplied them to postdated materials.

8 MS. SHAFFER: One was a judge candidate  
9 who was at that meeting who also spoke about how  
10 appalled she was at having her name continuously  
11 used, and those people had contacted the Board and  
12 let you know repeatedly they did not want to be used  
13 for that.

14 MR. WALCH: When it did come to our  
15 attention that that had happened, as you stated, we  
16 did disallow those observers to be placed on Election  
17 Day and that was the final disposition of the Board  
18 at that time.

19 Bill, I don't know if there's been  
20 anything else since then.

21 MR. ANTHONY: I have to look into it.  
22 I'm not sure if -- I don't think the Board took any  
23 action to send it to the Prosecutor's Office.

24 MR. ANDERSON: No. Not to my knowledge.

25 MR. ANTHONY: So I don't think it was

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1 referred to the Prosecutor's Office.

2 MS. SHAFFER: We should still be in the  
 3 statute of limitations. Should not something be done  
 4 with that? Because it appeared quite offensive to  
 5 those candidates, it appears to be a violation of the  
 6 law, and shouldn't it come -- I'm not an attorney,  
 7 but shouldn't it come from you guys and come from you  
 8 that it should be followed up the same as if a voter  
 9 voted twice or three times you guys follow up on  
 10 that?

11 MR. WALCH: Mr. Chairman, if I may.  
 12 Mr. Director, I defer to counsel on this, but I'm a  
 13 little uncomfortable with us having too much of a  
 14 discussion on this today since it's not an item we  
 15 noticed just for today. So I'll defer to everybody  
 16 else on this, but it being an issue we did not notice  
 17 for a discussion today --

18 MR. PREISSE: Why don't we ask --

19 MR. WALCH: -- I'm a little uncomfortable  
 20 continuing a discussion on that.

21 MR. PREISSE: Why don't we ask Bill and  
 22 Dana to dust off the minutes in the record of that  
 23 meeting and the materials and brief us. Does that  
 24 make sense?

25 MR. WALCH: Sure.

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1 MR. PREISSE: Thanks for bringing the  
 2 question. I do have a recollection of the issue but  
 3 I don't remember the Board deciding to take specific  
 4 action. You suggest that you do.

5 MS. SHAFFER: It was my understanding  
 6 afterwards that an attorney that was there was told  
 7 that you would at the meeting --

8 MR. PREISSE: Rather than speculate  
 9 further, we'll check the records.

10 MS. SHAFFER: I would love that, and I'm  
 11 sorry I didn't ask the question sooner. I'm sorry I  
 12 wasn't more timely, but we're like a year later and  
 13 life gets busy. I feel like statute of limitations,  
 14 if I'm going to ask the question, I need to ask it at  
 15 the time you have something to do something about it.

16 I thank you for looking into it, and I'll  
 17 check back with you to see.

18 Dana, would you have an idea on time on  
 19 how long you would need to discuss it and just look  
 20 into it so you have a good answer for me?

21 MR. WALCH: Director and I will talk  
 22 about it and figure out a time.

23 MS. SHAFFER: Okay. If I give you a  
 24 card, Bill, could you give me a call and just let me  
 25 know?

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MR. ANTHONY: Absolutely.

MS. SHAFFER: Thank you.

MR. PREISSE: Thank you.

MR. ANTHONY: Adjournment is in order.

MR. PREISSE: I to move to adjourn.

MS. MARINELLO: Second.

MR. ANTHONY: All in favor.

(All ayes heard.)

MR. PREISSE: We stand adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on Friday, November 15, 2013, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

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Julieanna Hennebert, Registered Professional Reporter and RMR and Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio.

My commission expires February 19, 2018.

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