

BEFORE THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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DECEMBER 23, 2019

SPECIAL MEETING OF

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

before Chairman Douglas J. Preisse, Director Edward Leonard, Deputy Director David Payne, and Board Members Bradley K. Sinnott, Kimberly E. Marinello, and Michael Sexton, at the Franklin County Board of Elections, 1700 Morse Road, Columbus, Ohio, on Monday, December 23, 2019, beginning at approximately 3:12 p.m., and concluding at approximately 4:19 p.m.

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On behalf of the Board.

**Also present:**

Antone White, Executive Assistant to the  
Board, Director, and Deputy Director  
Carla Patton  
Jeffrey Mackey

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BOARD EXHIBITS

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Exhibit A - 6/10/21/28/  
Candidates Recommended for Board 33/34  
Certification to the March 17, 2020  
Primary Election Ballot, 42 pages

Exhibit B - 33/35  
Candidates Not Recommended for Board  
Certification to the March 17, 2020  
Primary Election Ballot, 4 pages

Exhibit C - 14/15  
Questions and Issues Recommended for  
Board Certification to the March 17,  
2020 Primary Election Ballot, 6 pages

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Monday Afternoon Session  
December 23, 2019  
3:12 p.m.

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We're all  
here. I will take roll.

Kim Marinello.

MEMBER MARINELLO: Here.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Mike Sexton.

MEMBER SEXTON: Here.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Doug  
Preisse.

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And Brad  
Sinnott.

MEMBER SINNOTT: Here.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We have a  
quorum.

The first item on the agenda is the  
certification of candidates to the March 17th,  
2020, primary election ballot. And I'll turn that  
over to Jeffrey Mackey for a report.

MR. MACKEY: All right. We received  
465 candidate filings this election, which I think  
is high even for an all central committee year.  
446 are on the recommended list, 19 not certified.

1 You have before you Exhibit A, a list of candidates  
2 recommended for certification to the March 17th,  
3 2020 primary ballot.

4 MR. SINNOTT: Jeff, you said 465  
5 people tried to file and all but 19 are recommended  
6 for certification to the ballot?

7 MR. MACKEY: Correct

8 MEMBER SINNOTT: Got it.

9 MR. MACKEY: Which is around  
10 3-1/2 percent.

11 MEMBER SINNOTT: Thank you.

12 MR. MACKEY: The staff examined all  
13 the petitions and found the candidates listed on  
14 Exhibit A to have timely filed and provided valid  
15 and sufficient petitions.

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Any  
17 questions concerning Exhibit A?

18 MEMBER SEXTON: I have a couple of  
19 questions I'd like to bring up, first,  
20 Mr. Chariman, if that's okay.

21 I'd like to look specifically at  
22 four of the candidates, Travis Buskirk, Columbus  
23 85, --

24 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: These are  
25 candidates for central committee?

1 MEMBER SEXTON: Central committee.

2 -- Monique McCoy 13, Ibrahima Sow  
3 46, and Erick Bellomy 49, in the sense that it's my  
4 understanding that the petition was not completely  
5 filled out at the bottom. I'm referring to this  
6 part here. The candidate's name, party, and  
7 language are missing from the petition.

8 DIRECTOR LEONARD: The reference is  
9 to the bottom of the central committee candidate  
10 petition there's a segment that the candidate must  
11 fill out at the bottom of the first page.

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: These are blank.

13 DIRECTOR LEONARD: It's blank just  
14 to give you a sample of the reference he's  
15 references.

16 MEMBER MARINELLO: Letting the voter  
17 know what they're signing, basically.

18 MR. MACKEY: I don't think  
19 Miss McCoy's falls into this. They're supposed to  
20 be on legal size paper, but it didn't come out. So  
21 the petition for candidate section is cut off at  
22 the bottom.

23 MEMBER SINNOTT: Sort of feel like  
24 Doug and I walked into the middle of a  
25 conversation, that you folks know something about

1 these four that we don't at this point.

2 So there are four candidates for  
3 county Democratic Central Committee that the staff  
4 is recommending for certification, but there's an  
5 issue about the way the bottom of their petitions  
6 appear?

7 MR. MACKEY: Correct.

8 MEMBER SINNOTT: You apparently  
9 heard about this, too?

10 MR. MACKEY: Recently, yes.

11 MEMBER SINNOTT: Okay. And does  
12 anybody have a copy of the four in question?

13 MR. MACKEY: I don't have copies. I  
14 have the originals here.

15 MEMBER SINNOTT: Well, shall we see  
16 the originals?

17 MR. MACKEY: I don't think  
18 Miss McCoy falls in that category. The other three  
19 do.

20 MEMBER SINNOTT: So Miss McCoy is  
21 here. So she apparently is different.

22 DIRECTOR LEONARD: And it's the  
23 bottom of the first page that is the issue or the  
24 bottom of each of those first pages. If you look  
25 at that form that you were just given, it shows --

1 this is what it should look like versus what it  
2 actually looks like. The bottom section is  
3 completely cut off.

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Well, there's  
5 also information missing, at least in this case,  
6 Ibrahima Sow's petition, below the signature,  
7 although it appears it's supposedly filled in here  
8 with address, state, and Zip Code.

9 MEMBER SINNOTT: Okay.

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So it's an  
11 incomplete petition. Right?

12 MEMBER SINNOTT: I guess that's the  
13 question, yes.

14 What's the issue with McCoy?

15 MEMBER SEXTON: I would withdraw  
16 that. I thought it was the same thing, but it  
17 appears to be no issue with that one. Apparently  
18 not. She did hers on legal. So I withdraw my  
19 concerns about Monique McCoy, Columbus Ward 13.

20 But on these other three, with  
21 reading from the Secretary of State Section 102,  
22 General Rules for Verifying Candidate and Issue  
23 Petitions, it says, When there is an error or  
24 omission on the petition form, the Secretary of  
25 State, in the case of a statewide candidate, or the

1 board of elections, in the case of all other  
2 candidates, must determine whether the prospective  
3 candidate substantially complied with the form.  
4 And I think in these three cases these three  
5 individual candidates have not.

6 MR. MACKEY: And the advice from the  
7 Secretary of State's handbook in the nominating  
8 petition portion is that the question of whether  
9 the board may certify a prospective candidate's  
10 petition when the nominating petition portion of  
11 the form is incomplete is a substantial compliance  
12 decision for the board of elections to make in  
13 consultation with its legal counsel and the county  
14 prosecuting attorney.

15 In the past when we have experienced  
16 incomplete nominating petition sections we have  
17 gone ahead and certified, which is why I included  
18 them here. And also, I think there's more like  
19 that over there on the Exhibit A right now. If we  
20 are going to exclude those, I would need time to  
21 try and figure out which ones those are.

22 MEMBER MARINELLO: It looks like a  
23 critical part of the petition because the voter  
24 won't know what he's signing for. According to the  
25 language that was cut off, the voter wouldn't know

1 that he's certifying that he is a qualified  
2 elector, political party, would be a good  
3 candidate, and all of that. It's critical.

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Well --

5 MEMBER SINNOTT: Tim, what -- does  
6 the prosecutor's office have any advice for us?

7 MR. LECKLIDER: First I've heard of  
8 it. I haven't been consulted prior to this or seen  
9 the documents. If you'd like to recess, I'd be  
10 happy to do all that.

11 MEMBER SINNOTT: We probably do want  
12 to treat similarly situated people the same.

13 And Jeff, you're saying you think  
14 that in the approved list there may be a number of  
15 other people other than the three that Chairman  
16 Sexton just mentioned?

17 MR. MACKEY: I'm pretty certain  
18 there are more.

19 MEMBER SINNOTT: And that's true  
20 because you think that we have regularly accepted  
21 petitions in the past that didn't have the petition  
22 for candidate section completed?

23 MR. MACKEY: Correct.

24 MEMBER SINNOTT: Do you have a sense  
25 of how many others are in the same situation?

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I think we have  
2 to if we've been told by a staff member that --

3 MEMBER MARINELLO: It says it's  
4 printed on legal size paper so that nothing is cut  
5 off. Of course --

6 MR. MACKEY: There are instructions  
7 if they use our website that say that. The  
8 petition doesn't say this anywhere I don't think.

9 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Indeed, this  
10 supposedly complete blank form is on standard size  
11 letter paper.

12 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Right. I printed  
13 that for your sake. I went to the Secretary of  
14 State's website and printed it and --

15 MR. MACKEY: If you make the correct  
16 set of adjustments on a PDF printer you can get it  
17 on a letter-size form.

18 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Right.

19 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Well, we want the  
20 opinion of our counsel who is asking for time to  
21 look at this. So I don't know that we need to  
22 recess if we just pause and skip this one and go on  
23 to the next item, unless it's a matter where we  
24 need your complete attention.

25 MEMBER SINNOTT: Well, I don't think

1 we can do list A and B until we have this question  
2 resolved because people will presumably be moving  
3 from the approved list to the non-approved list if  
4 we decide the question that way.

5 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Let's move on to  
6 other matters. I think we can pass on this for the  
7 moment.

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Correct.  
9 Let's go with the --

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Tim, we're going  
11 to move on with other business while you have an  
12 opportunity to get your arms around this.

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The next  
14 item on the agenda is board granted holiday  
15 personal leave. So in the past the Board has given  
16 four days to --

17 MEMBER SINNOTT: Could we do  
18 certification of issues and local options perhaps?

19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We can. I  
20 would just want to make sure --

21 MEMBER SINNOTT: Is Jeff necessary  
22 for that discussion?

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: I don't  
24 believe so, but I want to make sure.

25 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Carla would be

1 here for the local options.

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: I just want  
3 to make sure that there aren't any petitions that  
4 have a similar issue with certification on issues  
5 and local options. I wouldn't think so, but --

6 DIRECTOR LEONARD: We can certainly  
7 hold off on A and B, but C pertains to local  
8 options.

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Okay. I  
10 would have thought --

11 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Carla can speak  
12 to it.

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Okay.  
14 Carla.

15 MS. PATTON: In front of you you  
16 have Exhibit C which is questions and issues  
17 recommended for Board approval. Contained on that  
18 list are all the local option petitions that were  
19 filed. These petitions were timely filed with the  
20 Board of Elections by the deadline and were  
21 reviewed by staff and found to be sufficient in the  
22 number of signatures required as well as the  
23 information contained on the face of the petition.  
24 Same with all the local questions, they were timely  
25 filed and we recommend that the issues set forth in

1 Exhibit C be certified to the March 17th, 2020,  
2 primary ballot.

3 DIRECTOR LEONARD: And so the local  
4 questions were reviewed by counsel, as well?

5 MS. PATTON: Everything was reviewed  
6 by the local counsel and everything met the minimum  
7 legal requirements in order to appear on the  
8 ballot.

9 MEMBER MARINELLO: I move that the  
10 Board certify to the March 17, 2020, Primary  
11 Election Ballot the issues and local options listed  
12 on Exhibit C and that these issues and local  
13 options were timely filed and found to be valid and  
14 sufficient.

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in  
17 favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

18 (Vote taken.)

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

21 (No response.)

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The motion  
23 carries.

24 We'll go to the next item on the  
25 agenda, the Board-granted personal holiday leave.

1 Typically, in the past, at least since I've been  
2 here, and I know it happened many years before, the  
3 Board would grant in some cases four holiday days  
4 to take between the Christmas holiday and the new  
5 year. This year because we just finished up with  
6 the November general election and we have a  
7 March 17th primary, we thought that if the Board  
8 was so inclined two days would probably be more  
9 appropriate just because we do have work to get  
10 done.

11                   DIRECTOR LEONARD: Operationally  
12 it's just difficult for us to accommodate four  
13 vacation days or four administrative days for every  
14 staff member, but two within the time window that's  
15 set forth would be operationally something we could  
16 manage and would recommend.

17                   MEMBER SINNOTT: Yeah.

18                   MEMBER SEXTON: I move that the  
19 Franklin County Board of Elections authorize each  
20 full-time employee 16 hours, two days, of personal  
21 leave to be used by the employees at any time  
22 between Thursday, December 26, 2019, and Friday,  
23 January 3, 2020.

24                   MEMBER SINNOTT: Second.

25                   DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in

1 favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

2 (Vote taken.)

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

5 (No response.)

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The motion  
7 carries.

8 The next item on the agenda is  
9 holiday hours for operation of the office. On  
10 Martin Luther King Day that's a Monday, a federal  
11 holiday and a state holiday; but again, we will  
12 have work to do. So the suggestion would be for  
13 the offices to be open to the staff to be able to  
14 do their work on Martin Luther King Day, but not  
15 open to the public because none of the other boards  
16 around the state will be open on Martin Luther King  
17 Day, and then replace that holiday with the Friday  
18 before Memorial Day, which is May 22nd.

19 MEMBER MARINELLO: I move that the  
20 Board offices remain open for staff only, not to  
21 the general public, on Martin Luther King Day,  
22 Monday, January 20th, and will instead close on  
23 Friday, May 22nd.

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Is there a  
25 second?

1 MEMBER SINNOTT: There is.

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in  
3 favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

4 (Vote taken.)

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

7 (No response.)

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The motion  
9 carries.

10 The next item is similar.

11 Presidents' Day occurs on Monday, February 17th.

12 Again, we will be working on the March 17th  
13 primary. The suggestion would be to take off  
14 Friday, April 10th, which happens to be the Friday  
15 before Easter.

16 DIRECTOR LEONARD: In this case  
17 because the public holiday actually occurs right  
18 before the filing deadline -- or the registration  
19 deadline, staff would need to be here to continue  
20 to prepare for the March primary. So that would be  
21 the need for us to be working on Presidents' Day  
22 and not be open to the public.

23 MEMBER SINNOTT: I move that the  
24 Board offices remain open for staff only, not to  
25 the general public, on Presidents' Day, Monday,

1 February 17th, and instead the Board offices will  
2 be closed on Friday, April 10th.

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Is there a  
4 second?

5 MEMBER SEXTON: Second.

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in  
7 favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

8 (Vote taken.)

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

11 (No response.)

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion  
13 carries.

14 The next item is a license agreement  
15 amendment for a property that's over on Piedmont  
16 Avenue that we use as storage and we also use as  
17 training. And I'll let the Director speak to that.

18 DIRECTOR LEONARD: In the past we've  
19 used the Piedmont facility that's owned by the City  
20 of Columbus, we've used it as training. In order  
21 for us to not have training being conducted at the  
22 Board of Elections location, we've used the  
23 Piedmont facility owned by the City of Columbus.  
24 It's worked out very well for us. I think, again,  
25 it's a fair amount of space and it allows us to

1 have that dedicated space, dedicated parking.  
2 We've conducted our Practice Makes Perfect sessions  
3 from the Piedmont facility and now we're also  
4 extending this. This lease will allow us to extend  
5 through 2020 and allow us to also store some  
6 equipment at the Piedmont facility in addition to  
7 conducting the poll worker training at the Piedmont  
8 facility.

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And some of  
10 that training happens during early vote. So we  
11 don't want training folks here to take up spots for  
12 people that might need those spots to early vote.  
13 That's the rationale.

14 DIRECTOR LEONARD: And see if  
15 there's anything else relating to that. It's  
16 pretty straight forward. It's been a good  
17 arrangement with the City of Columbus and it gives  
18 us all the access that we need. And so we  
19 recommend that we extend that by way of this  
20 license extension, license amendment.

21 MEMBER SEXTON: I authorize the  
22 Director and Deputy Director to enter into a  
23 license agreement for the building located at  
24 750 Piedmont Avenue for the purposes of training  
25 poll workers and the storage of voting equipment

1 and that this lease agreement be in the amount of  
2 \$13,500.

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in  
5 favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

6 (Vote taken.)

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,  
8 same sign.

9 (No response.)

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion  
11 carries.

12 The next item on the agenda -- there  
13 are actually a couple, I believe, that --

14 DIRECTOR LEONARD: We have some  
15 people here who want to speak with regard -- If you  
16 want to take up the question of whether or not you  
17 want to hear from some of the candidates that filed  
18 too late, filed their petitions late. I know we've  
19 got counsel looking at Exhibit A as relates to  
20 certifying candidates to the ballot, but there are  
21 two individuals I understand that want to speak  
22 because they were -- they came and appeared after  
23 the 4 o'clock filing deadline to file their  
24 petitions and wish to speak. I mean, that question  
25 I imagine you could at least entertain if the Board

1 wishes to entertain that before we go into  
2 executive session on anything else. Just put that  
3 out there since they're here.

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I don't know what  
5 we can learn if we can't turn back the hands of  
6 time.

7 MEMBER SINNOTT: To the point, if we  
8 decide not to place someone on the ballot there is  
9 an appeals process for that. Correct?

10 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Uh-huh.

11 MEMBER SINNOTT: That seems to be  
12 the correct form --

13 DIRECTOR LEONARD: There is an  
14 appeals process.

15 MEMBER SINNOTT: -- to raise  
16 concerns about a Board decision.

17 DIRECTOR LEONARD: My understanding  
18 is it's not a formal protest requirement, but that  
19 actually there is an appeals process.

20 MEMBER SINNOTT: Okay.

21 DIRECTOR LEONARD: So yes, there is  
22 an appeals process after the decision has been  
23 made. I just would put that forward because I know  
24 the individuals are here if the Board wishes to  
25 hear from them.

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: If there's an  
2 appeals process, let's follow it --

3 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Okay.

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: -- if everybody  
5 is comfortable with that.

6 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yeah.

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Is there a  
8 desire of the Board to go into executive session at  
9 all to talk about personnel matters?

10 MEMBER MARINELLO: I believe there  
11 is.

12 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yeah.

13 MEMBER MARINELLO: Pursuant to Ohio  
14 Revised Code Section 121.22(G) (1) and (3), I move  
15 that the Franklin County Board of Elections go into  
16 executive session to consider the appointment,  
17 employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion,  
18 demotion, and/or compensation of a public employee.

19 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in  
21 favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

22 MR. LECKLIDER: Excuse me. You do  
23 roll call for that.

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: That's  
25 right. I'm sorry. Take roll call.

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Kim Marinello.

MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Mike Sexton.

MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Doug

Preisse.

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And Brad

Sinnott.

MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We are in  
executive session. Thank you.

(Board went into executive session  
at approximately 3:36 p.m.)

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: In order to  
return from executive session I would need a motion  
to do so.

MEMBER SEXTON: I move that the  
Franklin County Board of Elections adjourn from  
executive session and that no votes or official  
actions were taken during executive session.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Is there a  
second?

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Roll call.

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Kim Marinello.

MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Mike Sexton.

MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Doug

Preisse.

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And Brad

Sinnott.

MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.

(Board came out of executive session  
at approximately 5:02 p.m.)

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The next  
item on the agenda would be to take up a background  
checks.

MEMBER MARINELLO: I thought we  
wanted to do certification first.

DIRECTOR LEONARD: Do the  
certification first and then leave the personnel  
matter for the last action.

MEMBER SINNOTT: There is something  
showing on the informal agenda about background  
checks update. Is there anything to that?

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We can have  
Antone give the update if that's --

1                   MEMBER SINNOTT: I don't know what  
2 was intended here.

3                   DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Why don't  
4 you give an update, Antone, as to the background  
5 check.

6                   MR. WHITE: Certainly.

7                   As you know, at the last -- or two  
8 board meetings ago the Board adopted the criminal  
9 background check policy which was part of the  
10 Secretary of State's directive. I believe it was  
11 08-2019. And so the Board adopted the criminal  
12 background check policy which required full-time  
13 staff members of the Board to submit to a  
14 background check. Subsequent to that adoption of  
15 the new policy, we had a total of 43 or 44 board  
16 members who did submit to a background check.

17                   MEMBER SINNOTT: You mean employees?

18                   MR. WHITE: Strike what I said.

19 Board employees who submitted to a background  
20 check. And since that time we have received a  
21 total of 37 background checks back to the Board.

22                   DIRECTOR LEONARD: The remaining  
23 background checks are employees who had to have  
24 their fingerprints rescanned for some reason, but  
25 all employees who had executed the authorization to

1 conduct background checks have submitted to the  
2 background checks and they're underway or fully  
3 completed and reports are back.

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Very well.

5 MEMBER SINNOTT: Candidate  
6 certification.

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Do you want  
8 to go to certification of candidates, Jeff?

9 MR. MACKEY: Okay. I found three  
10 more if you guys would like to take a look at  
11 those.

12 MEMBER MARINELLO: Same issue with  
13 both?

14 MR. MACKEY: Two are the exact same  
15 issue. The third, that section was there but was  
16 not filled out.

17 MEMBER MARINELLO: Same issue.

18 MEMBER SINNOTT: What are the names  
19 of the candidates where there is not a petition for  
20 candidate statement completed?

21 MR. MACKEY: The three additional  
22 that we found are Jonathan Field, Republican County  
23 Central Committee, Columbus Ward 3; Nathan  
24 Slonaker, Republican County Central Committee, Ward  
25 28; and Kathy Harter, Republican County Central

1 Committee, Dublin Ward 1.

2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So we would have  
3 to -- I'm sorry. The three that we've discussed  
4 before, are they in Exhibit A?

5 MR. MACKEY: Yes, all six of these  
6 are in Exhibit A.

7 DIRECTOR LEONARD: You'd have to  
8 amend Exhibit A or approve it as amended, but you'd  
9 have to amend Exhibit A if you chose to disqualify  
10 the candidates that have been identified.

11 MEMBER SINNOTT: And so that I get  
12 this right, before we hear from Tim, so Jeff, what  
13 the staff has been doing through the years when it  
14 has noticed that the petition for candidate has not  
15 been completed is it's been overlooking that and  
16 still including the candidate on the certified for  
17 the ballot list?

18 MR. MACKEY: Yes. And I believe to  
19 start that, that was brought to the Board at some  
20 point.

21 MEMBER SINNOTT: But you don't  
22 remember when?

23 MR. MACKEY: No.

24 MEMBER SINNOTT: I've never  
25 considered this subject to my recollection.

1           Tim, is there anything from the law  
2 that you would draw to our attention?

3           MR. LECKLIDER: Yes. But first, if  
4 I could just see one example of an alleged  
5 deficient -- My understanding from discussion is  
6 that these petitions have been printed off in a  
7 form that cuts off a part of the petition. And  
8 particularly --

9           MEMBER SINNOTT: That's true in five  
10 instances. I think in the sixth it was there but  
11 it was not completed.

12          MR. LECKLIDER: Right. And I've got  
13 a copy here.

14          MR. MACKEY: This has the whole  
15 petition.

16          MR. LECKLIDER: That's what it  
17 should look like, and this is an example of one  
18 that is cut off.

19          DIRECTOR LEONARD: That petition  
20 portion of it is cut off at the bottom.

21          MR. LECKLIDER: Okay.

22          DIRECTOR LEONARD: Same here, it's  
23 cut off. So the argument being this is the portion  
24 that the voter -- that the voter is told that --

25          MR. LECKLIDER: I'm sorry. So why

1 wouldn't -- in this instance, are these typically a  
2 double-sided document or are they --

3 MR. MACKEY: They are designed to be  
4 on legal paper, front to back.

5 MR. LECKLIDER: So this -- and this  
6 has -- in each instance the circular statement is  
7 missing?

8 MR. MACKEY: Yes.

9 MR. LECKLIDER: Okay. Well, based  
10 upon the direction provided by the Secretary of  
11 State and the case notes in the relevant Ohio  
12 Revised Code, Section 3513.07, it appears clear  
13 that both the Supreme Court and appellate courts in  
14 Ohio have confirmed what Mr. Mackey has told the  
15 Board, that only substantial compliance is  
16 required. Now, there are other portions in the  
17 statutes as you know where strict compliance is  
18 required, but in this particular instance I would  
19 only point out to you -- and again, this is  
20 ultimately a matter of Board discussion. And I  
21 mean, I don't think there's a distinct definition  
22 for what constitutes substantial compliance. It's  
23 a decision you're going to have to make regarding  
24 whether the candidate in question substantially  
25 complied with the form. I would point out to you,

1     however, that in the document and in the actual  
2     filed petitions that I've looked at that the  
3     candidate is required to indicate their name and  
4     I'm assuming in each instance they did under the  
5     declaration of candidacy and they also need to  
6     indicate their political party in question.  And  
7     again, I'm assuming that in each instance they  
8     have.  So that's the same information that is asked  
9     for at the bottom of the form that's being cut off.  
10    So that -- I guess that's something to be -- take  
11    into consideration.

12                   Now, the case notes that are in this  
13    printed edition of the Ohio Revised Code, I'm not  
14    seeing any case exactly on point.  The cases that  
15    are reported in here have to do with omission of a  
16    month and day of an election, for example; but they  
17    do explicitly mention the standard of substantial  
18    compliance.  And in each of these cases the court  
19    asks the question whether there was a claim of  
20    fraud or deception on the part of the candidate in  
21    question.  So I guess I would examine it in that  
22    context.

23                   MEMBER SINNOTT:  Well, I've not  
24    reflected on this before today.  And I would accept  
25    that there ought to be a substantial compliance

1 standard. But as I look at the petition form, what  
2 I believe has been omitted from the petition that  
3 was placed in front of all the electors asked to  
4 sign was the statement as to what the voter was  
5 attesting to. It's quite odd. The language that  
6 appears under the titled petition for candidate is  
7 what the signatory is affirming through his or her  
8 signature. So in the absence of that appearing on  
9 the document that the voter is being asked to sign,  
10 there's nothing that the voter is certifying  
11 through his or her signature. It really becomes,  
12 then, quite an odd document as it was circulated.  
13 People were being asked to sign to attest to  
14 something, but the thing to which they were  
15 attesting was absent from the document.

16 MEMBER MARINELLO: Totally agree.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: The circulator  
18 doesn't have to be the candidate, either, which  
19 could open up a can of worms in the future if  
20 you've got -- you don't have the attestation of  
21 the signor. It could be -- certainly could be  
22 somebody else.

23 MEMBER MARINELLO: Right. Uh-huh.

24 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: There's a big  
25 chunk of the petition missing.

1                   MEMBER SEXTON: Right. I think a  
2 big chunk and an important part of the petition  
3 missing it appears in these six cases.

4                   MEMBER SINNOTT: In five of the six  
5 the statement is just absent. Correct?

6                   MR. MACKEY: Correct.

7                   MEMBER SINNOTT: And in the sixth  
8 it's present on the form but is not completed?

9                   MR. MACKEY: Correct.

10                  CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I think I would  
11 move to amend Exhibit A. Do you have this?

12                  MEMBER SINNOTT: I do. I think what  
13 you're about to do is move from Exhibit A to  
14 Exhibit B the six candidates in question.

15                  CHAIRMAN PREISSE: That's right.

16                  MEMBER SINNOTT: Then I think we  
17 need the three that we first started discussing. I  
18 have the last three written down.

19                  MEMBER SEXTON: I have the first  
20 three as Travis Buskirk, Columbus Ward 85,  
21 Democratic; Ibrahima Sow, Ward 46, Democratic; Eric  
22 Bellomy, Ward 49, Democratic. And then I have the  
23 other three.

24                  CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I move to  
25 transfer out of Exhibit A and into Exhibit B the

1 candidate names Travis Buskirk, Ibrahima Sow, Eric  
2 Bellomy, Jonathan Field, Nathan Slonaker, and Kathy  
3 Harter.

4 MEMBER SINNOTT: Second.

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in  
6 favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

7 (Vote taken.)

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

10 (No response.)

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion  
12 carries.

13 MEMBER MARINELLO: I had to abstain.

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Then we need to  
15 approve each one as amended.

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Correct.

17 MEMBER SEXTON: So I move,  
18 Mr. Chariman, that the Board certify to the  
19 March 17, 2020 Primary Election Ballot the  
20 candidates listed on Exhibit A as amended and that  
21 these petitions were filed timely and found to be  
22 valid and sufficient.

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in  
25 favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

1 (Vote taken.)

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

4 (No response.)

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion  
6 carries.

7 MEMBER SINNOTT: Then I move that  
8 the Board deny certification to the March 17, 2020  
9 Primary Election Ballot those candidates listed on  
10 amended Exhibit B and that these petitions were not  
11 filed timely or found to be invalid and  
12 insufficient.

13 MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in  
15 favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

16 (Vote taken.)

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

19 (No response.)

20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The motion  
21 carries.

22 MEMBER SINNOTT: There's an  
23 employment matter that will require Board action.  
24 And I regret making this motion, but I believe it's  
25 required by law and the policies of the Board. We

1 heard just a moment ago that there is one employee  
2 who has refused to participate in the criminal  
3 background check that has been required by the Ohio  
4 Secretary of State.

5 And as difficult as I find this, for  
6 that reason I make the following motion: I need to  
7 move for the termination of Alicia Healy's  
8 employment at the Board for refusal to consent to a  
9 background check pursuant to the directive from the  
10 Secretary of State and the Board's policy number  
11 BOE-20.04, Section (6) (B) (1) (A), which instructs us  
12 that a refusal to consent to a background check  
13 will disqualify a candidate from employment -- or  
14 an employee from employment.

15 MEMBER SEXTON: Second.

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in  
17 favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

18 (Vote taken.)

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

21 (No response.)

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion  
23 carries.

24 MEMBER SINNOTT: I would only point  
25 out that Alicia did submit to the Board an

1 excellent statement outlining her position on the  
2 subject.

3 Thank you for that.

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

7 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Move to adjourn.

8 MEMBER SEXTON: Second.

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in  
10 favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

11 (Vote taken.)

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

14 (No response.)

15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion  
16 carries.

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18 Thereupon, the proceedings were  
19 adjourned at approximately 4:19 p.m.

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THE STATE OF OHIO:

SS:

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN:

I, Carla D. Castle, a Professional Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, correct, and complete written transcript of the proceedings in this matter;

That the foregoing was taken by me stenographically and transcribed by me with computer-aided transcription;

That the foregoing occurred at the aforementioned time and place;

That I am not an attorney for or relative of any of the parties and have no interest whatsoever in the event of this matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal of office at Columbus, Ohio, this 20th day of January, 2020.

/s/Carla D. Castle  
Notary Public, State of Ohio

My Commission Expires: September 29, 2021.

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# EXHIBIT A

Candidates Recommended for  
Board Certification to the  
March 17, 2020 Primary Election Ballot



Exhibit A: Candidates Recommended for Board Certification to the March 17, 2020 Primary Election  
Ballot

**State Senator: Justin Adkins (Democratic)**  
16th District Full Term

**State Senator: Mark L. Bailey (Democratic)**  
16th District Full Term

**State Senator: Eric Connelly (Democratic)**  
16th District Full Term

**State Senator: Troy Doucet (Democratic)**  
16th District Full Term

**State Senator: Crystal Lett (Democratic)**  
16th District Full Term

**State Representative: Adam C. Miller (Democratic)**  
17th House District Full Term

**State Representative: Kristin Boggs (Democratic)**  
18th House District Full Term

**State Representative: Mary Lightbody (Democratic)**  
19th House District Full Term

**State Representative: Richard Brown (Democratic)**  
20th House District Full Term

**State Representative: Beth Liston (Democratic)**  
21st House District Full Term

**State Representative: Kashi N. Adhikari (Democratic)**  
22nd House District Full Term

**State Representative: David Leland (Democratic)**  
22nd House District Full Term

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**State Representative: Nancy Day-Auchauer (Democratic)**  
23rd House District Full Term

**State Representative: Allison Russo (Democratic)**  
24th House District Full Term

**State Representative: Nick Bankston (Democratic)**  
25th House District Full Term

**State Representative: Mohamud Jama (Democratic)**  
25th House District Full Term

**State Representative: Dontavius Jarrells (Democratic)**  
25th House District Full Term

**State Representative: Gary Alan Josephson (Democratic)**  
25th House District Full Term

**State Representative: Mayo Makinde (Democratic)**  
25th House District Full Term

**State Representative: Kofi Nsia-Pepira (Democratic)**  
25th House District Full Term

**State Representative: Tiffany White (Democratic)**  
25th House District Full Term

**State Representative: Erica C. Crawley (Democratic)**  
26th House District Full Term

**Representative to Congress: Joyce Beatty (Democratic)**  
03rd Congressional District Full Term

**Representative to Congress: Morgan Harper (Democratic)**  
03rd Congressional District Full Term

**Representative to Congress: Jenny Bell (Democratic)**

12th Congressional District Full Term

**Representative to Congress: Alaina Shearer (Democratic)**

12th Congressional District Full Term

**Representative to Congress: Daniel McArthur Kilgore (Democratic)**

15th Congressional District Full Term

**Representative to Congress: Joel Newby (Democratic)**

15th Congressional District Full Term

**Court of Common Pleas-Judge: George W. Leach (Democratic)**

Franklin County Domestic FTC 44198

**Court of Common Pleas-Judge: Lashey Stoud (Democratic)**

Franklin County Domestic FTC 44199

**Court of Common Pleas-Judge: Carl Aveni (Democratic)**

Franklin County General FTC 44197

**Court of Common Pleas-Judge: Andrew Miller (Democratic)**

Franklin County General FTC 44236

**Court of Common Pleas-Judge: David Young (Democratic)**

Franklin County General FTC 44378

**Court of Common Pleas-Judge: Chris Brown (Democratic)**

Franklin County General FTC 44379

**Court of Common Pleas-Judge: Sheryl Munson (Democratic)**

Franklin County General UTE 44931

**Court of Common Pleas-Judge: Zachary T. Space (Democratic)**

Franklin County Probate FTC 44236

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**Court of Common Pleas-Clerk: Maryellen O'Shaughnessy (Democratic)**

Franklin County FTC 44200

**Court of Appeals-Judge: Michael C. Mentel (Democratic)**

10th District FTC 44236

**Court of Appeals-Judge: Terri Jamison (Democratic)**

10th District FTC 44378

**County Treasurer: Cheryl A. Sullivan (Democratic)**

Franklin County FTC 44445

**County Sheriff: Dallas L. Baldwin (Democratic)**

Franklin County FTC 44200

**County Recorder: Danny O'Connor (Democratic)**

Franklin County FTC 44200

**County Prosecutor: Gary Tyack (Democratic)**

Franklin County FTC 44200

**County Coroner: Anahi Ortiz (Democratic)**

Franklin County FTC 44200

**County Commissioner: Kevin Boyce (Democratic)**

Franklin County FTC 44198

**County Commissioner: John O'Grady (Democratic)**

Franklin County FTC 44199

**County Central Committee: Meryl Neiman (Democratic)**

Bexley Ward 01 Full Term

**County Central Committee: David M. Neubauer (Democratic)**

Bexley Ward 01 Full Term

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**County Central Committee: Carolyn Harding (Democratic)**

Bexley Ward 02 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Gregory Joseph Lestini (Democratic)**

Bexley Ward 02 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Bryan Clark (Democratic)**

Bexley Ward 03 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Daria DeNoia (Democratic)**

Bexley Ward 03 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Shelby Koches (Democratic)**

Bexley Ward 04 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Jennifer L .McNally (Democratic)**

Bexley Ward 04 Full Term

**County Central Committee: David Chapin (Democratic)**

Blendon Township Full Term

**County Central Committee: Suzanne Brown (Democratic)**

Canal Winchester Full Term

**County Central Committee: Deborah Steele (Democratic)**

Clinton Township Full Term

**County Central Committee: Jessica Nicole Clinger (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 01 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Ernest Lee Whitted Jr (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 01 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Sarah M. Legeza (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 02 Full Term

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**County Central Committee: Richard B. Neal Jr (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 02 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Debera L. Diggs (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 03 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Monica G. Cerrezuela (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 04 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Cissy F. Watkins (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 04 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Taisean C. Globber (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 05 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Hannah Elizabeth Ware (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 05 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Karen Sue Bankston (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 06 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Nicholas Bankston (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 07 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Trevor P. Martin (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 07 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Danielle Marie Howell (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 08 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Karen E. Kostelac (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 08 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Kevin B. McCain (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 10 Full Term

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**County Central Committee: Julius M. Palazzo (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 11 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Rachel F. Wenning (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 11 Full Term

**County Central Committee: William P. DeMora (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 12 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Joshua R Grossman (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 12 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Charles Irwin (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 12 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Monique McCoy (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 13 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Terri L Mitchell (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 13 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Terrence W Penrod (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 14 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Bryce Sampson (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 14 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Conan C Cupples (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 15 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Marques Jones (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 16 Full Term

**County Central Committee: James Patrick Manning (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 16 Full Term

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**County Central Committee: Averi Jayne Townsend (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 16 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Mayo Makinde (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 17 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Kevin O'Donnell (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 18 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Joseph G Rettof (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 18 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Marla Davis (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 19 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Phyllis M. Elmo (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 19 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Danny O'Connor (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 19 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Victoria Abou-Ghalioum (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 20 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Jennifer K. Lynch (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 20 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Joseph Echt (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 21 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Karen S Foley (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 21 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Ruth A Farthing (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 22 Full Term

Exhibit A: Candidates Recommended for Board Certification to the March 17, 2020 Primary Election  
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**County Central Committee: Abby S. Vaile (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 22 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Heather Fitzgerald (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 23 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Jeffrey D. Mackey (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 23 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Mark A. Allison (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 24 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Karen D. Clark (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 24 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Deborah A. Johnson (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 25 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Carol E Whitmer (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 25 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Lamar D. Peoples II (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 26 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Richard Ira Shack (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 26 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Patricia Powell (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 27 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Marc Gofstein (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 28 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Shelley Mann (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 28 Full Term

Exhibit A: Candidates Recommended for Board Certification to the March 17, 2020 Primary Election  
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**County Central Committee: Lillie Banner (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 29 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Edward James Hamilton (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 29 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Laurel Hobden (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 30 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Deborah H. Roberts (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 30 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Marian Lupo (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 31 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Brandon Simmons (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 31 Full Term

**County Central Committee: David Jennings (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 32 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Daniel K. Stewart (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 32 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Gretchen D. James (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 33 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Evangeline Warren (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 33 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Matt Rushay (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 34 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Rodney Wollam (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 34 Full Term

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**County Central Committee: Latyna M. Humprey (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 35 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Stefanie Lynn Coe (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 37 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Carrie Eickleberry (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 38 Full Term

**County Central Committee: John J. McGuire (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 38 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Robert T. Jones (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 39 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Nicole A. Joseph (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 40 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Raemona Cannon (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 41 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Benjamin Kanas (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 41 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Veronica Luttery (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 42 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Valarie Y. Raimey (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 43 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Alexandra Stein (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 43 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Michael L. Jones Jr (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 44 Full Term

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**County Central Committee: Sandra R. Lopez (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 45 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Cheryl Saul (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 46 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Ibrahima Sow (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 46 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Lynne Counts (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 47 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Donald Dawson (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 48 Full Term

**County Central Committee: James C. Ragland (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 48 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Erick Bellomy (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 49 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Kimberly Marinello (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 49 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Alexis R. Pannell (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 50 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Robert L. Patterson (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 51 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Kashi N Adhikan (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 52 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Kathy L Carter (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 52 Full Term

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**County Central Committee: Chloe Siens (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 52 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Adrienne Hood (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 54 Full Term

**County Central Committee: David W. Paul (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 54 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Jonathan C Beard (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 55 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Pat Deering (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 55 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Erin Beck (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 57 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Anna Siriano (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 57 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Michelle B Pike (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 58 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Michael J Wihl (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 58 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Carole DePaola (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 59 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Richard L Simpson (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 59 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Terra Goodnight (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 60 Full Term

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**County Central Committee: Mark K Rutkus (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 60 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Tonya McCreary Williams (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 61 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Garrison P Carr (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 62 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Mellissia Fuhrmann (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 63 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Angela Romines-Smith (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 64 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Jennifer T Stack (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 64 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Sundeepti Jindal (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 65 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Mary L Hawkins (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 66 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Barbara A. Rousey (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 66

**County Central Committee: Clyde B Pickett Sr (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 67 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Constance Dunlap (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 68 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Kim R. Walter (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 69 Full Term

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**County Central Committee: Stephen N Sayre (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 70

**County Central Committee: Ed Horn (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 71 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Jasen Mabus (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 71 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Madeline J Shaw (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 72 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Charles W Lynd (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 73 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Lori Marie Tyack (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 73 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Beth Liston (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 74 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Traci H Johnson (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 75 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Lynn Friedman (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 77 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Michael R Hackett (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 77 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Nancy P Day-Achauer (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 78 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Catherine Cowan (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 79 Full Term

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**County Central Committee: McKenzie L Quinn (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 79 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Vashitta Johnson (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 81

**County Central Committee: Sarah L. Ortman (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 82 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Hassan M. Idris (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 83 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Michael D Cole (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 84 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Michelle Hendricks (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 84 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Travis Buskirk (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 85 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Sharyn N. Rigsbee (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 85 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Marco Miller (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 86 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Terry Stephens (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 86 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Erin M. Gibbons (Democratic)**  
Columbus Ward 09 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Linda M. Capobianco (Democratic)**  
Dublin Ward 01 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Sandi Allen (Democratic)**

Dublin Ward 02 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Gregory J Beswick (Democratic)**

Dublin Ward 03 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Amber Rose James (Democratic)**

Dublin Ward 03 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Gregory N Finnerty (Democratic)**

Dublin Ward 04 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Aryeh Warda Alex (Democratic)**

Franklin Township Full Term

**County Central Committee: Christopher Feick (Democratic)**

Franklin Township Full Term

**County Central Committee: Joel L. King Jr (Democratic)**

Gahanna Ward 01 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Robin Link (Democratic)**

Gahanna Ward 02 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Shaniqua Stevens (Democratic)**

Gahanna Ward 03 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Edward J. Toney (Democratic)**

Gahanna Ward 03 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Melissa C. Sull (Democratic)**

Gahanna Ward 04 Full Term

**County Central Committee: John Patrick Ivanic (Democratic)**

Grandview Full Term

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**County Central Committee: Dallas L. Baldwin (Democratic)**  
Grove City Ward 01 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Mary H. Mynatt (Democratic)**  
Grove City Ward 02 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Berverlyn Staples (Democratic)**  
Grove City Ward 02 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Joseph A. Palazzo (Democratic)**  
Grove City Ward 03 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Alyssa Chenault (Democratic)**  
Grove City Ward 04 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Rodney A. French (Democratic)**  
Grove City Ward 04 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Deanna M. Clinger (Democratic)**  
Groveport Full Term

**County Central Committee: Charles C. Hann (Democratic)**  
Hamilton Township Full Term

**County Central Committee: Zerqa Abid (Democratic)**  
Hilliard Ward 01 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Matthew K. Austin (Democratic)**  
Hilliard Ward 01 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Tim Johnson (Democratic)**  
Hilliard Ward 02 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Scott Solsman (Democratic)**  
Hilliard Ward 02 Full Term

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**County Central Committee: Anne Barrett (Democratic)**

Hilliard Ward 03 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Kelli A. Hykes (Democratic)**

Hilliard Ward 03 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Cynthia Vermillion (Democratic)**

Hilliard Ward 04 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Charles M. Kirby (Democratic)**

Jackson Township Full Term

**County Central Committee: Otto B. Beatty Jr (Democratic)**

Jefferson Township Full Term

**County Central Committee: Katherine M. Chipps (Democratic)**

Madison Township Full Term

**County Central Committee: Karen A. Cincione (Democratic)**

Marble Cliff Full Term

**County Central Committee: Cheryl A. Sullivan (Democratic)**

Mifflin Township Full Term

**County Central Committee: Shawn J. McCrath (Democratic)**

New Albany Full Term

**County Central Committee: Peter A. Lytle (Democratic)**

Norwich Township Full Term

**County Central Committee: Kathryn S. Malone (Democratic)**

Perry Township Full Term

**County Central Committee: Mary Lightbody (Democratic)**

Plain Township Full Term

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**County Central Committee: Heidi M. Detty (Democratic)**

Pleasant Township Full Term

**County Central Committee: Janet Grubb (Democratic)**

Pleasant Township Full Term

**County Central Committee: David Donofrio (Democratic)**

Prairie Township Full Term

**County Central Committee: Shanette E. Strickland (Democratic)**

Reynoldsburg Ward 01 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Roger V. Cruse (Democratic)**

Reynoldsburg Ward 02 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Mildred M. Johnson (Democratic)**

Reynoldsburg Ward 03 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Kelly S. Cruse (Democratic)**

Reynoldsburg Ward 04 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Mary J. Melvin (Democratic)**

Sharon Township Full Term

**County Central Committee: Ashon L. McKenzie (Democratic)**

Truro Township Full Term

**County Central Committee: Allison Russo (Democratic)**

Upper Arlington Ward 01 Full Term

**County Central Committee: John J. Kulewicz (Democratic)**

Upper Arlington Ward 02 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Carl S. Campbell (Democratic)**

Upper Arlington Ward 03 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Andrej Rotter (Democratic)**

Upper Arlington Ward 03 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Edward Forman (Democratic)**

Upper Arlington Ward 04 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Hanna C. Reed (Democratic)**

Upper Arlington Ward 04 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Linda Maggio (Democratic)**

Upper Arlington Ward 05 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Samantha Ruth Sawmiller (Democratic)**

Upper Arlington Ward 05 Full Term

**County Central Committee: John A. Lytle (Democratic)**

Upper Arlington Ward 06 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Mary S. Duffey (Democratic)**

Washington Township Full Term

**County Central Committee: Douglas H. Garrison (Democratic)**

Westerville Ward 01 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Robert F Montgomery (Democratic)**

Westerville Ward 01 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Kimberly E Kennedy (Democratic)**

Westerville Ward 02 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Brenda K. Clark (Democratic)**

Westerville Ward 03 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Michael D Batchelder (Democratic)**

Westerville Ward 04 Full Term

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**County Central Committee: Mindy E Hall (Democratic)**  
Westerville Ward 05 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Karen Conison (Democratic)**  
Whitehall Ward 01 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Lillian R. Harden (Democratic)**  
Whitehall Ward 01 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Stella Shaw (Democratic)**  
Whitehall Ward 03 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Kim Maggard (Democratic)**  
Whitehall Ward 04 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Maria Ramirez (Democratic)**  
Worthington Ward 02 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Mary C. Woods (Democratic)**  
Worthington Ward 01 Full Term

**County Central Committee: David Niven (Democratic)**  
Worthington Ward 02 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Lucretia S. Pollard (Democratic)**  
Worthington Ward 03 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Brinda L. Copsy (Democratic)**  
Worthington Ward 04 Full Term

**State Central Committee: Tricia Sprankle (Libertarian)**  
03rd Congressional District Full Term

**State Central Committee: Harold D. Thomas (Libertarian)**  
03rd Congressional District Full Term

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**State Central Committee: Linda S. Comstock (Libertarian)**  
12th Congressional District Full Term

**State Central Committee: Dustin Reed Nanna (Libertarian)**  
12th Congressional District Full Term

**State Central Committee: Jennifer Flower (Libertarian)**  
15th Congressional District Full Term

**State Central Committee: Christopher Gill (Libertarian)**  
15th Congressional District Full Term

**County Central Committee: Marie Myers (Libertarian)**  
Columbus Ward 46 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Heather O. Sheets (Libertarian)**  
Columbus Ward 57 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Albert L. Vest (Libertarian)**  
Columbus Ward 67 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Chad Harris (Libertarian)**  
Columbus Ward 69 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Christopher Gill (Libertarian)**  
Columbus Ward 77 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Harold D Thomas (Libertarian)**  
Columbus Ward 84 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Paul J Ridenour (Libertarian)**  
Gahanna Ward 02 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Michael Sweeney (Libertarian)**  
Gahanna Ward 03 Full Term

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**County Central Committee: Drake Lundstrom (Libertarian)**

Gahanna Ward 04 Full Term

**County Central Committee: John S. Stewart (Libertarian)**

Gahanna Ward 04 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Jordan T Bertke (Libertarian)**

Hilliard Ward 04 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Scott T. Smith (Libertarian)**

Jackson Township Full Term

**County Central Committee: Patrick J Hoffman (Libertarian)**

Madison Township Full Term

**County Central Committee: Jennifer Lynn Flower (Libertarian)**

Prairie Township Full Term

**County Central Committee: Kenneth D. Holpp (Libertarian)**

Worthington Ward 01 Full Term

**County Central Committee: David Nadolny (Libertarian)**

Worthington Ward 02 Full Term

**State Senator: Stephanie L Kunze (Republican)**

16th District Full Term

**State Representative: Tim D. Haske (Republican)**

17th House District Full Term

**State Representative: John Rutan (Republican)**

17th House District Full Term

**State Representative: Kayla Anne Packard (Republican)**

18th House District Full Term

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**State Representative: Meredith Freedhoff (Republican)**

19th House District Full Term

**State Representative: Chris Baer (Republican)**

20th House District Full Term

**State Representative: Mehek Cooke (Republican)**

21st House District Full Term

**State Representative: Stephany A. Spencer (Republican)**

22nd House District Full Term

**State Representative: Laura Lanese (Republican)**

23rd House District Full Term

**State Representative: Pat Manley (Republican)**

24th House District Full Term

**State Representative: Jim Burgess (Republican)**

25th House District Full Term

**State Representative: Steve Blake (Republican)**

26th House District Full Term

**State Central Committee: Brad McCloud (Republican)**

03rd Senate District Man Full Term

**State Central Committee: Jo Ann Davidson (Republican)**

03rd Senate District Woman Full Term

**State Central Committee: Meta Hahn (Republican)**

03rd Senate District Woman Full Term

**State Central Committee: James E Burgess (Republican)**

15th Senate District Man Full Term

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**State Central Committee: Stacey E Bayliff (Republican)**

15th Senate District Woman Full Term

**State Central Committee: Carolyn C. Petree (Republican)**

15th Senate District Woman Full Term

**State Central Committee: Mark A Bainbridge (Republican)**

16th Senate District Man Full Term

**State Central Committee: J. D. Kaplan (Republican)**

16th Senate District Man Full Term

**State Central Committee: Susie O'Brien (Republican)**

16th Senate District Woman Full Term

**Representative to Congress: Cleophus Dulaney (Republican)**

03rd Congressional District Full Term

**Representative to Congress: Mark F. Richardson (Republican)**

03rd Congressional District Full Term

**Representative to Congress: Troy Balderson (Republican)**

12th Congressional District Full Term

**Representative to Congress: Tim Day (Republican)**

12th Congressional District Full Term

**Representative to Congress: Shelby X Hunt (Republican)**

15th Congressional District Full Term

**Representative to Congress: Steve Stivers (Republican)**

15th Congressional District Full Term

**Court of Common Pleas-Judge: Dana S. Preisse (Republican)**

Franklin County Domestic FTC 44198

**Court of Common Pleas-Judge: Stephanie Renee Hanna (Republican)**  
Franklin County Domestic FTC 44199

**Court of Common Pleas-Judge: Josh Brown (Republican)**  
Franklin County General FTC 44197

**Court of Common Pleas-Judge: Jenifer A French (Republican)**  
Franklin County General FTC 44236

**Court of Common Pleas-Judge: Michael J. Cassone (Republican)**  
Franklin County General FTC 44378

**Court of Common Pleas-Judge: Michael E. Carleton (Republican)**  
Franklin County General FTC 44379

**Court of Common Pleas-Judge: Gina R Russo (Republican)**  
Franklin County General UTE 44931

**Court of Common Pleas-Judge: Robert G. Montgomery (Republican)**  
Franklin County Probate Full Term 44236

**Court of Common Pleas-Clerk: Jarrod M Golden (Republican)**  
Franklin County 44200

**Court of Appeals-Judge: Colleen T. O'Donnell (Republican)**  
10th District FTC 44236

**Court of Appeals-Judge: Lisa L. Sadler (Republican)**  
10th District FTC 44378

**County Treasurer: Brandon L Cross (Republican)**  
Franklin County FTC 44445

**County Prosecutor: Ron O'Brien (Republican)**  
Franklin County FTC 44200

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**County Engineer: Cornell R. Robertson (Republican)**

Franklin County FTC 44200

**County Commissioner: Andrew C. Littler (Republican)**

Franklin County FTC 44198

**County Commissioner: Luis Gil (Republican)**

Franklin County FTC 44199

**County Central Committee: James Brodbelt Harris (Republican)**

Bexley Ward 01 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Ben E. Hansen (Republican)**

Bexley Ward 02 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Kate Borges (Republican)**

Bexley Ward 03 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Frank J. Reed Jr (Republican)**

Bexley Ward 04 Full Term

**County Central Committee: David N. Myhal (Republican)**

Blendon Township Full Term

**County Central Committee: Courtney Elizabeth Hilbert (Republican)**

Canal Winchester Full Term

**County Central Committee: Meghan Jean Wadsworth (Republican)**

Columbus Ward 01 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Doug Prieis (Republican)**

Columbus Ward 02 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Wade T Steen (Republican)**

Columbus Ward 02 Full Term

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**County Central Committee: Jonathon Field (Republican)**

Columbus Ward 03 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Lucas Patrick Denney (Republican)**

Columbus Ward 04 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Joseph Andrew Healy (Republican)**

Columbus Ward 05 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Jack R. Marchbanks (Republican)**

Columbus Ward 07 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Lynne M. Crow (Republican)**

Columbus Ward 10 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Roland I. Lane (Republican)**

Columbus Ward 11 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Jordan Matthew Garcea (Republican)**

Columbus Ward 12 Full Term

**County Central Committee: David Todd (Republican)**

Columbus Ward 14 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Sara B. Ziemba (Republican)**

Columbus Ward 15 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Seth B. Golding (Republican)**

Columbus Ward 18 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Timothy D. Lanzendorfer (Republican)**

Columbus Ward 19 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Jack Etheridge (Republican)**

Columbus Ward 20 Full Term

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**County Central Committee: Jon M. Crissinger (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 21 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Corey M. Roblee (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 22 Full Term

**County Central Committee: James E. T. Samuel (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 27 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Nathan T. Slonaker (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 28 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Doug Moody (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 30 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Mark A. Potts (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 32 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Jennifer LuPiba (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 33 Full Term

**County Central Committee: David A. Dobos (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 36 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Michael J. King (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 39 Full Term

**County Central Committee: William P. Schmidt (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 42 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Matthew M. Damschroder (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 43 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Steven Blake (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 45 Full Term

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**County Central Committee: Charles C. Sanders (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 45 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Elise S. Geig (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 46 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Edward J. Hauenstein (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 47 Full Term

**County Central Committee: T. Ronald Sams (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 49 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Mark A Larger (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 51 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Mark A. Bell (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 54 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Kieran L. Cartharn (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 56 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Mary H. Leavitt (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 60 Full Term

**County Central Committee: James E. Burgess (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 62 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Patrick Melton (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 63 Full Term

**County Central Committee: William Schuck (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 63 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Dennis Damon (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 64 Full Term

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**County Central Committee: Marc A. Schare (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 65 Full Term (614)975-4901

**County Central Committee: Sue Ellen King (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 66 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Troy C. Judy (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 69 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Stephany A. Spencer (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 70 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Andrew L. Shifflette (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 71 Full Term

**County Central Committee: William J. Wahoff (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 72 Full Term

**County Central Committee: David R. Payne (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 73 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Michael Robert Dittoe (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 75 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Brian P. Carnahan (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 76 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Nick Wahoff (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 77 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Jack McGee (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 78 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Adam C. Slane (Republican)**  
Columbus Ward 79 Full Term

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**County Central Committee: Amy M. Hawkins (Republican)**

Columbus Ward 80 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Thanh Xuan Pham (Republican)**

Columbus Ward 81 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Barcy F. McNeal (Republican)**

Columbus Ward 82 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Michael C. Taylor (Republican)**

Columbus Ward 84 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Lisa L. Schacht (Republican)**

Columbus Ward 86 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Stu Harris (Republican)**

Dublin Ward 01 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Kathy Harter (Republican)**

Dublin Ward 01 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Kari B Hertel (Republican)**

Dublin Ward 02 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Charles H. McClenaghan (Republican)**

Dublin Ward 03 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Larry Hughes (Republican)**

Dublin Ward 04 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Jeff Williams (Republican)**

Franklin Township Full Term

**County Central Committee: Nicholas Bendoff (Republican)**

Gahanna Ward 01 Full Term

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**County Central Committee: Elizabeth Thym Smith (Republican)**  
Gahanna Ward 02 Full Term

**County Central Committee: James F. McGregor (Republican)**  
Gahanna Ward 04 Full Term

**County Central Committee: James Leeseberg (Republican)**  
Gahanna Ward 04

**County Central Committee: Tim Adams (Republican)**  
Grandview Full Term

**County Central Committee: Ted A. Berry (Republican)**  
Grove City Ward 01 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Richard L. Stage (Republican)**  
Grove City Ward 02 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Debra L. Bennett (Republican)**  
Grove City Ward 03 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Christine A Houk (Republican)**  
Grove City Ward 03 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Steven R Robinette (Republican)**  
Grove City Ward 04 Full Term

**County Central Committee: R. Roby Schottke (Republican)**  
Grove City Ward 04 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Patrick M. Pickett (Republican)**  
Groveport Full Term

**County Central Committee: Christie Ann Ward (Republican)**  
Hamilton Township Full Term

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**County Central committee: Melinda E. Dennis (Republican)**  
Hilliard Ward 01 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Andy Teater (Republican)**  
Hilliard Ward 02 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Omar Tarazi (Republican)**  
Hilliard Ward 03 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Stephanie L. Kunze (Republican)**  
Hilliard Ward 04 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Stephen J. Bowshier (Republican)**  
Jackson Township Full Term

**County Central Committee: Matthew Carle (Republican)**  
Jefferson Township Full Term

**County Central Committee: Brad Lewis (Republican)**  
Madison Township Full Term

**County Central Committee: Donald Charles Slowik (Republican)**  
Marble Cliff Full Term

**County Central Committee: Angela M. Mingo (Republican)**  
New Albany Full Term

**County Central Committee: Katie Vatkie (Republican)**  
New Albany Full Term

**County Central Committee: Nancy Sue Hunter (Republican)**  
Pleasant Township Full Term

**County Central Committee: Donald J. Petit (Republican)**  
Prairie Township Full Term

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**County Central Committee: Bradley L. McCloud (Republican)**  
Reynoldsburg Ward 01 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Brett Luzader (Republican)**  
Reynoldsburg Ward 02 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Marshall Spalding (Republican)**  
Reynoldsburg Ward 03 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Vincent Tornero (Republican)**  
Reynoldsburg Ward 03 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Chris Long (Republican)**  
Reynoldsburg Ward 04 Full Term

**County Central Committee: John H. Oberle (Republican)**  
Sharon Township Full Term

**County Central Committee: Christopher J Baer (Republican)**  
Truro Township Full Term

**County Central Committee: Timothy S. Rankin (Republican)**  
Upper Arlington Ward 01 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Andrea Helfrich (Republican)**  
Upper Arlington Ward 02 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Kevin A. Craine (Republican)**  
Upper Arlington Ward 03 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Jonathan R. Secrest (Republican)**  
Upper Arlington Ward 04 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Susan Hughes (Republican)**  
Upper Arlington Ward 05 Full Term

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**County Central Committee: Christoper Guglielmi (Republican)**  
Upper Arlington Ward 06 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Jay P. Eggspuehler (Republican)**  
Washington Township Full Term

**County Central Committee: Anne Gonzales (Republican)**  
Westerville Ward 01 Full Term

**County Central committee: Kathy Cocuzzi (Republican)**  
Westerville Ward 02 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Meta Hahn (Republican)**  
Westerville Ward 03 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Michael Heyeck (Republican)**  
Westerville Ward 04 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Deborah R. McCutchen (Republican)**  
Westerville Ward 05 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Brandon R. Howard (Republican)**  
Whitehall Ward 04 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Mike Duffey (Republican)**  
Worthington Ward 01 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Eddie Pauline (Republican)**  
Worthington Ward 01 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Peter MacKenzie (Republican)**  
Worthington Ward 02 Full Term

**County Central Committee: J. Donald Mottley (Republican)**  
Worthington Ward 03 Full Term

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**County Central committee: Melinda E. Dennis (Republican)**  
Hilliard Ward 01 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Andy Teater (Republican)**  
Hilliard Ward 02 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Omar Tarazi (Republican)**  
Hilliard Ward 03 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Stephanie L. Kunze (Republican)**  
Hilliard Ward 04 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Stephen J. Bowshier (Republican)**  
Jackson Township Full Term

**County Central Committee: Matthew Carle (Republican)**  
Jefferson Township Full Term

**County Central Committee: Brad Lewis (Republican)**  
Madison Township Full Term

**County Central Committee: Donald Charles Slowik (Republican)**  
Marble Cliff Full Term

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New Albany Full Term

**County Central Committee: Katie Vatie (Republican)**  
New Albany Full Term

**County Central Committee: Nancy Sue Hunter (Republican)**  
Pleasant Township Full Term

**County Central Committee: Donald J. Petit (Republican)**  
Prairie Township Full Term

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Washington Township Full Term

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Westerville Ward 01 Full Term

**County Central committee: Kathy Cocuzzi (Republican)**  
Westerville Ward 02 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Meta Hahn (Republican)**  
Westerville Ward 03 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Michael Heyeck (Republican)**  
Westerville Ward 04 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Deborah R. McCutchen (Republican)**  
Westerville Ward 05 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Brandon R. Howard (Republican)**  
Whitehall Ward 04 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Mike Duffey (Republican)**  
Worthington Ward 01 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Eddie Pauline (Republican)**  
Worthington Ward 01 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Peter MacKenzie (Republican)**  
Worthington Ward 02 Full Term

**County Central Committee: J. Donald Mottley (Republican)**  
Worthington Ward 03 Full Term

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**County Central Committee: Jennifer Rhoads (Republican)**  
Worthington Ward 03 Full Term

**County Central Committee: Stephanie Adair Plant Frobose (Republican)**  
Worthington Ward 04 Full Term

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# EXHIBIT B

Candidates Not Recommended for  
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Exhibit B: Candidates Not Recommended for Board Certification to the March 17, 2020 Primary Election Ballot

**State Representative: Ali Ridwan (Democratic)**

17th House District Full Term

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**County Central Committee: Timothy D. Rush (Republican)**

Columbus Ward 58 Full Term

Insufficient Valid Signatures - 6 signatures submitted, 4 found valid

**County Central Committee: Steven Wasyl Sandaluk (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 40 Full Term

Petition was filed late. Received Number of signatures witnessed not indicated.

**County Central Committee: Alwiyah Shariff (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 75 Full Term

Declaration of Candidacy does not include and original signature of the candidate

**County Central Committee: Connie Spohn (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 53 Full Term

Candidate is not a registered elector.

**County Central Committee: Tiffany White (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 06 Full Term

Declaration of Candidacy not signed.

**County Central Committee: Zachary R Williams (Libertarian)**

Columbus Ward 73 Full Term

Candidate is not a registered elector.

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Exhibit B: Candidates Not Recommended for Board Certification to the March 17, 2020 Primary Election Ballot

**County Central Committee: Mary Alleger (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 84 Full Term

Insufficient Valid Signatures; 2 signatures submitted, 2 were found valid

**County Central Committee: Robert E. Ashton (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 39 Full Term

Insufficient Valid Signatures; Filed 3 part-petitions with 10 signatures, 4 were valid. One part with 4 signatures has an invalid circulator statement (reads 2 signatures witnessed)

**County Central Committee: Lauren V. Barnett (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 47 Full Term

Not Timely Filed - Received at 4:09

**County Central Committee: Christopher Bartony (Republican)**

Columbus Ward 55 Full Term

Insufficient Valid Signatures - 5 signatures submitted, 4 found to be valid

**County Central Committee: Shad Bosh (Libertarian)**

Hilliard Ward 04 Full Term

Not Timely Filed - Received in mail on 12/19

**County Central Committee: Blair Cathcart (Republican)**

Columbus Ward 55 Full Term

Insufficient Valid Signatures - 6 submitted, 4 valid

**County Central Committee: Chantal Dixon (Democratic)**

Columbus Ward 35 Full Term

Not Timely Filed - Received at 4:09

**County Central Committee: Joanna E. Heck (Democratic)**

Whitehall Ward 02 Full Term

Insufficient Valid Signatures - 5 signatures submitted, 3 found to be valid

**County Central Committee: Quinton Heisler (Republican)**

Norwich Township Full Term

Insufficient Valid Signatures - 6 signatures submitted, 4 found valid

**County Central Committee: Greg Lawson (Republican)**

Westerville Ward 02 Full Term

Insufficient Valid Signatures;

2 Part-Petitions submitted.

**County Central Committee: John P Miller (Republican)**

Columbus Ward 02 Full Term

Insufficient Valid Signatures - 5 submitted, 2 valid

**County Central Committee: Michael Northern (Democratic)**

Perry Township Full Term

Declaration of Candidacy not signed until after the signatures were collected.

# EXHIBIT C

Questions and Issues Recommended for  
Board Certification to the  
March 17, 2020 Primary Election Ballot



**ISSUES AND LOCAL OPTIONS RECOMMENDED FOR CERTIFICATION TO THE  
MARCH 17, 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION**

Revised 12/23/2019 1:00 P.M.

#	Subdivision	Purpose	Rate
#	Clinton Township – Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)	Fire Levy	7.5 mills, \$0.75 per \$100 of valuation, continuing period of time, commencing in 2020
#	Franklin Township – Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)	Fire Levy	19.5 mills, \$1.95 per \$100 of valuation, continuing period of time, commencing in 2020
#	Hamilton Township – Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal and Increase)	Police Levy	Renew 3.25 mills Additional .5 mill Total 3.75 mills, \$0.375 per \$100 of valuation, 5 years, commencing in 2020
#	Mifflin Township – Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)	Police Levy – payment of debt charges on bond and notes to be issued by the township for the cost of constructing a new police station facility, making site improvements and acquiring furniture and equipment	3 mills, \$0.30 per \$100 of valuation, continuing period of time, commencing in 2020
#	Mifflin Township – Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)	Fire Levy - payment of debt charges on bond and notes to be issued by the township for the cost of capital projects for the fire department	0.6 mill, \$0.06 per \$100 of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2020
#	Washington Township – Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) <b>Delaware, Franklin and Union Counties</b>	Fire Levy	8.25 mills, \$0.825 per \$100 of valuation, 5 years, commencing in 2020
#	Southwest Public Libraries (South Western City School District) – Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) <b>Franklin and Pickaway Counties</b>	Current expenses	1 mill, \$0.10 per \$100 of tax valuation, 10 years, commencing in 2020

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#	Subdivision	Purpose	Rate
#	Columbus State Community College – Proposed Bond Issue	All or part of the cost of purchasing sites in Franklin County; for the erection, furnishings, and equipment of buildings in Franklin County, including technology; and for the acquisition or construction of any property in Franklin County which the board of trustees of a state community college is authorized to acquire or construct, including renovations and improvements for workforce development and safety and security	\$300,000,000; 0.65 mill, \$0.065 per \$100 of valuation, 24 years, commencing in 2020
	Columbus 8-D Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (Wine, Mixed Beverages and Spirituous Liquor) Renaissance Yeast Works, LTD 685 Parsons Ave, Columbus, OH 43206	
	Columbus 20-C 3373 Local Option Particular Location	Weekday Sales (Beer, Wine and Mixed Beverages & Spirituous Liquor) BG Permit Holdings, L.L.C. 3373 N. High St., Columbus, Ohio 43202 Filed by: Ambrose	
	Columbus 20-C 3373 Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (Wine and Mixed Beverages & Spirituous Liquor) BG Permit Holdings, L.L.C. 3373 N. High St., Columbus, Ohio 43202 Filed by: Ambrose	
	Columbus 20-C 3379 Local Option Particular Location	Weekday Sales (Beer, Wine and Mixed Beverages & Spirituous Liquor) BG Permit Holdings, L.L.C. 3379 N. High St., Columbus, Ohio 43202 Filed by: Ambrose	
	Columbus 20-C 3379 Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (Wine and Mixed Beverages & Spirituous Liquor) BG Permit Holdings, L.L.C. 3379 N. High St., Columbus, Ohio 43202 Filed by: Ambrose	
	Columbus 20-C 3383 Local Option Particular Location	Weekday Sales (Beer, Wine and Mixed Beverages & Spirituous Liquor) BG Permit Holdings, L.L.C. 3383 N. High St., Columbus, Ohio 43202 Filed by: Ambrose	
	Columbus 20-C 3383 Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (Wine and Mixed Beverages & Spirituous Liquor) BG Permit Holdings, L.L.C. 3383 N. High St., Columbus, Ohio 43202 Filed by: Ambrose	

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#	Subdivision	Purpose	Rate
	Columbus 49-C Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (Wine and Mixed Beverages) Aldi, Inc., Ohio, dba Aldi 3600 S. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43207 Filed by: Young	
	Columbus 69-I Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (Wine and Mixed Beverages and Spirituous Liquor) TREVLO, Inc. doing business as Donerick's Pub Southeast corner of Hayden Run Rd and Hayden Run Blvd, (Parcel #010-2898140) Columbus, OH 43016 Filed by: Ambrose	
	Whitehall 3-C Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (Wine and Mixed Beverages and Spirituous Liquor) Habesha Garden Restaurant, L.L.C., dba Habesha Garden Restaurant 4520 Josephus Lane, Whitehall, Ohio 43227 Filed by: Young	
	Blendon - B Local Option Particular Location	Weekday Sales (Beer, Wine and Mixed Beverages & Spirituous Liquor) The Friesian Empire & Equine Center, LLC doing business as, The Friesian Empire Events Center 4531 E Walnut Street, Blendon Twp, Westerville, OH 43081	
	Blendon - B Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (Wine and Mixed Beverages & Spirituous Liquor) The Friesian Empire & Equine Center, LLC doing business as, The Friesian Empire Events Center 4531 E Walnut Street, Blendon Twp, Westerville, OH 43081	



Mr. Chairman, Members of the Franklin County Board of Elections,  
First, I would like to say it has been a pleasure to serve the people of Franklin County for 7 years. I have learned so much about the election process. I believe it was the Providential hand of God that has truly been involved and has blessed me through the opportunity to be employed here. When I reflect on the many challenges we have faced and the difficulties we have had to overcome just in my Department, I realize I have been so fortunate to be surrounded by some of the hardest working and good hearted people, especially the Voter Services Staff. My experience with all the Staff of the Board of Elections has not only been rewarding, but in fact awe-inspiring when I observe each year the amazing performance of the massive task of conducting the elections for this urban County. Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to share this experience with you.

I would like to address the Board of Elections regarding Directive 2019-08 of the Ohio Secretary of State which this Board had agreed to adopt and execute. The specific provision requiring a criminal background check including acquiring an image of one's fingerprint I consider objectionable. In my opinion, it is an affront to the sensibilities of every good and patriotic citizen of this State, and a gross infringement of our liberties in violation of the law.

As an American I am particularly blessed to be the beneficiary of such an amazing and great heritage. In a word, it is LIBERTY! It is stated no better than in our Declaration of Independence:

*We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal. That they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, that to secure these rights governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.*

But it is also stated in the fundamental organic law of Ohio. Our Bill of Rights to the Ohio Constitution says:

*All men are, by nature, free and independent, and have certain inalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and seeking and obtaining happiness and safety.*

*All political power is inherent in the people. Government is instituted for their equal protection and benefit, and they have the right to alter, reform, or abolish the same, whenever they may deem it necessary;*

Government does not grant rights. It exists only to protect our God-given rights, the sacred rights of the people. Alexander Hamilton put it this way:

*The sacred rights of mankind are not to be rummaged for, among old parchments, or musty records. They are written, as with a sun beam, in the whole volume of human nature, by the hand of the divinity itself; and can never be erased or obscured by mortal power.*

When we, as free and independent individuals, form a society, we enter into a compact with each other and form a civil body politic or commonwealth. Our common agreement is called a constitution. By it we form a government to frame, enforce, and adjudicate such laws we deem necessary to promote our safety and happiness, to which we mutually submit. We invest in that government only such limited powers we consider appropriate, all the while retaining our sovereign powers as free persons. We delegate, but do not relinquish, a portion of our sovereignty to government for expressed purposes. These purposes are carefully defined in our constitutions, and clear restrictions are put upon these powers delegated to government.

One of these clear restrictions is stated in the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the Ohio Constitution:

*The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and possessions, against unreasonable searches and seizures shall not be violated; and no warrant shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, particularly describing the place to be searched and the person and things to be seized.*

So there exists around each citizen a sphere of sovereignty that is protected by this and other provisions of our Bill of Rights from encroachment, infringement, usurpation, and violation by government. Often referred to as Right to privacy, it cannot be emphasized too much, that this prohibition is directed, not at our fellow citizens but squarely at the government. It is the power of the state that it is specifically attempting to restrict. The state (that is, the government of the state) is not to be surveilling, investigating, scrutinizing, compiling and keeping files filled with all kinds of personal data, on its citizens.

You may object, "The state cannot keep criminal records??" We are not criminals! We are citizens. You work for us, the People of Ohio; and we do not permit you to investigate us, monitor us, and treat us as criminals. We are a free people. Our Bill of Rights is what distinguishes us as Americans. As for me, I need not give up my seat on the bus to some other class, some higher class of person. And I will not give up my precious, sacred Bill of Rights to some high minded bureaucrat, be he elected or appointed, who tells me that he means well, that he has good intentions, that he knows what's best for me.

Daniel Webster, the great Senator and defender of the Constitution, warned us of just that kind:

*Good intentions will always be pleaded for every assumption of*

*authority. It is hardly too strong to say that the Constitution was made to guard the people against the dangers of good intentions. There are men in all ages who mean to govern well, but they mean to govern. They promise to be good masters, but they mean to be masters.*

You, as agents of the State, mean to investigate, keep and disseminate to unspecified institutions personal data files on Board of Elections members, directors, and employees all in the name of some murky threat to our free and trustworthy election systems. Is there a criminal conspiracy of Americans seeking to penetrate our election systems on behalf of a foreign power? Show me the evidence. If there are foreign entities seeking to hack our data systems, tell us who the culprits are, and by all means take action to secure our systems, but don't aim your efforts, your controls, your draconian directives, funded by the people's money, at the good, honest, conscientious people who conduct our elections. **We are not the threat!**

And how long will it be before the state seeks to compel every citizen to consent the same encroachments upon their liberties, and to concede that they *may* be a criminal, before you permit them to be a poll worker or even to vote? My race did not always have full enjoyment of American rights. Most of us were in bondage, chattel slaves in the land of liberty! But it was not to be. By the Providential mercy of God, the foul stain of slavery was not to be fixed upon the American Republic. By war and the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment we were freed. In His good time, the Almighty sundered the chains and broke every yoke. Glory be to His Name! By the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment, we gained our citizenship, and by the 15<sup>th</sup> we secured the right to vote. Then there were the Black codes, literacy tests, poll taxes, and all manner of threats, intimidation, and violence. But now after a long struggle we have come to enjoy the full expression our rights—all of them—under

the Constitution. And now are we to go backward and start giving up our rights just to be able to participate in the election process as good and responsible citizens ought?

You say, "We are trying to prevent fraud." Prevent fraud by spying on the law-abiding? We who labor to conduct free and fair elections are not fraudsters; but we are investigated as criminals before we have done any wrong. Meanwhile, those non-citizens who were allowed to vote illegally in previous elections were only caught and investigated after the fact, and then only some of them. Were you able to utilize your scrutinizing powers to go back and expunge their votes? Were you?

No, our election systems are not at risk from the good citizens who work at the Boards of Elections. If that were so, where is the rash of arrests of corrupt election employees that is sweeping the country? Why haven't I heard about it on the nightly news?

The integrity of our elections systems is established by the good and upright character of the free citizens at our Boards of Elections. It is strengthened by the bipartisan composition of these boards, and is reinforced by the countless mechanical checks and balances utilized to ensure the accuracy of the results. And mind you that this is all done under state and local control. Long passed are the days of Reconstruction and segregation when federal intervention was needed to ensure that Black Americans could vote. We don't need the Federal government interfering in and seeking to control our state and local elections; and we don't need the infringements of our rights which, no doubt, have come at their bidding. Far be it that we undermine freedom to produce free elections. How can we violate our principles to establish them?

You may object, "What law are we in violation of? How is this Directive a violation of law?" There is not one provision of the Ohio

Constitution or the election laws of this State found in Title 35 of the Ohio Revised Code which authorizes these measures. The Secretary of State is not authorized to require every Board of Elections official to undergo a criminal background check and have their personal data and records including fingerprints kept and disseminated by the State. If such provision existed you would read it to me. Even in the Ohio Election Official Manual, whenever there is a reference to background checks, noticeably absent are any citations to the Ohio Revised Code, as there are for the other sections of the manual. If it were a mandatory and legally authorized requirement, I would not be asked to sign a consent form, which appears to grant permission to the State to collect, sequester, and disseminate my personal information, but which also relinquishes my rights and absolves the State from any liability or responsibility for the reckless use or dissemination of such information. The consent form I have been asked to sign contains the following statement:

*I voluntarily and knowingly release and discharge the Ohio Attorney General's Office, BCI&I and their employees from all claims and liability related to this authorized criminal record review and dissemination.*

Under what kind of delusion would any citizen sign such a statement? It is such an insult to a free American. I grieve for my co-workers who don't fully comprehend what they are doing. No, I will not voluntarily give up my right to be free from unreasonable search and seizure of my person or my effects, nor will I concede that the Secretary of State may exercise powers that are not authorized by the Ohio Revised Code.

Again I must ask why are you aiming your so-called security measures at the staff of the Board of Elections? Where is the evidence of election tampering among us? Where are the convictions of this type? In all my time at this board, I have not heard of even

one case of my co-workers being accused or found guilty of tampering with machines, changing vote count, falsifying results, manipulating voter data, or anything that could be considered election fraud. You claim you are trying to stop it before it happens? So you impose all manner of controls and spying upon the law-abiding citizen. It is not the purpose of the government to stop crime before it happens, not in a free society. Its purpose is to apprehend and punish those who have broken the law.

Already the State assigns each of us a number, and retains a photograph and a few personal data items. Now you want to compile in a file all our potential criminal history, and our fingerprints. But I know it will not stop there. Next you will demand facial imaging, a retinal scan, other forms of biometric data, a blood sample, a DNA sample. Eventually even these will not be enough. To really ensure security we must have a microchip inserted in our bodies, perhaps in our right hand or forehead.

Will all these measures then stop crime, stop fraud, stop cheating. Will they ensure our security? They will not. Then what is the purpose of these encroachments on our liberties? The purpose is control; these are the designs of our would-be rulers which seek to intimidate us into compliance, to condition us to servitude, to put us in continual fear, always looking over our shoulder because of the omnipresent watchful eye of the state. All the while government grows more remote, more powerful, more irresistible in its advance. Well, it stops here. Benjamin Franklin said, "Those who give up essential liberty for temporary security deserve neither liberty nor security." I will not be among those who fall prey to such a delusion. Our American rights must not be sacrificed for this delusion of security. I pray that all my fellow citizens will realize this and join with me.

The question has been posed: Do I have a RELIGIOUS objection to

this policy? To that I answer YES, it is a deeply religious objection. In Galatians 5:1 the Scripture says,

It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore, keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.

I was born in Richmond, Virginia, the former capitol of the Confederacy. I must again invoke the memory of my ancestors. They were not taught to read, and in most cases were strictly forbidden from learning to read. They were not given Bibles, and if they were caught trying to learn to read the Bible—and they were caught trying to do just that—they were beaten severely. They did not enjoy the freedom of speech—they spoke when they were permitted to speak—or of the press, or of assembly, or to petition the government for a redress of grievances. They could not worship God according to the dictates of their conscience.

They could not pursue their own happiness; they did what they were told to do. They could not own property; they were property. They were denied the right to bear arms for their mutual and self defense. They could not lock their doors and be secure in their meager dwellings. They could not demand a warrant before allowing one to enter; their masters could kick open their door at any time, and search their space and seize their persons. There was no presentment and indictment by a grand jury before they were charged with crimes. If they were accused and punished twice for the same offense, who was there to object? If they were compelled to witness against themselves, could they refuse? Could they find solace in being granted a trial by a jury of their peers? No they could not.

It was never explained to them what law they were accused of breaking. They were not subject to laws; they were subject to men.

They could not call witnesses in their favor, or have the assistance of counsel for their defense. They could not post bail, for they had no money; and they had no safety against cruel and unusual punishments. They were regarded as persons so that the slave states could gain more Representatives in Congress, but they could not vote; and they were non-persons when it came to the protections of the due process of law. Their life belonged to others, their liberty was utterly suspended, and their property did not exist. THEY WERE CHATTEL SLAVES—MERE PROPERTY.

But when freedom came, they danced, they sang, they lifted up their hands to their great Deliverer in the heavens. They bowed low and worshipped. They praised God that they were now Americans, free and equal citizens of this Republic, and that those Sacred Rights, our Bill of Rights, was now theirs. And it is now mine.

Do I consider freedom as part of my religion? I most certainly do. Do I consider these Rights as the tenets of my faith? You better believe it. I wish that all Americans believe as I do! Shall I allow these rights to be infringed upon, whittled away, and ultimately erased without objection? Forbid it Almighty God! Shall I voluntarily sign away my birthright for a mess of pottage? If I were to do so, I could not lift up my head to my forefathers without shame. If I give up my heritage of Liberty to the Usurper, how can my children rise up and call me blessed?

Then you may insist, "We are not forcing you to do these things; you don't have to work for the Board of Elections." True enough, but you are forcing me to stop participating in the process of conducting free elections, which I consider an extension, or part in parcel, of my citizenship, my natural right, and my civic duty.

Remember, "All political power is inherent in the people. Government is instituted for their equal protection and benefit, and they have the

right to alter, reform, or abolish the same, whenever they may deem it necessary." You work for us, not we for you. Perhaps it's time to change not the form of our government, but the form of those governing.

Finally, I have enjoyed serving the people of Franklin County in the 7 years that I have worked at this Board of Elections. I am grateful to be free and to be an American, in this special Nation which was built, as John Quincy Adams states, "upon the foundation of the Redeemer's mission on earth." And that mission was revealed by our Lord Jesus Christ when He took the scroll and read from the Prophet Isaiah,

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
Because the LORD has anointed me  
To bring good news to the afflicted;  
To bind up the broken hearted,  
To proclaim liberty to captives,  
And freedom to those who are bound.

Thank you, Members of the Board, for your kind attention.