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1 Thursday Morning Session,
2 May 18, 2017.

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4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The first order
5 of business is to take roll.

6 Kim Marinello.

7 MEMBER MARINELLO: Here.

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Michael Sexton.

9 MEMBER SEXTON: Here.

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Douglas Preisse.

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And Brad Sinnott.

13 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It looks like we
15 have a full complement.

16 The first order of business would be to
17 approve the minutes. If there are no additions,
18 deletions, or corrections, I would ask for a motion
19 to approve the minutes.

20 MEMBER MARINELLO: I move that the Board
21 approve the minutes of the May 1st, 2017 meeting of
22 the Franklin County Board of Elections.

23 MEMBER SINNOTT: Second.

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in
25 favor, signify by saying aye.

1 (Thereupon, all members voted
2 affirmatively.)

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed, same
4 sign.

5 (No response.)

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion carries.
7 The first item of business is the
8 provisional ballots for consideration, and I'll ask
9 Alicia Healy to come up.

10 MS. HEALY: Good morning.

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Good morning.

12 MEMBER SINNOTT: Good morning.

13 MS. HEALY: So our Primary/Special May
14 2nd, 2017 Provisional Report. We had a total of 498
15 provisionals. Out of those 498, 437 were good. We
16 have 600 that are remakes. We had one that was an
17 APRI.

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Was a what, please?

19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Explain that.

20 MS. HEALY: I thought you would ask. So
21 that was a court case with the Ohio -- the A. Philip
22 Randolph Institute last year, where a voter
23 registration, if it was cancelled in 2011, '13, or
24 '15, and they were mailed a confirmation in 2007,
25 2009, and 2011, that we would count those votes.

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And when you --
2 could I just go back? When you said "600 remakes,"
3 that's a category.

4 MS. HEALY: Yes. It's the code.

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: There were
6 actually 21 remakes.

7 MS. HEALY: Correct.

8 In the rejected we had 58. 2 were the
9 006; the form was incomplete. We had 14 that were
10 not registered. And we had 2 that voted absentee.
11 And that we had 5 that was no ID. And we had 35 that
12 voted in the wrong location and wrong precinct. And
13 we also have 3 for Board review.

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: So right now,
15 Alicia, we are starting -- asking the Board to
16 approve 437 provisional ballots and rejecting 58.
17 And then once you show them the 3, we'll add to those
18 numbers.

19 MS. HEALY: Correct.

20 DIRECTOR LEONARD: We'll adjust the 437
21 and 58 accordingly, and that's what you will approve
22 and reject.

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Do you want to go
24 over those 3?

25 MS. HEALY: Thank you.

1 So the first one we have is a signature
2 mismatch. Just pass this down. We're only going to
3 have three, so if you want to do 1, 2, and 3.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: I think that
5 would be fine.

6 MS. HEALY: So we're going to hand it to
7 Brad, first, and I'll kind of explain it.

8 So in this particular provisional, the
9 signature does not match what we have on file. And
10 you'll see two copies of a registration, one from '15
11 and one from '16, and the signatures are totally
12 different. We suspect that someone else possibly
13 signed the registrations and that on the provisional
14 this time there was an X that was marked and it sort
15 of looks similar to the signature or the X that was
16 marked in '15. If you take a look at '15, the X
17 looks similar to the X that's on the provisional.

18 MEMBER SINNOTT: Okay. Alicia, there are
19 two photocopies here. One's date-stamped June 10 of
20 2016. That's the original registration form?

21 MS. HEALY: The one in '15 and that was a
22 second one in '16.

23 MEMBER SINNOTT: Okay. So the original
24 registration form is date-stamped April 6 of 2015.

25 MS. HEALY: Correct.

1 MEMBER SINNOTT: That has a cross and
2 then a name printed after it. And what is the one
3 from '16?

4 MS. HEALY: It's a registration, but the
5 signature, again, does not match.

6 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Was this an updated
7 registration of a new address or something? Or, no,
8 it's the same address.

9 MEMBER SINNOTT: Same address. Why is
10 there a new registration?

11 MS. HEALY: Well, it depends. It could
12 have been through Job and Family Services. It could
13 have been through BMV. So registrations can come in
14 multiple times without an address change, without a
15 name change.

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: But it appears for
17 whatever reason the person registered for a second
18 time.

19 MS. HEALY: Correct.

20 MEMBER SINNOTT: It's a duplicate
21 registration.

22 MS. HEALY: It's a duplicate
23 registration.

24 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Are we -- do we
25 consider the most-recent one a controlling

1 registration for any reason?

2 DIRECTOR LEONARD: I'm not aware that we
3 do that.

4 MS. HEALY: Normally, if the signature
5 changes, if there's an update, we do the most current
6 registration which would be the one in '16.

7 DIRECTOR LEONARD: But we have, for
8 purposes of checking signatures, we've looked at
9 signatures -- sometimes you'll look at that --

10 MS. HEALY: Previous signatures.

11 DIRECTOR LEONARD: -- you'll look at
12 other documents in that voter registration record to
13 find a signature that matches that signature that you
14 have before you.

15 MS. HEALY: Correct.

16 DIRECTOR LEONARD: So it wouldn't be
17 uncommon to look back at a previous registration or a
18 previous pollbook signature to find the signature
19 that matches on the provisional ballot envelope.

20 MEMBER SINNOTT: The envelope for the
21 provisional ballot contains only the plus sign; the
22 cross.

23 MS. HEALY: Yes. And they can sign with
24 we'll say more of an X signature. Some may look more
25 like a cross --

1 MEMBER SINNOTT: Well --

2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: The '15 registration
3 has a cross and a name; and the '16 registration just
4 has a cursive name.

5 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yeah.

6 MEMBER SEXTON: One is print and one is
7 cursive.

8 MEMBER SINNOTT: In the absence of a
9 matching signature on the provisional envelope, we
10 have excluded counting that, correct?

11 MS. HEALY: Well, we want you to.

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: You're talking about
13 generally speaking.

14 MEMBER SINNOTT: In the past, yes.

15 MS. HEALY: We have.

16 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yeah, there's a
17 requirement there be a valid signature on the
18 provisional envelope.

19 MEMBER MARINELLO: The one in '16 doesn't
20 have a birthdate or their driver's license or
21 anything.

22 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Alicia, you might want
23 to explain that.

24 MS. HEALY: Those are printed from the
25 pollpad, the receipts. I'm sorry?

1 DIRECTOR LEONARD: You'll want to note
2 she's explaining the documents attached to the
3 envelope.

4 MS. HEALY: I'm sorry? Was I supposed to
5 say something else? No? Okay.

6 MEMBER SEXTON: So is the issue here that
7 there's no signature in the box?

8 MS. HEALY: It's more of a cross or an X.

9 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Which can be
10 considered a signature.

11 MEMBER SEXTON: There's several.

12 MS. HEALY: Yes.

13 MEMBER MARINELLO: And you don't think --
14 '16, you don't think that's his at all, really?

15 MS. HEALY: We do not.

16 MEMBER MARINELLO: Because why would you
17 have a signature and then -- yeah, huh.

18 DIRECTOR LEONARD: The question for the
19 Board is do you want to accept the marking on the
20 provisional ballot as being the valid signature when
21 compared with the previous registrations.

22 MEMBER SINNOTT: Well, my take on it is
23 that there wasn't an attempt to affix a signature to
24 the provisional envelope. So if we have a signature
25 requirement that applies to provisional envelopes, we

1 have to reject that.

2 MEMBER MARINELLO: Right. Who wrote his
3 name on -- not that it matters -- '15, really, that
4 probably was him, he wrote it there?

5 MS. HEALY: We're really not sure if it
6 was him or if it was someone else.

7 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yeah. You don't think
8 it was one of the poll workers, though?

9 MS. HEALY: No. Not on the registration,
10 no.

11 MEMBER MARINELLO: Oh, yeah.

12 MEMBER SINNOTT: I would move rejection
13 on the basis that there's not a signature that
14 appears on the provisional envelope.

15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Is there a second
16 to that?

17 MEMBER MARINELLO: I'll second that.

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All in favor of
19 rejecting that provisional ballot, signify by saying
20 aye.

21 (Thereupon, all members voted
22 affirmatively.)

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed, same
24 sign.

25 (No response.)

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion carries.

2 DIRECTOR LEONARD: For the record, state
3 what registration is being rejected or what
4 provisional ballot --

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: I think we
6 labeled that one "1."

7 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Okay. Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: This we're calling
9 "2."

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We'll call this
11 one "2."

12 MS. HEALY: Yes. So on this provisional
13 that you have before you, if you will notice the ID,
14 it looks like it was checked and then scratched out
15 down under where it says a form of ID. So we didn't
16 receive anything in the pollbook page from the poll
17 worker to say that she saw it or not. So we did not
18 receive, within the 7 days, any additional
19 identification for this particular voter.

20 DIRECTOR LEONARD: I do want to ask,
21 though, did the record of the pollpad indicate that
22 the -- that the ID had been swiped?

23 MS. HEALY: No.

24 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Not on this one, okay.

25 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So there is a record

1 from the electronic pollpad --

2 MS. HEALY: Yes.

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: -- which could show
4 that an ID has been checked, but it does not show
5 that.

6 MS. HEALY: Correct.

7 MEMBER SINNOTT: So what's the standard
8 here? What needs to be demonstrated in order for us
9 to count this one?

10 MS. HEALY: It would have to have an ID.

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: What's that?

12 MS. HEALY: It would have to have an ID,
13 either the SSN, the last four, a driver's license, or
14 one of those boxes must be checked.

15 MEMBER MARINELLO: Now, so the reason you
16 turned this one in is because he put that little mark
17 there?

18 MS. HEALY: So it looks like it was a
19 check maybe scratched out, but we're not sure if it's
20 part of the scratching out or if it's just they
21 circled it in as if it was a bubble to fill in, but
22 there was nothing to indicate from the poll worker.

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: But -- so are you
24 suggesting that had there been a simple check in this
25 box, we would consider that sufficient evidence that

1 the voter had shown the poll worker --

2 MS. HEALY: Some form of ID, correct.

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Because who fills in
4 this section? The poll worker?

5 MS. HEALY: It could be -- is it the poll
6 worker? It could be the poll worker; it could be the
7 voter.

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It should be the
9 voter, right?

10 MS. HEALY: It should be the voter.

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It should be the
12 voter.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. So let me ask
14 the question: Checking that box alone is not
15 sufficient evidence of identification having been
16 presented; there also has to be the record in the
17 pollbook; is that correct?

18 MS. HEALY: When you vote a provisional,
19 no. If the person checks a box or something that's
20 indicated on that form, if that's checked, that is
21 sufficient to vote a provisional.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I'm not following you,
23 Alicia. Because I could walk in and vote
24 provisionally, check that, not show anybody any ID,
25 but just on the basis of my checking that, but not

1 presenting ID anywhere, I'm --

2 MS. HEALY: The poll worker should see it
3 to indicate that she has seen it.

4 MEMBER MARINELLO: But yet, the voter is
5 allowed to make the mark?

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: There's a
7 template that goes over that that the poll worker is
8 supposed to check. After you fill that out and they
9 go through that to confirm that everything that needs
10 to be filled out is filled out, and if they check
11 that, then there would have to be some proof --

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: If who checked it?

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: If you checked
14 that to say --

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: The voter.

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: -- I have ID.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: The voter.

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Yes. Then I, as
19 the poll worker, would say "You have a form of ID,
20 you indicate; I need to see that."

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. And then we
22 know that did or did not happen based on what
23 evidence? Or we assume that -- we believe that did
24 or didn't happen based on what evidence?

25 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We believe it

1 happened because it's checked.

2 MS. HEALY: And the poll worker signed
3 it.

4 MEMBER MARINELLO: Then it's marked out
5 like --

6 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: The poll worker signed
7 it --

8 MEMBER MARINELLO: Maybe the poll worker
9 crossed it out, like, "No, you didn't show an ID."

10 MS. HEALY: So we're going to get Steve
11 Bulen. Maybe he can explain it.

12 If you look at also the pen color, it
13 looks like the poll worker's pen color is blue and
14 the other writing is black. I don't know if that
15 could be an indication.

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Actually, if you look
17 closely, the pen that evidently the poll worker used
18 also filled that in. I don't know if the scribbling
19 in the box was an affirmation or a cancellation of
20 the check.

21 MEMBER MARINELLO: I think it's a
22 cancellation. I think the poll worker marked it out
23 like "Did not show an ID."

24 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I think that is a
25 legitimate interpretation.

1 MEMBER MARINELLO: Like the voter checked
2 it, and then the poll worker said, "No, you didn't
3 show an ID; you didn't have an ID."

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Do you feel strongly
5 about this one?

6 MEMBER SINNOTT: I don't. I can't tell
7 by that.

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: The poll worker
9 scribbled that, okay, yup, I see an ID, but it was
10 already checked.

11 MEMBER SEXTON: It was clearly checking
12 the box.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: With the black pen by
14 the voter.

15 MEMBER MARINELLO: So you think the poll
16 worker said, "Yeah, he got it?"

17 MEMBER SINNOTT: Would the poll worker
18 have signed the envelope whether ID was produced or
19 not?

20 MR. ANDERSON: That was my question.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I mean, we have other
22 deficient provisionals, presumably, that weren't
23 deficient because the poll worker didn't sign them;
24 they were deficient for these other reasons.

25 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Correct.

1 DIRECTOR LEONARD: But he signed it and
2 there was no driver's license number or the Social
3 Security, the last four of the Social weren't there,
4 and we rejected it even though the poll worker down
5 below signed it. That would be accurate.

6 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Since the box was
7 already checked by the voter, I fear that the poll
8 worker was attempting to cancel that. Why else would
9 the poll worker -- it isn't common for them to go
10 back and redo things that the voter -- I should
11 think.

12 MS. HEALY: We have Steve Bulen here who
13 works with the poll workers.

14 So the question we have, Steve, is
15 normally does the poll worker or does the voter check
16 which identification that they receive, and if it's
17 not the last four of the Social or the driver's
18 license?

19 MR. BULEN: Generally, the voter will
20 fill out everything above the bottom section. The
21 voter is responsible for everything from the voter's
22 signature above.

23 MS. HEALY: So if -- so in this
24 particular case -- I don't think you've seen it -- it
25 looks like it was checked and then kind of scratched

1 out. So would the poll worker have done that
2 normally or would the voter, when it comes to one of
3 those boxes?

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: This original copy you
5 can tell it was a blue pen that the poll worker was
6 using and also scribbled out the X. It was the black
7 pen that the voter used and also put the checkmark in
8 presumably before the scribbling out.

9 MR. BULEN: So that would probably be a
10 big clue, I think, at that point.

11 MEMBER MARINELLO: I think the poll
12 worker crossed it out like it didn't happen; no ID.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I'm leaning in your
14 direction.

15 MEMBER SINNOTT: In this process, if I
16 walk in and the poll worker says show me your ID, and
17 I say I don't have one, I don't have a photo ID. And
18 he then gives me this envelope and I mark on there
19 that I have a military ID card, but the poll worker
20 doesn't see that, okay? What's supposed to happen at
21 that point?

22 MR. BULEN: The PO is instructed to check
23 any ID other than the four digits of the Social
24 Security number.

25 MEMBER SINNOTT: But I, as the voter, I

1 marked that I have a military ID card, but the poll
2 worker hasn't seen it. So what is supposed to happen
3 at that juncture?

4 MR. BULEN: The poll worker would ask to
5 see that form of identification.

6 MEMBER MARINELLO: And what if he doesn't
7 produce it?

8 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yeah, if he doesn't
9 produce it.

10 MEMBER MARINELLO: Then he probably
11 scribbles it out like that.

12 MR. BULEN: Yeah, I don't know that we
13 review that. We would -- if we got a phone call with
14 that particular situation, we would probably instruct
15 them to go ahead and mark that out, maybe initial it.
16 Was there anything in the Problems and Corrections
17 page?

18 MS. HEALY: There wasn't.

19 MR. BULEN: Okay.

20 MS. HEALY: But that voter has an
21 opportunity, within 7 days, to come to the Board of
22 Elections to produce the identification that would be
23 needed.

24 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Within 7 days of what?

25 MS. HEALY: Of Election Day.

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: All right. Well --

2 MS. HEALY: We did not receive anything
3 within 7 days.

4 MEMBER MARINELLO: Do they know they're
5 supposed to -- do they get a notice?

6 MS. HEALY: They do.

7 MEMBER MARINELLO: Oh, okay.

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Oh, oh.

9 MEMBER SEXTON: So they got a notice
10 saying they could come and correct it and they
11 didn't.

12 MS. HEALY: Correct.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I'm going to move that
14 Provisional Ballot 2 be rejected because we don't
15 have sufficient evidence that identification was
16 provided, and the voter failed to contact the Board,
17 after the Board contacted or attempted to contact the
18 voter, when it -- when we discovered that there was
19 not valid -- a record of valid identification.

20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Is there a second
21 to that?

22 MEMBER SEXTON: I'll second.

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All in favor,
24 signify by saying aye.

25 (Thereupon, all members voted

1 affirmatively.)

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed, same
3 sign.

4 (No response.)

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion carries.
6 Would you mark this No. 2 as rejected.
7 And, finally, the third.

8 MS. HEALY: The third one that you have
9 before you was an absentee ballot that was returned
10 to a polling location.

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And do we have a
12 Directive or anything from the Secretary of State
13 that tells us what to do?

14 MS. HEALY: Yes. So we have a Directive
15 that says no one may return a voted absentee ballot
16 to a precinct polling location.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Inside this ballot?
18 How do we know that that's what it is?

19 MS. HEALY: If you -- there's some
20 attachments there. So the first attachment is --

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So this has already
22 been opened?

23 MS. HEALY: It has not, but based on the
24 ballot there that's folded, and also the poll worker,
25 we made a copy of what they wrote in the poll page of

1 what happened. So that gave us a clue that that's --

2 MEMBER SINNOTT: So, clearly, she
3 hand-carried into the polling place her absentee
4 ballot and dropped it off.

5 MS. HEALY: Right.

6 MEMBER SINNOTT: And there's a Directive
7 that says don't count those.

8 MS. HEALY: Correct.

9 MEMBER MARINELLO: So if there's a
10 Directive, what's the question?

11 MS. HEALY: Well, we always bring it
12 before the Board. That's what we've done in the
13 past.

14 MEMBER MARINELLO: I never go against the
15 Secretary of State.

16 DIRECTOR LEONARD: The odd part about it
17 is if the voter simply had taken their absentee --
18 they could have voted a provisional ballot and just
19 taken their absentee with them and just as long as
20 they didn't drop the absentee ballot off at the Board
21 of Elections, they would have had a provisional
22 ballot and it would be accepted.

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And there is the
24 provision they can bring it in here, to the Board of
25 Elections.

1 DIRECTOR LEONARD: I'm sorry?

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: You can bring a
3 voted absentee ballot back to the Board of Elections;
4 just not the 378 polling locations on Election Day.

5 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Right. Yeah.

6 MEMBER SEXTON: Do we notify the voter of
7 this?

8 MS. HEALY: We do not. But they can call
9 the hotline to check to see if it counted or not.
10 That is on the notice that they're given at the
11 polling location.

12 MR. SINNOTT: I move that we reject
13 Exhibit No. 3, an absentee ballot delivered to a
14 polling place on Election Day, on the basis of the
15 Secretary's Directive.

16 MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in
18 favor, signify by saying aye.

19 (Thereupon, all members voted
20 affirmatively.)

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed.

22 (No response.)

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion carries.

24 Mark this as 3, rejected.

25 So, Alicia, if my counting is right, that

1 totals 498 that we've reviewed. 437 approved.
 2 Initially, we had 58, and we're adding 3 to that, so
 3 it's 61.

4 MS. HEALY: Correct.

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: So unless the
 6 Board has questions about the 437 that we would like
 7 to see approved, or the 61 rejections, I suppose we
 8 would be ready for a motion in that regard.

9 MEMBER SEXTON: I move that the Board
 10 approve the counting of 437 provisional ballots and
 11 the rejection of 61 provisional ballots and that all
 12 provisional ballots deemed valid will be counted and
 13 included in the official canvass of results for the
 14 May 2nd, 2017 Primary Election.

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in
 17 favor, signify by saying aye.

18 (Thereupon, all members voted
 19 affirmatively.)

20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed.

21 (No response.)

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion carries.

23 The extraction of provisional ballots.
 24 Alicia, I think you have a bipartisan team gathered
 25 in the conference room?

1 MS. HEALY: Yes.

2 MR. SINNOTT: Then I move that the Board
3 authorize the staff to extract the approved
4 provisional ballots.

5 MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in
7 favor, signify by saying aye.

8 (Thereupon, all members voted
9 affirmatively.)

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed, same
11 sign.

12 (No response.)

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion carries.

14 And then, as has been recent practice,
15 we've authorized those folks to remake any
16 provisionals and then report back to the Board later,
17 so they report back later this afternoon.

18 DIRECTOR LEONARD: If there were any
19 mutilated, somehow damaged in any way, that we
20 reauthorize the Board to remake those.

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's really a
22 time-saving measure.

23 MEMBER MARINELLO: I move that the Board
24 authorize the staff to remake provisional ballots and
25 that these remade ballots shall be tabulated and

1 included in the official canvass of the results of
2 the May 2nd, 2017 Primary Election, with a report to
3 be made to the Board later today.

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in
6 favor, signify by saying aye.

7 (Thereupon, all members voted
8 affirmatively.)

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed, same
10 sign.

11 (No response.)

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion carries.
13 The remaking of absentee ballots. Zach
14 Manifold.

15 MR. MANIFOLD: So we have -- we have one
16 absentee ballot that needs remade. It would not go
17 through the tabulators. The reason it won't go
18 through, at first we thought it was from the damage
19 to the ballot because the ballot was damaged. But it
20 was not the damage to the ballot. It's actually the
21 header. It's got the wrong header on it.

22 It looks like maybe probably one of our
23 nursing homes, because it was -- since it's damaged
24 it looks like it probably came back either through
25 the mail or it was what we call "Ballot On Demand,"

1 it was printed by itself, a single ballot. And so
2 when our scanners --

3 MEMBER SINNOTT: Well, we distributed
4 tens of thousands of these.

5 (Laughter.)

6 MR. MANIFOLD: So when it hit our
7 scanner, our scanner is like this is an invalid
8 ballot. We figured it out that when somebody
9 printed -- when you do the "Ballot On Demand," you
10 have to select party and you have to select the
11 precinct that it goes with. And so there isn't a
12 Republican ballot for the City of Columbus, but
13 apparently we created one, so.

14 (Laughter.)

15 MEMBER SINNOTT: And the voter carried
16 out the instructions, too.

17 (Laughter.)

18 MEMBER SEXTON: All three.

19 MEMBER MARINELLO: Wow.

20 (Laughter.)

21 MR. MANIFOLD: So we need to remake that
22 ballot. That's a new one. We've never seen that
23 before.

24 MS. BROWN: Never seen that.

25 MR. MANIFOLD: And our old tabulators,

1 the funny thing is our old tabulators would have
2 never saw the ballot style like that; they would have
3 never counted that. Our new tabulators are looking
4 for, you know, what kind of ballot style it is. It's
5 saying, oh, wait, that's not a valid ballot style for
6 the City of Columbus.

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: This probably
8 isn't worded exactly right. If we're going to make a
9 motion, I suppose if the Board is so inclined, that
10 this motion say that we add this to the list of
11 authorized ballots for remake, right?

12 MEMBER SINNOTT: Okay. So there's only
13 one.

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: There's only one.

15 MR. MANIFOLD: It's just one.

16 MEMBER SINNOTT: Are you suggesting we
17 switch from the plural to the singular?

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: I guess, yeah.

19 MEMBER SINNOTT: Oh, okay. All right. I
20 move that the Board authorize the staff to remake an
21 absentee paper ballot and that this remade ballot be
22 tabulated and included in the official canvass of
23 results for the May 2, 2017 Primary Election, with a
24 report to be made to the Board later today.

25 MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in
2 favor, signify by saying aye.

3 (Thereupon, all members voted
4 affirmatively.)

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed, same
6 sign.

7 (No response.)

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion carries.

9 And, Zach, this next -- unless I'm
10 mistaken, this next motion was already taken care of,
11 this absentee ballot returned to the poll, that was
12 what Alicia already took care of?

13 MR. MANIFOLD: Yup.

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Okay. So the
15 next item would be to, if the Board needs to, to move
16 into executive session.

17 DIRECTOR LEONARD: That's a question for
18 the Board. We've got two items to address, both
19 related to personnel. One is the appointment of
20 Deborah Johnson as a new employee, to work the front
21 desk. And the other is to accept the resignation of
22 Tom Raphael. And absent any -- if there is no need
23 to go into executive session, then there isn't --

24 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I don't see any.

25 DIRECTOR LEONARD: The Board can dispense

1 with that and simply take up the two motions.

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Okay. Then the
3 next item would be the appointment of Deborah Johnson
4 to the front desk position. Do you want to introduce
5 her or --

6 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Oh, you're here.

7 MS. JOHNSON: Hi.

8 (Laughter.)

9 MEMBER MARINELLO: All righty.

10 DIRECTOR LEONARD: I know you've heard
11 very positive responses from folks that have
12 interacted with her.

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: I -- I was just
14 going to say, we have somebody at the front desk,
15 Deborah, who literally I think it was her second day
16 on the job and we started getting calls saying what
17 great customer service. I happened to work with
18 Deborah out in the Early Vote Center in November, and
19 she has great customer service, very professional,
20 always has a smile on her face. And just the
21 perfect, in my opinion, the perfect person to greet
22 voters and people that come into the Board of
23 Elections.

24 DIRECTOR LEONARD: It was very nice to
25 hear. The second day on the job I get a voicemail

1 from a voter who interacted with her at the front
2 desk.

3 MEMBER MARINELLO: That's awesome.

4 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Very complimentary.

5 And she did a great job yesterday when we
6 had the -- all of the officials come in from other
7 boards of elections and county commissioners and our
8 vendors, when we had the open house yesterday, she
9 did a great job of working with them.

10 MEMBER MARINELLO: Great. Good choice.

11 I move that the Board hire Deborah
12 Johnson to the position of front desk clerk at the
13 Franklin County Board of Elections, beginning
14 May 18th, 2017, at a compensation rate of \$15.25 per
15 hour.

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in
18 favor, signify by saying aye.

19 (Thereupon, all members voted
20 affirmatively.)

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed, same
22 sign.

23 (No response.)

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion carries.

25 Deborah, congratulations.

1 MS. JOHNSON: Thank you. Thank you.

2 (Applause.)

3 DIRECTOR LEONARD: As our counselor
4 pointed out to us, after the last meeting, that we
5 had neglected to -- do a formal acceptance of Tom
6 Raphael's resignation. He submitted it in April, but
7 Tim Lecklider felt it was appropriate that we do a
8 formal acceptance of that resignation letter.

9 MEMBER SEXTON: I move the Board accept
10 the resignation of Thomas Raphael from the Franklin
11 County Board of Elections, effective April 14th,
12 2017.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in
15 favor, signify by saying aye.

16 (Thereupon, all members voted
17 affirmatively.)

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed, same
19 sign.

20 (No response.)

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion carries.

22 So, at this point, we have our team back
23 there, opening provisional ballots, which we estimate
24 to take about an hour. Remakes, which Zach's
25 Department will be handling, Gene Shell and Zach,

1 that's probably a 30-minute operation. And then we
2 get all of those results to Carla, who will then
3 present a formal presentation and certification this
4 afternoon. So all of that takes probably about two
5 hours from now. I guess --

6 DIRECTOR LEONARD: If the Board members
7 have a few minutes, there's probably a few things
8 that we can kind of update you on in terms of general
9 things that the Board of Elections is doing.

10 MEMBER MARINELLO: Two hours?

11 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Not two hours.

12 MEMBER MARINELLO: You're not doing that
13 much.

14 (Laughter.)

15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: I think some of
16 the --

17 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Unless you've got
18 other -- if you've got matters to attend to, we can
19 go ahead and recess. If not, we can kind of take you
20 through maybe 10, 15 minutes of some things that
21 we're doing --

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And I don't know
23 if certain Board members use that 2:30 as a, you
24 know, had other things that they planned around it.
25 So I don't know if we want to stick to the 2:30 or if

1 we want to try to come back sooner or what your
2 pleasure is.

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I'm flexible.
4 Although, we have that.

5 MEMBER SINNOTT: I wasn't planning on
6 going to that.

7 (Laughter.)

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. In other words,
9 can you guys do it earlier if it's possible?

10 DIRECTOR LEONARD: I know you said you
11 got --

12 MEMBER SEXTON: Could we do 1:30?

13 MEMBER SINNOTT: 2:00 would be better.

14 MR. ANDERSON: 2:00 would help me.

15 MEMBER SINNOTT: Okay. Why don't we do
16 it then.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Do we vote on recess
18 or do I just declare it by fiat?

19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: I think in the
20 past we've just declared it.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Declared it.

22 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Do you have a few
23 moments that we can take you through a few things
24 or --

25 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yeah, sure.

1 DIRECTOR LEONARD: I just want to let you
2 know that we're -- one of the things that we -- just
3 it came to our attention during the election cycle,
4 just doing some emergency management planning, and so
5 we just -- we had a couple of outages, power outages
6 at some polling locations.

7 And so we've begun conversation here
8 internally. And we actually met with someone
9 yesterday. During the open house there was a
10 representative that worked with Delaware County on a
11 similar project of helping them identify the steps
12 that need to be taken in order to be able to address
13 emergencies like that, whether it's something here at
14 the Board of Elections or whether it's -- I mean we
15 do always coordinate with emergency management folks
16 and with the Sheriff's Department and Columbus PD and
17 Homeland Security and all that, but having a plan if
18 something that often happens like a power outage at a
19 polling location, making sure that we can have the
20 ability to address that quickly, that we're starting
21 to work on that, the formulation of that.

22 One of the other things we've begun
23 discussions on is an assessment of our training
24 program. Just to make sure that we're doing -- that
25 we're -- that we are successfully getting the

1 information out. Are there tools that we're leaving
2 on the table. Are there things that we could be
3 doing differently. Are we getting the right
4 information from our trainers and make sure that the
5 training is consistent.

6 So it's kind of a process of evaluating
7 how well we're doing on the training. How we can get
8 the best feedback we can get from the poll workers as
9 well as from the public, so that we can make sure,
10 because, again, the poll workers on the frontline are
11 the -- they're the people who really represent the
12 Board of Elections on Election Day. Most people
13 don't ever interact with anybody from the Board of
14 Elections except the poll worker.

15 So we have to, you know, do everything we
16 can to make sure that the poll workers are getting
17 the best training they possibly can. So, again,
18 we're evaluating that training and we're starting
19 that process to look at that in terms of how best to
20 assess it and are there things we can be doing better
21 in terms of training our poll workers.

22 I think Steve and his team do a great
23 job, but I think even our poll workers recognize that
24 they would like more tools to help them do their job,
25 because, again, they're the ones who train those

1 people on the frontline.

2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: How many poll workers
3 did we have at this --

4 DIRECTOR LEONARD: On this election?

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: About 4,000.
6 Just over 4,000.

7 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: How many were
8 returning and --

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: You know, I think
10 they say -- I think about 80 percent are probably
11 returning, but you also have people that are moving
12 or dropping off.

13 And, you know, one of the things I wanted
14 -- we think we have the best training program, not
15 only in Ohio but nationally, and we've won awards,
16 but you can always do better.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Well, the technology
18 changes and things change and locations change.

19 What would happen -- what do we wish
20 would happen, based on training and protocols, if
21 there was a security incident, somebody has a gun or
22 a knife and is at a polling place? It seems to me
23 we've been damn lucky that nothing has happened.

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: There is a
25 protocol to that, and they're to take -- I mean there

1 are like three items, things they need to do. The
2 first item is to make sure that they're safe and get
3 out of the building. If they can do that and realize
4 they can do that, then they need to take -- gosh, I
5 wish I had the list in front of me, but there are
6 three items that they need to take and get out and
7 close the building.

8 MR. MACKEY: Pollbooks and the PEBs.

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Pollbooks and
10 PEBs.

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: But if some guy comes
12 in with a gun, nobody is going to be saying, "Wait a
13 minute, I've got to grab the pollbook."

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Exactly. The
15 first item is to make sure that they're safe and to
16 do whatever they need to do.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Do I recall that there
18 are zones of, you know, depending on where you are,
19 who they call for security? All the calls don't go
20 to the Sheriff.

21 DIRECTOR LEONARD: No. They have an
22 emergency response area that those calls go to. So
23 then if it's -- again depending on whether -- it will
24 indicate whether the Sheriff's deputies are the ones
25 that are dispatched for it or whether it's CPD that's

1 dispatched.

2 MR. ANDERSON: And they actually meet.
3 There are a series of meetings before each election
4 where the emergency response people get together and
5 they go through the response protocols for the
6 polling locations.

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: But you bring up
8 a good point. We have Active Shooter Training.
9 We've had that here in this building, but we've not
10 had that for our poll workers, so that might be
11 something we want to add.

12 MEMBER SEXTON: Is that something we can
13 put in the training?

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: I'm sorry?

15 MEMBER SEXTON: Is that something we can
16 put in the training?

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Yeah, absolutely
18 we can do that.

19 MEMBER SEXTON: I mean if someone did
20 walk in with a gun, what would be the response for a
21 poll worker or anyone?

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Dial 911 or?

23 DIRECTOR LEONARD: I think the main thing
24 is to get to safety and then dial 911.

25 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: There is a training

1 protocol?

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: There is training
3 protocol, but we've not done formal Active Shooter
4 Training. There is protocol.

5 DIRECTOR LEONARD: But that's some of the
6 things we're wanting to explore even further.

7 One thing I did want to make sure, since
8 we do have a little bit of time, is the fact that we
9 got an advisory from the Secretary of State's office
10 about asking for a statement of need. Statement of
11 need about with regard to a new voting system.

12 That's part of the reason we had the open
13 house yesterday was because the association, the
14 Election Officials Association and the Association of
15 County Commissioners is -- has been working to lobby
16 the General Assembly for additional funding for new
17 voting systems. As part of that, they decided to
18 have an open house at the Statehouse to give
19 legislators the opportunity to see the various
20 systems that have been certified in the State of
21 Ohio.

22 And then in conjunction with that, since
23 they were all here on Tuesday, we decided to go ahead
24 and have an open house here at the Board of Elections
25 to allow board of elections officials from around

1 central Ohio the opportunity to come and have that
2 same opportunity to look at election systems that
3 have been certified in Ohio.

4 MEMBER SINNOTT: And you're talking about
5 the voting machines themselves?

6 DIRECTOR LEONARD: The voting machines
7 themselves.

8 The -- what has happened was because you
9 got the association, both the Election Officials
10 Association and the County Commissioners Association
11 lobbying the legislature for funding, they've been
12 working with the Department of Administrative
13 Services, they've been working with the Secretary of
14 State's office, they've been working with the
15 Association of Election Officials, to develop the
16 specifications, what the contracts need to look like.

17 What they've done is they've worked with
18 DAS to establish state-term contracts with each of
19 the five vendors that have been certified in the
20 State of Ohio for their systems. What they're then
21 asking -- what the Advisory then has asked Board of
22 Elections to do is identify what types of systems do
23 they like.

24 And they made it clear that they do
25 not -- they're not asking boards to make commitments

1 as to exactly which vendor they're going to use,
2 exactly which system. But what they want to do is
3 they want to collect information about do the boards
4 believe that they'll be acquiring new voting systems
5 within the next 12 months, 24 months, 36 months, or
6 if you've already acquired them because there are
7 some counties that have already acquired voting
8 systems.

9 What they're asking for from each county,
10 they want to know do you think you're going to be
11 buying systems in the next 12, 24, 36 months. If so,
12 what type do you prefer and then how much do you
13 think you're -- what do you anticipate that cost to
14 be.

15 And again, they're making clear that
16 they're not anticipating the boards to commit to any
17 particular vendor or any particular type of system,
18 but what it is is they're trying to collect
19 information to -- in order to -- to -- let's see --
20 to collect information about that physical --

21 MEMBER MARINELLO: You threw him off big
22 time.

23 DIRECTOR LEONARD: This is a special
24 meeting, but, again, this is to give you an update.
25 We can go though this again at the next meeting as

1 well --

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: I was just going
3 to say, in 2006 everybody really across the country
4 got money from the federal government with the HAVA,
5 Help America Vote Act, and all of the machines for
6 the most part were given a life expectancy anywhere
7 between 10 to 15 years. Well, 2006, 2016, 10 years,
8 so we're on the back side of these machines getting
9 obsolete. So everybody is starting to look at that.

10 We hope to get county funding. We think
11 the state might have some money. It doesn't appear
12 to us there's any action at the federal level. So,
13 literally, it will be a county-state match program.

14 DIRECTOR LEONARD: What the association
15 felt is what they're trying to push is something
16 along the lines of what happened with the pollbooks.

17 You have a cost share between county and
18 state and that funding -- pursue funding in the
19 capital budget for next year for voting machines,
20 with the anticipation that counties could then
21 prepare to start looking at systems in advance of
22 2020.

23 So you'd be able to look at systems in
24 '18, you know, implement systems in '19, and be
25 ready to -- so that you'll have had a system in place

1 during 2019, so that you're not implementing a new
2 system in 2020 in a presidential year. So I just
3 wanted to let the Board members know that we're being
4 asked to do that.

5 And so it was helpful yesterday for our
6 staff to have an opportunity to look at the various
7 systems and get a better sense of getting, you know,
8 what cost might be involved and be able to give some
9 sense to the Secretary of State's office of what we
10 think it would cost for us to purchase a new system,
11 so that way then they can factor that in to their
12 discussion about how much money should be requested
13 from the General Assembly for new systems.

14 That's really what the Secretary of State
15 is attempting to do is to kind of get a figure,
16 statewide, how much would it cost for all the
17 counties to purchase their systems, so they can get
18 an appropriation.

19 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I can't imagine with
20 the talk of possible state funding, which county is
21 going to go out and say I'm buying something in the
22 next 6 or 8 months.

23 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Right. But you have
24 had counties who already purchased systems and are
25 getting reimbursed from the state or are seeking to

1 get reimbursed.

2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay.

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And again, there
4 will be some cost share. The state is not going to
5 pick up the entire cost of a new system.

6 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Good to know. Thank
7 you.

8 DIRECTOR LEONARD: I just wanted to make
9 sure that the Board is aware, some of those things
10 are developing, particularly that one, because
11 action is -- we'll need to respond to the Secretary
12 of State's office in early June, so.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: All right. Well, with
14 that --

15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: I guess I figured
16 we had a little bit of time. I appreciate it.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Thank you.

18 MEMBER SINNOTT: Thanks, Ed.

19 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: We'll consider
20 ourselves in recess without objection.

21 MR. ANDERSON: You should actually move
22 that; move to recess.

23 MEMBER SINNOTT: I move that we're in
24 recess.

25 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Until 2:00.

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MEMBER SINNOTT: Until 2:00.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Second?

MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All in favor,
signify by saying aye.

(Thereupon, all members voted
affirmatively.)

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We're in recess.

(Thereupon, the Board recessed at
11:00 a.m.)

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1 Thursday Afternoon Session,
2 May 18, 2017.

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4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It looks like we
5 have the same folks that we had when we recessed.
6 I'm told by our legal counsel that we do not need to
7 take a roll call, but I do need a motion to remove
8 ourselves from recess.

9 MEMBER SINNOTT: So moved.

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Is there a
11 second?

12 MEMBER SEXTON: Second.

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in
14 favor, signify by saying aye.

15 (Thereupon, all members voted
16 affirmatively.)

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed, same
18 sign.

19 (No response.)

20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion carries.

21 The first order of business is a report
22 from Zach Manifold on absentee ballots and
23 provisional ballots.

24 MR. MANIFOLD: All right. Good
25 afternoon. We -- so you're going to get, I don't

1 know if they already have all the totals in front of
2 you, but in the final report you're going to have --
3 we had 20 ballots that came back post-election day
4 that were postmarked by the Monday before the
5 election and that were received by the tenth day
6 after the election. So we have 20 absentee ballots
7 that were added to the -- to the unofficial canvass.

8 And then everything worked out correctly.
9 We ran the 850 tabulators and they were correct. We
10 had 437 provisional ballots that we ran, so the
11 report from earlier was correct. And we -- so you're
12 going to have 437 provisional totals in the final
13 results.

14 And then of the -- the 21 -- there was 21
15 what we call "600s" which were people that were in
16 the right locations but possibly had the wrong ballot
17 and we don't know until we open them up.

18 Of those 21 600s from the earlier report,
19 14 were good, they had the correct ballot style. 7
20 were not correct, so we had to remake 7 of those 21,
21 so they've been remade. Those -- and they're in that
22 437 total. So we had 7 remakes.

23 And then out of the other 400-and-some
24 provisional ballots we had two damaged ballots that
25 we had to remake, so we had two damaged as well. So

1 we had a total of 9 remakes and that's it.

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Thank you, Zach.

3 Any questions for Zach on that?

4 Our final step in putting to bed the
5 May 2nd, 2017 Primary is a certification. And to
6 give a report on the official canvass is Carla
7 Patton.

8 MS. PATTON: In front of you you have all
9 the result reports for the official canvass. The
10 first set of results in there are the Franklin County
11 only and it's just the plain summary.

12 The second report is Franklin County only
13 with the group detail, so you can see where the votes
14 were attributed to as far as absentee and house
15 absentee through the mail or provisional election day
16 machines.

17 And the third report is the most populous
18 report with all our overlap results also reporting.
19 So that is a complete results file for the City of
20 Columbus and City of Reynoldsburg which overlap into
21 the Delaware, Fairfield, and Licking Counties.

22 So Luke, Scott, and I reviewed the
23 election night results versus the flash results and
24 were able to determine any differences between
25 election night and official results which came from

1 the PEBs, the Personal Electronic Ballots for the
2 machines, and the official canvass which comes from
3 the machine flash.

4 Overall, we found that there was a net
5 gain of 31 votes that are reflected in these reports
6 on top of what was already reported on election
7 night. Any of the vote discrepancies are
8 attributable to poll worker errors, accidentally coding
9 a ballot, which incidentally got put into the correct
10 group for the official canvass.

11 MEMBER SINNOTT: I move that the Board
12 certify and declare as final the official canvass of
13 the votes cast at the May 2, 2017 Primary Election as
14 submitted by staff.

15 MEMBER SEXTON: Second.

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All in favor,
17 signify by saying aye.

18 (Thereupon, all members voted
19 affirmatively.)

20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed, same
21 sign.

22 (No response.)

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion carries.

24 MS. PATTON: Ed has the certification
25 page to pass down. Make sure that everybody signs

1 that and I'll pick that up at the end of the meeting
2 and make sure that's transmitted to the Secretary of
3 State's office.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The next order of
5 business is the certification of issues to the August
6 8, 2017 Special Election Ballot. And I'll let Jeff
7 Mackey explain what we're doing there.

8 MR. MACKEY: We did receive one filing
9 for the August 8th Special Election. The Village of
10 Minerva Park has asked to include a renewal levy on
11 the Special Election Ballot.

12 We also received an overlap from Madison
13 County for Madison-Plains Local School District. So
14 we will have three precincts open on August 8th.

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So Minerva Park and
16 what was the other?

17 MR. MACKEY: Madison-Plains is an
18 overlap.

19 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Madison-Plains, we
20 have how many precincts of that district?

21 MR. MACKEY: We have part of two
22 precincts which is 150 --

23 MS. PATTON: 185 voters.

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Jeff, am I
25 correct that the Madison-Plains does not require

1 certification from the Board?

2 MR. MACKEY: Correct.

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And can you
4 explain why?

5 MR. MACKEY: It's -- they file with
6 Madison County, so Madison County tells us to include
7 it on our ballot.

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: So we'd be just
9 looking for a motion to certify the issue for Minerva
10 Park.

11 MR. MACKEY: Correct.

12 MEMBER SEXTON: I move that the Board
13 certify to the August 8, 2017 Special Election Ballot
14 the proposed Minerva Park tax levy.

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in
17 favor, signify by saying aye.

18 (Thereupon, all members voted
19 affirmatively.)

20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed, same
21 sign.

22 (No response.)

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion carries.

24 And then, finally, certification of
25 candidates to the November ballot.

1 MR. MACKEY: The cities of Hilliard and
2 Reynoldsburg are the only municipalities that have
3 partisan primaries which opens them up for
4 independent candidates to also file prior to the
5 primary election. We received one for each of those
6 municipalities; one in Hilliard and one in
7 Reynoldsburg. Staff has reviewed those petitions and
8 found them to be valid and sufficient; recommends
9 them for inclusion on the November 7, 2017 General
10 Election ballot.

11 MEMBER MARINELLO: I move that the Board
12 certify to the November 7, 2017 General Election
13 Ballot, Joel Scipio as an Independent Candidate
14 running for Hilliard City Council, and Courtney
15 Martin as an Independent Candidate running for
16 Reynoldsburg City Council, and that their petitions
17 were filed timely and found to be valid and
18 sufficient.

19 MEMBER SINNOTT: Second.

20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in
21 favor, signify by saying aye.

22 (Thereupon, all members voted
23 affirmatively.)

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed, same
25 sign.

1 (No response.)

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion carries.

3 And, Director, I didn't know if you
4 wanted to introduce our HR person.

5 DIRECTOR LEONARD: I don't know if you
6 remember at one of our previous meetings we discussed
7 the fact that we'd entered into an arrangement with
8 the county's HR department to provide support to the
9 Board of Elections. And, normally, Cait is here on
10 Tuesdays, but today -- it just happened this week it
11 worked out that she needed to adjust her schedule to
12 Thursday and so she's here. So we wanted to take an
13 opportunity to introduce Cait Graessle.

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Hi, Cait.

15 MEMBER SINNOTT: Hi, Cait.

16 MS. GRAESSLE: Hi.

17 DIRECTOR LEONARD: She's been very
18 helpful in helping address some issues relating to
19 our -- the hours and so forth. Making sure we've got
20 all the correct paperwork for all of our seasonal
21 employees, for all of our full-time.

22 Now that we've kind of gotten beyond this
23 election cycle, she'll be helping us work on some of
24 the bigger things like our personnel policy and some
25 other issues that are a little bit larger in scope.

1 MEMBER MARINELLO: Awesome.

2 DIRECTOR LEONARD: She's a great asset.

3 MS. GRAESSLE: Thank you.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Is there any
5 other new or unfinished business to come before the
6 Board? If not, I'd entertain a motion to adjourn.

7 MEMBER MARINELLO: So moved.

8 MEMBER SINNOTT: Second.

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in
10 favor, signify by saying aye.

11 (Thereupon, all members voted
12 affirmatively.)

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed, same
14 sign.

15 (No response.)

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We're adjourned.

17 (Thereupon, the meeting adjourned at
18 2:20 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 Thursday, May 18, 2017, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

Carolyn M. Burke
Carolyn M. Burke, Registered Professional Reporter, and Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio.

My commission expires July 17, 2018.

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