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APPEARANCES:

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On behalf of the Board.

ALSO PRESENT:

Ms. Suzanne Brown,
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Monday Afternoon Session,
May 4, 2015.

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DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Good afternoon,
everyone. I am calling the Franklin County Board of
Elections' regularly scheduled meeting to order.

Kimberly Marinello.

MEMBER MARINELLO: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Doug Preisse.

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Bradley Sinnott.

MEMBER SINNOTT: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Mr. Chairman, we have
a quorum, and the first item of business is approval
of the minutes from the April 16 meeting.

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And I would move that
the Board approve the minutes of the April 16, 2015,
meeting of the Franklin County Board of Elections as
submitted.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor.

The motion carries, Mr. Chairman.

The next item on the agenda is the

1 re-making of some absentee ballots, and we will let
2 our new Absentee Manager explain it to us as well as
3 Zach Manifold and Gene Shell.

4 MR. MANIFOLD: Hi, guys. Now, I am on
5 this side, hum. All right. Here we go. Which
6 one -- which are we doing first?

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The 10.

8 MR. MANIFOLD: 10. We have 10 ballots we
9 need to re-make. Here. We will let you guys look
10 these over. Basically they got wet. Most of them
11 are damaged in some way. And they won't -- they
12 won't go through our -- they won't go through our
13 scanners because you can see they are kind of -- the
14 paper -- or they get smashed in our sorter and they
15 get bent up and they won't go through the scanner.

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: This one wouldn't go
17 through why? Because it's wrinkled?

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: It got wet.

19 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: It's puckered here. I
20 see what you are saying.

21 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: That machine is real
22 sensitive.

23 MR. MANIFOLD: You find all sorts of
24 interesting things on ballots.

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We sanitized them
2 before we brought them to you guys. There should be
3 10 of them.

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yeah.

5 MR. MANIFOLD: Kim, do you want to count
6 those and make sure we did count right and it's 10?

7 MEMBER MARINELLO: 10.

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: So a motion so that
9 they could re-make those ballots. It would be a team
10 of a Democrat and Republican that will re-mark each
11 of those ballots and run them through the scanner.

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Is there no question
13 as to any other aspects of it?

14 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The intent? No. Move
15 to re-make the 10 ballots.

16 MEMBER MARINELLO: I move that the Board
17 authorize the staff to re-make 10 absentee paper
18 ballots and that these re-made ballots shall be
19 tabulated and included in the unofficial canvass of
20 election night.

21 MEMBER SINNOTT: Second.

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor.

23 Motion carries. Zach, do you want to
24 take those?

1 And then the next item is we had a voter
2 intent that we would like for you guys to look at.
3 The voter basically wrote in the name of the person
4 that they wanted to vote for. The name was already
5 on -- on the ballot on the bubble so it won't count
6 right so we had to go back in and cover that up and
7 then mark the voter's intent, the name that the voter
8 put on there.

9 MR. MANIFOLD: So we can't run it through
10 the machine to count it. It's a valid absentee
11 ballot. We can't count it tomorrow night because it
12 won't go through the machine as it currently is, so
13 we need to get a ruling from you guys on what you
14 want to do with that.

15 MEMBER SINNOTT: I think the motion would
16 have to instruct who should be counted as being voted
17 for, right?

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Well, I think that's
19 the way we have done it in the past, that we would
20 say what the voter's intent was.

21 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yeah, yeah.

22 MEMBER MARINELLO: I move that the Board
23 authorize the staff to re-make the absentee ballot to
24 reflect the voter's intent and to vote for Michelle

1 M. Mills for member of City Council and that this
2 ballot shall be tabulated and included in the
3 unofficial canvass on election night.

4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

5 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor.

7 That one carries as well.

8 Is that all you guys have, right?

9 MR. MANIFOLD: That's it for now.

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Thank you, guys.

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: They will be back
12 for UOCAVA.

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The next item is we
14 have a number of challenges that was submitted to us
15 and Renee Klco will go through those challenges and
16 you see that on your Exhibit A. Renee, you can kind
17 of take them through the exhibit.

18 MS. KLCO: We received 23 challenges. 19
19 of those I would like to do an administrative purge.
20 Their confirmation cards had been returned to us as
21 undeliverable. They should have been either purged
22 or ready or soon to be purged, so I just want to go
23 ahead and do it now.

24 MEMBER SINNOTT: Renee, would you remind

1 us what is an administrative purge?

2 MS. KLCO: It's taking them out of the
3 voter rolls.

4 MEMBER SINNOTT: You are removed from the
5 voter roll?

6 MS. KLCO: We remove them from the voter
7 rolls.

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Because the Board had
9 sent them a confirmation card and it was returned.

10 MS. KLCO: Returned to us as not
11 forwardable.

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Not at that address
13 and not forwardable.

14 MS. KLCO: Right, yes. We only use
15 administrative purges on a case-by-case basis.

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And you want to go
17 through the ones where -- first 19 on this list you
18 gave us or?

19 MS. KLCO: They are all basically the
20 same where the confirmation cards had been returned
21 to us and that property is now owned by the City of
22 Columbus.

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: There is a case here
24 of death and inactive. This is a chronological

1 consideration, inactive, inactive, right?

2 MS. KLCO: Right.

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Inactive. Last time
4 they voted was how much time ago? More than four
5 years?

6 MS. KLCO: Yes.

7 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And the active is
8 maybe within four years, but you've indeed determined
9 that there is a vacant lot or -- I guess in every
10 case a vacant lot.

11 MS. KLCO: Correct. We had one of these
12 that the voter had already been canceled due to
13 death. We had one where the voter has moved already,
14 so they now have a good residential address. And we
15 have two that I want to keep so that we can start the
16 purge process by sending them the correct forms so
17 that they can be returned to us and the purge process
18 can begin.

19 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So -- so that 19 I
20 understand and then -- okay. One is deceased, okay.
21 That was not among the 19.

22 MS. KLCO: Right.

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And three will remain
24 as eligible voters because you don't have evidence of

1 the returned mail from those three.

2 MS. KLCO: Correct, correct.

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Which three are those?

4 MS. KLCO: Anthony Hall has actually
5 changed his name -- not his name, his address to a
6 new residential address.

7 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I got it. Thank you.

8 MS. KLCO: Alexzandra Reed I want to send
9 an acknowledgment card to start the purge process,
10 and on the back Raven Sorg I want to send a
11 confirmation card so we can continue with the purge
12 process on that voter.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I understand.

14 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: So can you explain
15 what happens if these voters show up on election day?

16 MS. KLCO: If we have a good residential
17 address, we can reinstate them.

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Well, I am not sure --
19 if they try to vote tomorrow?

20 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yeah. If they try to
21 vote tomorrow, what would happen?

22 MS. KLCO: We would reinstate them.

23 MEMBER MARINELLO: They just vote
24 provisionally?

1 MS. KLCO: Yes, they would vote
2 provisionally at a new address.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Right.

4 MS. KLCO: But with their voter history I
5 doubt they will show up tomorrow.

6 MEMBER MARINELLO: Never say never.

7 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Any other thoughts or
8 questions about that?

9 MEMBER SINNOTT: No. I move that the
10 Board accept the recommendations given by Renee Klco
11 (Manager of Voter Services) on the 23 voter
12 challenges filed by Carol D. Bicking (reflected on
13 Exhibit A) and that we use administrative purge on 19
14 of the individuals, 1 deceased individual will be
15 removed, and 3 individuals will remain as eligible
16 voters.

17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

18 MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

19 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor.

20 Motion carries.

21 Mr. Chairman, the next item on the agenda
22 would be the UOCAVA ballots and bring Zach up again.
23 We did a pilot project with a group called Democracy
24 Life and what this pilot project included helping our

1 military overseas voters basically get a ballot and
2 be able to fill it out and send it back to us.

3 That's kind of --

4 MR. MANIFOLD: It basically makes the
5 ballot clickable. So we send them the PDF that we
6 typically send to the voter. It goes to Democracy
7 Life, and they re-make the ballot in a clickable form
8 so that the voter can't -- basically tries to prevent
9 overvote so they click -- it lets them vote for
10 one -- you know, you can vote for the one out of
11 four. It will prevent them from overvoting. That's
12 the main gist and warns them of undervoting.

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And this is a pilot
14 project that we are doing because Democracy Life is
15 trying to get this certified through the Board of
16 Voting Machine Examiners so we are the --

17 MR. MANIFOLD: We are the first county to
18 use it. Unfortunately when they re-made our ballot,
19 we didn't know but so they took our PDF. They are
20 supposed to make it the same PDF we use just in a
21 clickable form. Well, they dropped off the stub at
22 the bottom from our PDF so there is no stubs on the
23 ballot coming back to us so we need you guys to
24 authorize us to re --

1 MR. SHELL: We are going to accept them
2 and re-make them without the stub being on the
3 original that we receive back from the voter.

4 MR. MANIFOLD: There will be a stub -- we
5 keep the original that we made the PDF out of. There
6 will be a stub on it once we re-make that ballot onto
7 our -- onto our ballot so there will be a stub. It's
8 just the one coming back does not have a stub.

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: I think it's
10 worth noting we spoke to legal counsel at the
11 Secretary of State's Office, and they recommended
12 this procedure.

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And we've also been in
14 communication with Democracy Life folks and told them
15 of this situation so that it won't happen because
16 there is probably no reason it should have had the
17 stub on it. And so anyway so we've been working with
18 Democracy Life and it is a pilot project and as you
19 work out all the -- all the details and so --

20 MR. MANIFOLD: I would add it's partially
21 funded or backed by the Department of Defense --

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Right.

23 MR. MANIFOLD: -- is how we ended up on
24 this.

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: So how many total do
2 we have like this?

3 MR. MANIFOLD: Four but I -- I would -- I
4 think we want to keep it a general so that we have
5 more that come in that we can -- rather than just the
6 four.

7 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: This language would I
8 think cause to do so.

9 MEMBER SINNOTT: Then I move that the
10 Board accept the UOCAVA ballots (missing stubs) and
11 that these ballots shall be scanned and included in
12 the unofficial canvass on election night.

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

14 MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

15 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor.
16 That motion carries.

17 MR. MANIFOLD: Thanks, guys.

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Thanks. The next
19 item, Zach, you might as well stand back up there,
20 kind of explain this. We received an absentee ballot
21 application, and you have those before you. And I
22 will let Zach explain that to you in a little more
23 detail.

24 MR. MANIFOLD: Yeah. We brought this to

1 you today, thought you might want to see it. It was
2 in the Dispatch on Saturday. I think as of Saturday,
3 we received 231 -- 231 of those returned applications
4 that had the preprinted birth dates on them. All of
5 the 231 we received all 231 were off by four years
6 and a day on those applications with a preprinted
7 birth day. 11 have fixed -- scratched out and fixed
8 their birth date when they sent them back. We have
9 40 that did not -- that did not catch that.

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: What do we have before
11 us? Are these ones that were actually sent in?

12 MR. MANIFOLD: No. So those are -- there
13 was a design flaw with the piece so as you can see,
14 instead of folding under, the application typically
15 folds under so that -- so the USPS reader actually
16 sent those to us because the -- they got stuck in
17 what we call loop mail because our address is on the
18 back. They got turned around so we got a bunch of
19 those as well, but we brought them so you could
20 actually see the full pieces.

21 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: It's an application --

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Never delivered to the
23 voters in question. Examples of ones --

24 MR. MANIFOLD: We offered the campaign to

1 pick them up, but they haven't picked them up. 40 --
2 so 40 of them did not correct their birth date. We
3 sent out what's called green letters for any
4 applications that have a deficiency and need to be
5 corrected, so 40 green letters went out letting
6 people know that they needed -- basically that they
7 needed to go vote either here through today or vote
8 at their polls on election day because we didn't have
9 time to get a ballot out to them and fix the
10 information anyways.

11 MEMBER SINNOTT: Any more of these
12 received on Saturday or today?

13 MR. MANIFOLD: I have -- you know what?
14 We did receive more. There was still -- there was
15 some that came through this morning. I don't know.
16 I do not have a count on how many. We got 50
17 applications today, but I'm not sure how that breaks
18 down as far as that piece.

19 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: So there's no action
20 needed from the Board. We just wanted you to be
21 apprised of the situation.

22 We need a motion to open the polls
23 tomorrow.

24 MEMBER SINNOTT: Well, I move that the

1 polls be declared open on Tuesday, May 5, 2015,
2 Primary Election beginning at 6:30 a.m. and closing
3 at 7:30 p.m. and that in accordance with Ohio Revised
4 Code Section 3501.32, any voter in line prior to the
5 close of the polls at 7:30 p.m. shall still be
6 permitted to vote.

7 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

8 MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

9 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor.

10 Motion carries.

11 And, now, we need a motion to recess
12 until the election is held on May 5, tomorrow.

13 MEMBER MARINELLO: I move that the Board
14 recess this meeting of the Board of Elections,
15 subject to recall by the Chair, until after the close
16 of the election beginning -- being held on Tuesday,
17 May 5.

18 MEMBER SINNOTT: Second.

19 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor.

20 Motion carries as well.

21 (Thereupon, the meeting was recessed at
22 3:33 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 Monday, May 4, 2015, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

Karen Sue Gibson, Registered
Merit Reporter.

(KSG-6038)

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Exhibit A

REASON	STATUS	LAST VOTED	LOCAL ID	FIRSTNAME	M	LASTNAME	ADDRESS	CITY	COMMENTS	RESOLUTION
Vacant Lot	Inactive	G 2004	900328428	Terran	E	Britford	1051 E Rich St	Cols	Confirmation Card Rtd Property owned by City of Columbus	Administrative Purge
Vacant Lot	Inactive	G 2005	910149119	Carl	S	Slappy Sr	1159 E Rich St	Cols	Acknowledgement Card Rtd 01 2011 Property owned by City of Columbus	Administrative Purge
Vacant Lot	Inactive	Never	0800522447	Monique	S	Coles	521 Bulen Ave	Cols	Declined Registration 2011 Property owned by City of Columbus	Administrative Purge
Vacant Lot	Inactive	Never	080082142	Dwanna	A	Luckett	521 Bulen Ave	Cols	Confirmation Card Rtd Property owned by City of Columbus	Administrative Purge
Vacant Lot	Inactive	G 1999	950272434	Sean	D	Smith	521 Bulen Ave	Cols	Confirmation Card Rtd Property owned by City of Columbus	Administrative Purge
Vacant Lot	Inactive	G 2008	960161805	Jonathan	M	Coles	521 Bulen Ave	Cols	Confirmation Card Rtd Property owned by City of Columbus	Administrative Purge
Vacant Lot	Active	G 2010	020105604	Terry		Lewis	1824 E Main St	Hilliard	Acknowledgement Card Rtd Property owned by City of Columbus	Administrative Purge
Vacant Lot	Death		060026683	Michael	L	Williams	799 Kelton Ave	Cols	Deceased voter	Deceased Voter
Vacant Lot	Inactive	G 2012	090010050	Robert	R	Colson Jr	500 Lilley	Cols	Confirmation Card Rtd Property owned by City of Columbus	Administrative Purge
Vacant Lot	Inactive	Never	080037846	Tony	L	Cumberland	1076 Mcallister Ave	Cols	Confirmation Card Rtd Property owned by City of Columbus	Administrative Purge
Vacant Lot	Active	G 2012	980464358	Anthony	M	Hall	1229 Seymour Ave	Cols	Voter does not live at challenged address Changed address March 2015	Keep
Vacant Lot	Inactive	Never	070034644	Alexzandra	J	Reed	1229 Seymour Ave	Cols	Generate Acknowledgement Card to start the purge process	Keep
Vacant Lot	Inactive	G 2012	040200003	Ryan	T	Smith	948 E Whittier St	Cols	Confirmation Card Rtd	Administrative Purge
Vacant Lot	Inactive	Never	080049268	Randolph		Bostick	1139 E Whittier St	Cols	Confirmation Card Rtd Property owned by City of Columbus	Administrative Purge
Vacant Lot	Inactive	Never	080032668	Chris	D	Smith	846 Gilbert St	Cols	Confirmation Card Rtd Property owned by City of Columbus	Administrative Purge
Vacant Lot	Inactive	G 2004	920513581	Bruce	C	Garrison	839 Wilson Ave	Cols	Confirmation Card Rtd Property owned by City of Columbus	Administrative Purge

Vacant Lot	Inactive	Never	080088365	Shannon	D	Freshcorn	926 Carpenter	Cols	Confirmation Card Rtd	Administrative Purge
Vacant Lot	Inactive	G 2008	771367953	Margaret	A	Jennings	2202 Groveport	Cols	Confirmation Card Rtd	Administrative Purge
Vacant Lot	Inactive	Never	080044273	John		Hanwalburton	1836 Bucher St	Cols	Confirmation Card Rtd	Administrative Purge
Vacant Lot	Inactive	G 2008	060039990	Raven	S	Sorg	1634 S High St	Cols	Generate Confirmation Card to start the purge process	Keep
Vacant Lot	Inactive	G 2004	771355645	Clemon		Conley	2420 S High St	Cols	Property owned by the City of Columbus	Administrative Purge
Vacant Lot	Active	Never	100005612	Lorenzo	D	Hensley	247 Southard Dr	Cols	Property owned by the City of Columbus	Administrative Purge
Vacant Lot	Inactive	Never	120052077	Robert	M	O'Brien	1801 Parsons Ave	Cols	Confirmation Card Rtd Property owned by City of Columbus	Administrative Purge