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March 14, 2022

PROCEEDINGS OF

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

before Chairman Douglas J. Preisse, Director Antone White, Deputy Director David Payne, and Board Members Kimberly E. Marinello, Michael Sexton, and Josh Jaffe, on Monday, March 14, 2022, beginning at approximately 3:04 p.m., and concluding at approximately 3:38 p.m.

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APPEARANCES:

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On behalf of the Board.

ALSO PRESENT:

Erin Gibbons
Jeff Mackey
Carla Patton

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Monday Afternoon Session
March 14, 2022
3:04 p.m.

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We'll go ahead and get started. I'll go ahead and take roll.

Kim Marinello.

MEMBER MARINELLO: Here.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Mike Sexton.

MEMBER SEXTON: Here.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Doug Preisse.

(No response.)

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And Josh Jaffe.

MEMBER JAFFE: Yes.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We have a quorum.

The first item on the agenda is the certification of candidates, and I'll turn that over to Jeff Mackey in our petitions and filing department to go over that.

MR. MACKEY: Lots of fun things happening with candidates.

We did get eight Congressional

1 petitions filed by the March 4th filing deadline.
2 And we still had our state legislative candidates
3 and state central committee candidates carried over
4 from the February 2nd filing deadline. We also had
5 some write-ins for county central committee that we
6 have not certified yet. So those all appear on
7 your list.

8 As far as the state legislative
9 candidates, all of the state legislative candidates
10 are now assigned to run in the district in which
11 they reside unless they filed the addendum form
12 2-ZA to amend their petition to indicate to us that
13 they plan to run in a district other than they
14 reside currently but do plan to reside in that
15 district by March the 26th.

16 Do you need to know those four
17 candidates?

18 MEMBER JAFFE: I would love to know
19 the four candidates.

20 MR. MACKEY: Those four candidates
21 were Richard Neil who had indicated that he wishes
22 to represent the 11th District; Ben Leland, who has
23 indicated he wishes to represent the 9th District;
24 Ron Marshall, who wishes to represent the 3rd
25 District; and Latina Humphrey, who wishes to

1 represent the 2nd District.

2 MEMBER JAFFE: Thank you.

3 MR. MACKEY: Those were all filed by
4 4 o'clock on March the 10th.

5 MEMBER JAFFE: Have any of them yet
6 updated their residency to the new district?

7 MR. MACKEY: Not that I'm aware of.

8 MEMBER JAFFE: Okay. What is our
9 process for confirming that they have, in fact,
10 moved? I understand we're about to certify them on
11 the basis that they intend to.

12 MR. MACKEY: Ideally, at the time
13 they are updating their voter registration they
14 will also inform us in petitions; but absent that,
15 I will have to periodically check the voter
16 registration system to see if any changes are
17 there, I guess.

18 DIRECTOR WHITE: That's the way we
19 know that they've made that change, is by updating
20 their voter registration.

21 MEMBER SEXTON: They have till the
22 26th of this month to do that?

23 DIRECTOR WHITE: That's correct.

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: I would
25 think -- If people are talking to the candidates, I

1 think it would probably be beneficial if they
2 brought their voter registration here personally
3 and delivered it to us personally. Obviously, they
4 can send it in the mail or do whatever they want,
5 but I think in this instance it would behoove them
6 to bring it in personally.

7 DIRECTOR WHITE: And March 26th is a
8 Saturday. We will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to
9 accept those voter registrations, as required by
10 the Ohio Secretary of State.

11 MEMBER JAFFE: Okay. I recall
12 situations in the past where candidates'
13 residencies have been challenged and some sort of
14 verification process happened. I assume that would
15 only happen reactively if there was a challenge and
16 not proactively in these situations.

17 MS. HUMMER: I think they're asking
18 what due diligence do we follow for purposes of
19 verifying what is being presented.

20 MR. MACKEY: We would probably just
21 take that at face value at that point unless
22 there's reason to believe otherwise.

23 MEMBER JAFFE: Okay. Maybe it's
24 unhelpful to think about hypotheticals, but we are,
25 again, planning to act today to certify based on

1 the intent. If for one reason or another somebody
2 fails to update their residency by the 26th, are
3 they automatically disqualified or would we have to
4 reconvene to decertify them?

5 MS. HUMMER: I was going to say, one
6 way to address that is to condition your motion on
7 certification for those specific candidates, a
8 verification of their change of residency. So that
9 if it's not done in accordance with the schedule,
10 then they're not being certified.

11 DIRECTOR WHITE: In addition to
12 that, I mean, we've been -- we are to notify the
13 Ohio Secretary of State if these four candidates
14 who submitted an addendum do not update their
15 registrations as they're required to. So we
16 would -- I would assume at that point we would also
17 get an instruction from the Ohio Secretary of
18 State.

19 MR. MACKEY: Okay. I thought there
20 was something in the directive here. See if I can
21 find it for you. So many directives. Make sure I
22 have the right one.

23 So it says, However, even if a
24 candidate files the addendum with a board of
25 elections, the board must invalidate an Ohio House

1 or Ohio Senate declaration of candidacy and
2 petition, nominating petition, or declaration of
3 intent to be a write-in candidate if the filer does
4 not take all three actions required in Section 4(C)
5 of H.B. 93, which is file the addendum, move, and
6 tell us they moved.

7 MEMBER JAFFE: So do you think we
8 could --

9 Go ahead.

10 MEMBER SEXTON: Should we make the
11 motion as long as we wait to see if they comply or
12 do we make the motion --

13 MS. HUMMER: I think you can make
14 the motion to certify the list conditioned upon
15 those individuals who were required to -- who have
16 filed that addendum satisfying the three
17 requirements. So, in other words, if they don't
18 satisfy the three requirements as submitted then
19 they're deemed not certified.

20 DIRECTOR WHITE: Is that a separate
21 motion?

22 MS. HUMMER: I think you can break
23 it off so that it's clear. Or you can make a
24 motion to certify all the candidates with the
25 condition of these four are going to be conditioned

1 upon the following.

2 MEMBER SEXTON: Is it okay if we do
3 two motions?

4 MS. HUMMER: You can do two motions.

5 MEMBER SEXTON: And figure out the
6 second one.

7 Well, I will move that the Board
8 certify to the May 3rd, 2022 primary election
9 ballot those candidates listed on Exhibit A and
10 that these petitions were filed timely and found to
11 be valid and sufficient.

12 MEMBER JAFFE: With the exception of
13 the --

14 MS. HUMMER: If you're doing a
15 motion to approve, then you want to separate them
16 within the motion you're stating. With the
17 exception of --

18 MEMBER SEXTON: -- with the
19 exception of the four candidates who filed in House
20 Districts 11, 9, 3, and 2, and that those
21 candidates will be certified upon condition of the
22 three items.

23 MS. HUMMER: I would separate -- If
24 you're doing two motions, just except them in this
25 and approve this document and then we can do a

1 separate motion for the four.

2 MEMBER SEXTON: Okay. Well, let me
3 start over.

4 (Chairman Preisse entered meeting.)

5 MEMBER SEXTON: So I move that the
6 Board certified to the May 3rd, 2022 primary
7 election ballot those candidates listed on
8 Exhibit A and that these petitions were filed
9 timely and found to be valid and sufficient; and in
10 the case of the four candidates that filed form
11 2-ZA, that they be certified conditionally until
12 they fulfill the three requirements of the
13 addendum.

14 MS. HUMMER: You can do it in that
15 way. It would be only one single action that
16 you're taking and not two. If that's your
17 intention, you can do it that way.

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Is there a
19 second?

20 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

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

23 (Vote taken.)

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

1 (No response.)

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
3 carries.

4 The next item on the agenda is
5 Exhibit B, which are those candidates that are on a
6 list not to certify. And I'll turn that over to
7 Jeff Mackey again.

8 MR. MACKEY: We have a few
9 candidates who had petitions that we deemed to be
10 invalid or insufficient. I think we also wanted to
11 mention that we did have one candidate who does not
12 appear on either list. Crystal Lett filed a
13 petition for state senate in the 25th Senate
14 District before the latest map came out. On the
15 latest map she lives in the 16th Senate District.
16 The 16th Senate District is not up for election
17 this year; it's two years from now. And so she did
18 not file a 2-ZA with us, so she has no office to
19 run for. So she is not being addressed at this
20 meeting. There is no 16th Senate District election
21 this year.

22 DIRECTOR WHITE: And Jeff, for the
23 record, I spoke with Miss Lett by phone and it was
24 her intention to not file that addendum now that
25 she was switched to a different district than she

1 filed for. She had no plans of moving into that
2 district. So that was her intent.

3 MEMBER JAFFE: So it's your opinion
4 that we don't need to take any action to reject
5 Crystal Lett with these other candidates that we're
6 rejecting?

7 MR. MACKEY: That's correct.

8 MEMBER JAFFE: I do have a question
9 about the one candidate for Congress, Daniel
10 Kilgore, who collected signatures in counties that
11 were in the district and are no longer in the
12 district. I think we did seek the prosecutor's
13 opinion about that and received that earlier today.

14 My question is if we act today to
15 decline Daniel Kilgore's certification on that
16 basis and the districts were to change so that
17 those counties are included in the new 15th
18 District, does declining him today impede his
19 ability to get back on the ballot?

20 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Who are you
21 asking the question?

22 MEMBER JAFFE: Anybody who might
23 have an answer.

24 DIRECTOR WHITE: Mr. Jaffe, I would
25 say we would need to wait for some direction from

1 the Ohio Secretary of State on that. I mean, we
2 are rejecting him to the ballot on the basis of the
3 Ohio Secretary of State Directive 2022-27. So the
4 counties in which he circulated petitions that were
5 on the first map, there are several counties that
6 do not appear on that second map and you have to
7 appear on both -- the counties have to appear on
8 both maps in order for those signatures to be
9 valid. So at that point if something were to
10 change I think we would need to seek guidance. I
11 think it's hard to answer that question.

12 MEMBER JAFFE: No. I understand
13 that. My question is are we tying our hands
14 somehow now?

15 MS. HUMMER: And I think the one way
16 that you do not tie your hands, which I think is
17 what you're looking for, is to in your motion state
18 this motion is based on the maps that are current
19 and before the Board and if those maps are subject
20 to change the Board reserves the right to revisit
21 these issues. Whether you do or not is up to you,
22 but at least it gives you the discretion to open it
23 back up and gives you at least a legally defensible
24 argument.

25 MEMBER JAFFE: It was also my

1 understanding that we are permitted to invalidate
2 the signatures from those counties but we're not
3 required to. Is that correct?

4 MS. HUMMER: That was our -- Because
5 we're all in new territory and there's not a lot of
6 case law on this area, as you can imagine, that's
7 how we look at the directive.

8 MEMBER JAFFE: So assuming that
9 interpretation holds, it would be appropriate for
10 us to count those signatures and that would also
11 not tie our hands?

12 MS. HUMMER: Right.

13 MEMBER JAFFE: Very interesting

14 MS. HUMMER: Very interesting. It
15 may be a law school exam one day.

16 MEMBER JAFFE: I think I just wanted
17 to just understand as much as we can at this point
18 in time what the situation is. An argument could
19 be made to err on the side of valid access, which
20 we've done in the past, with respect to Mr. Kilgore
21 who I imagine collected these signatures before the
22 maps made them invalid. I would be fine with that.
23 That's not what the staff's recommendation is.

24 I guess I'll make a motion, since
25 everybody is waiting for me. I move that we remove

1 Daniel Kilgore from Exhibit B, candidates not to
2 certify.

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And that places
4 him in what stead?

5 MEMBER JAFFE: Well, I haven't moved
6 to put him on Exhibit A which we already approved.

7 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So he's in limbo?

8 MEMBER JAFFE: We'll deal with that
9 motion, I guess, to remove him from Exhibit B so we
10 can take care of the rest that are more clearly
11 insufficient for other reasons.

12 MEMBER SEXTON: Well, the staff has
13 reviewed them all on this list, it's my
14 understanding, to be insufficient, which he would
15 fall in that category.

16 MEMBER JAFFE: That's correct.

17 MEMBER SEXTON: So by removing him
18 we either put him in limbo or we are going to
19 certify him. I don't know how we can certify him
20 to the ballot when he hasn't met legally --

21 MEMBER JAFFE: I think we just heard
22 from our legal counsel that we could choose to
23 count those signatures. We're permitted to
24 invalidate them, but we're not required to
25 invalidate them.

1 MEMBER SEXTON: I thought I heard we
2 could visit it at another time if the motion was
3 made a separate way.

4 MEMBER JAFFE: Yeah. We could do
5 that.

6 MEMBER SEXTON: I think that's the
7 way we should probably do it. So we are fulfilling
8 our responsibility and we're also giving us the
9 leeway to deal with this at another time.

10 MEMBER JAFFE: I think either
11 approach makes sense and gives us the ability to
12 address it if circumstances change. If we don't
13 want to support the motion to remove him from the
14 exhibit, then I think that tells us --

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I didn't hear a
16 second. Do you want to make a motion that you
17 think purports with what you all would like to do?

18 MEMBER SEXTON: On this motion?

19 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Why don't you
20 withdraw your motion.

21 MEMBER JAFFE: Having no second, I
22 withdraw the motion.

23 MEMBER SEXTON: Well, I guess I
24 would move that the Board not certify to the May
25 3rd, 2022, primary ballot those candidates listed

1 on Exhibit B and that these petitions were found to
2 be invalid and insufficient and should -- based on
3 the current maps, Congressional maps, that this can
4 be revisited by the Board if the maps change and we
5 can revisit this at a later time.

6 MEMBER JAFFE: Second.

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

9 (Vote taken.)

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

12 (No response.)

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
14 carries.

15 There are candidates in there on
16 that list that are not Congressional candidates
17 that are House and Senate candidates. Did we cover
18 them in that motion?

19 MS. HUMMER: If you said
20 Congressional I would just amend the motion so it
21 reflects all the seats.

22 MEMBER SEXTON: I would amend my
23 previous motion to include all of the seats.

24 MEMBER JAFFE: Second.

25 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in

1 favor of the amended motion signify by saying aye.

2 (Vote taken.)

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

5 (No response.)

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
7 carries.

8 The next item on the agenda I will
9 turn over to our Director, Antone White, to talk
10 about 10X University.

11 DIRECTOR WHITE: Good afternoon.

12 In your Board member packets you
13 have for your review a contract for 10X University.
14 10X University is a module that's located within
15 our Tenex election system that we wish to purchase
16 for the purposes of conducting online poll worker
17 training. 10X University is an E-learning platform
18 capable of delivering multimedia training to poll
19 workers and conduct preplanned testing to evaluate
20 poll worker knowledge and the tasks that are
21 required of them on election day. The module will
22 deliver this training using a combination of
23 PowerPoint, video files and audio files.

24 Since we've transitioned into our
25 new Tenex system in August of 2021 our poll workers

1 have been using this system to sign into their own
2 unique poll worker portal where they have the
3 ability to tell us about their availability for the
4 upcoming election, sign up for in-person training,
5 update their personal contact information, view
6 their election day work assignment, and with the
7 inclusion of 10X University they will have the
8 ability to see their online training courses in one
9 easy-to-use portal.

10 We've been training poll workers
11 online since 2020 when the pandemic began and we've
12 been using Adobe Captivate Prime in order to
13 conduct those training classes. And while Adobe
14 Captivate Prime and 10X University have the same
15 functionality, the ability for us to move into 10X
16 University will allow for a better and more
17 integrated poll worker process so that our poll
18 workers are in one system to conduct all their
19 tasks as opposed to being in two separate systems.

20 And additionally, with moving to 10X
21 University we'll realize a cost savings. There's
22 an annual fee of \$48,000 for 10X University and
23 that cost has no variation for increased years or
24 additional elections. In comparison, Adobe
25 Captivate Prime charges an annual fee and they

1 charge you a per user fee to use their system. And
2 for 2022 we budgeted \$79,000 for Adobe Captivate.
3 So we'll have some cost savings and we'll have a
4 more integrated poll worker experience by moving to
5 this module.

6 So pending any questions, I would
7 ask for Board approval to authorize the purchase of
8 10X University for a prorated 2022 cost of \$32,000.
9 And it's prorated because we will not start using
10 the system until May 1st of this year.

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Customer is
12 responsible for developing presentation video and
13 audio files and content. What is that describing?

14 DIRECTOR WHITE: So that would be
15 the courses that we put online for the poll
16 workers, the videos and things that they have to
17 watch regarding their poll worker training. We've
18 developed all that content. That content was
19 developed in 2020 and we've tweaked it since then,
20 made edits to videos when we've had updates and
21 additions to our curriculum. So that content
22 already exists. So once we set up 10X University
23 we would just download all that content into the
24 module.

25 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So we're not

1 paying for content, we've already developed
2 content?

3 DIRECTOR WHITE: That's correct. We
4 may pay to edit the content that we have, but we're
5 not developing new content at this time.

6 MEMBER MARINELLO: I move that the
7 Board authorize the purchase of 10X University to
8 be used for poll worker training for a prorated
9 annual fee of \$32,000 for 2022.

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been
12 properly moved and seconded.

13 All those in favor of the motion
14 signify by saying aye.

15 (Vote taken.)

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

18 (No response.)

19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
20 carries.

21 The next item on the agenda is a
22 support contract for ES&S, and I'll turn that over
23 to Carla Patton to explain that.

24 MS. PATTON: So in order to provide
25 support services to us for our tabulation system

1 and the equipment that we utilize on election day
2 in here in the Early Vote Center we purchase a
3 block of days ahead of time to ensure that, one, we
4 can lock in a rate and prepay for those days, and
5 then we schedule through the contractor with ES&S
6 directly for those service days.

7 So you have a contract in front of
8 you that is through ES&S in order to give the
9 contractor the ability to access the ES&S
10 information, and it's for the services of Dan
11 Shabesta as our support person. And this is a
12 contract that we've had in years gone by that is --
13 there's nothing really different in there. So
14 we're asking you to approve the contract for Dan
15 Shabesta's services through ES&S. And it covers
16 any support services, him coming in on election
17 day. Election day is considered two days for the
18 amount of hours. Any other day he comes in to help
19 us program our database, do any testing, anytime we
20 have to transmit files to have him review anything
21 or to work from remotely is also charged to us.
22 And the days are reduced out of the contract of the
23 50 days that we asked for, each contract.

24 MEMBER SEXTON: Is this 50 days? Is
25 that -- I mean, how long is your estimate of that

1 span?

2 MS. PATTON: This will take us all
3 the way through the General Election. And they're
4 typically gracious enough to extend that a little
5 further if need be in the event that there are
6 ongoing issues with the General Election that may
7 run into the following year.

8 MEMBER SEXTON: With that,
9 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board authorize the
10 signing of the service agreement with ES&S for the
11 purchase of 50 days of election support in the
12 amount of \$84,750.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been
15 properly moved and seconded.

16 All those in favor of the motion
17 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 The next item on the agenda is the
25 updated public records policy, and I'll turn that

1 over to Erin Gibbons to address that.

2 MS. GIBBONS: The updated public
3 records policy that you have before you that I
4 worked on with my colleague Aaron Sellers just
5 follows our recently updated retention schedule.
6 This policy defines records and sets expectations
7 for response time to records requests, clarity of
8 requests, denial and redaction of records, and the
9 cost of public records if a requester would like a
10 hard copy, a copy mailed to them, or a CD. In the
11 past we've not had such a specific records policy
12 and so this is an update to that.

13 DIRECTOR WHITE: If I may piggyback
14 off that, we went through a state auditor review in
15 2021 where they reviewed our public records
16 practices and one of the areas that they look at is
17 your public records policy. We had something that
18 was very old and not up to date, not very thorough.
19 And so Erin took the responsibility of creating
20 this new policy so that we're in compliance with
21 the state auditor for public records practices.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: You guys looked
23 at this?

24 MS. HUMMER: Yes.

25 DIRECTOR WHITE: It was reviewed by

1 the prosecutor's office.

2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay.

3 MEMBER JAFFE: Would it be fair to
4 characterize this as sort of a summation of
5 existing state public records law?

6 MS. GIBBONS: Yeah.

7 MEMBER JAFFE: If there's no other
8 questions, I move the Board adopt this public
9 records policy in accordance with state law and the
10 Franklin County Records Commission and sets a
11 schedule for records retention and disposition.

12 MEMBER SEXTON: Second.

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

15 (Vote taken.)

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

18 (No response.)

19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
20 carries.

21 The next item on the agenda is a
22 wage adjustment for our IT manager, Jeff Gatwood.
23 This wage adjustment would take him up to \$64.90 an
24 hour, but it would prohibit him from earning any
25 overtime. So he would be overtime exempt. It's

1 been our experience here that this will actually
2 save the Board money because he's not eligible for
3 overtime.

4 So are there any questions from the
5 Board?

6 MEMBER MARINELLO: I move that the
7 Board approve any employee wage adjustment of
8 \$64.90 per hour for Jeff Gatwood and that he be
9 listed as overtime exempt. This wage adjustment
10 should begin with the pay period beginning March
11 14, 2022.

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been
14 properly moved and seconded.

15 All those in favor of the motion
16 signify by saying aye.

17 (Vote taken.)

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

20 (No response.)

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
22 carries.

23 The next item on the agenda is the
24 hiring of a full-time employee, and I'll turn that
25 over to Antone.

1 DIRECTOR WHITE: Thank you, David.

2 I'm pleased to present to the Board
3 for hiring consideration Gretchen James to serve as
4 our full-time community affairs manager. And I
5 believe Gretchen is here in our audience today.

6 The primary purpose of the community
7 affairs manager position is to educate, engage, and
8 to promote the mission and goals of the Franklin
9 County Board of Elections through interactions with
10 citizens, political parties, and community
11 organizations within our county during each
12 election cycle.

13 And to this position Miss James
14 brings more than 10 years of experience in
15 community affairs, public policy, and project
16 management. Since 2018 she has served as the
17 community engagement manager for Celebrate One
18 Columbus, an initiative led by Columbus Mayor
19 Andrew Ginther and the City of Columbus to reduce
20 high infant mortality rates. In that role
21 Miss James managed relationships with partner
22 agencies and stakeholder groups, managed a team of
23 three, developed interactive communications and
24 videos, and managed social media accounts, among
25 other responsibilities.

1 From 2011 to 2018 she served as a
2 legislative aide and director of community
3 engagement for Columbus City Council. In that role
4 she worked with council members and staff, the
5 Mayor's administration, and community leaders to
6 resolve problems regarding legislative and
7 non-legislative matters, and she was promoted to
8 the position of director of community engagement in
9 2016.

10 In her role here at the Board
11 Miss James will be responsible for advising the
12 Director and Deputy Director on strategic public
13 relations activities that foster a positive image
14 of the Board and the election process. She'll work
15 collaboratively with admin staff as part of the
16 management team to ensure that current election
17 information is effectively communicated countywide
18 to key stakeholder groups. She will develop
19 creative and effective methods of communication
20 with private groups around the county while
21 delivering effective outreach messages for each
22 election cycle. She'll be partnering with our PEO
23 recruitment coordinator coordinating outreach
24 activities for poll worker recruitment and she will
25 partner with our public information officer to

1 develop engaging content for our social media
2 platform and website.

3 As we continue to come back from
4 widespread misinformation and disinformation about
5 elections that we hear all about throughout the
6 state and here in the county, especially during
7 federal election cycles, engaging Franklin County
8 voters now more than ever is essential to our
9 mission of providing election services,
10 information, and education to the Franklin County
11 voters.

12 I believe Gretchen will be a great
13 addition to our team and she'll help us accomplish
14 that mission. Her resume is there in your packet
15 for your review.

16 And pending any questions, I would
17 ask for Board approval to hire Gretchen James to
18 the full-time position of community affairs manager
19 at a rate of \$35.50 per hour beginning March 14,
20 2022.

21 **MEMBER SEXTON:** Mr. Chairman, I move
22 that the Board hire Gretchen James to serve as a
23 full-time outreach manager at a rate of \$35.50 per
24 hour, effective March 14th, 2022.

25 **MEMBER MARINELLO:** I second.

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been
2 properly moved and seconded.

3 All those in favor of the motion
4 signify by saying aye.

5 (Vote taken.)

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

8 (No response.)

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
10 carries.

11 That's the final item on the agenda.

12 MEMBER JAFFE: We can adjourn.

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We're
14 adjourned.

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16 Thereupon, the proceedings were
17 adjourned at approximately 3:38 p.m.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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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 27th day of April, 2022.

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

My Commission Expires: September 29, 2026.

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EXHIBIT A

Candidates Recommended for Certification

Exhibit A: Candidates Recommended for Certification to the May 3, 2022 Primary Election

BEATTY, JOYCE **Ballot Name:** Joyce Beatty **Party:** Democratic
REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS 03RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Full Term Commencing

Josephson, Gary **Ballot Name:** Gary Josephson **Party:** Democratic
REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS 15TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Full Term Commencing

O'CONNOR, DANIEL **Ballot Name:** Danny O'Connor **Party:** Democratic
REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS 15TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Full Term Commencing

MAHARATH, TINA **Ballot Name:** Tina Maharath **Party:** Democratic
STATE SENATOR OHIO SENATE DISTRICT 03 Full Term Commencing

CRAIG, HEARCEL **Ballot Name:** Hearcel F. Craig **Party:** Democratic
STATE SENATOR OHIO SENATE DISTRICT 15 Full Term Commencing

Harding, Carolyn **Ballot Name:** Carolyn Harding **Party:** Democratic
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 01 Full Term Commencing

JARRELLS, DONTAVIUS **Ballot Name:** Dontavius Jarrells **Party:** Democratic
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 01 Full Term Commencing

COLE, MICHAEL **Ballot Name:** Michael D. Cole **Party:** Democratic
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 02 Full Term Commencing

HUMPHREY, LATYNA **Ballot Name:** Latyna M. Humphrey **Party:** Democratic
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 02 Full Term Commencing

Harrop, Kelly **Ballot Name:** Kelly N. Harrop **Party:** Democratic
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 03 Full Term Commencing

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MAKINDE, MAYO **Ballot Name:** Mayo Makinde **Party:** Democratic
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 03 Full Term Commencing

Marshall, DaVon **Ballot Name:** DaVon Marshall **Party:** Democratic
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 03 Full Term Commencing

Mohamed, Ismail **Ballot Name:** Ismail Mohamed **Party:** Democratic
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 03 Full Term Commencing

PEOPLES, LAMAR **Ballot Name:** Lamar D. Peoples **Party:** Democratic
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 03 Full Term Commencing

LIGHTBODY, MARY **Ballot Name:** Mary Lightbody **Party:** Democratic
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 04 Full Term Commencing

BROWN, RICHARD **Ballot Name:** Richard Brown **Party:** Democratic
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 05 Full Term Commencing

Kifle, Adhanet **Ballot Name:** Adhanet Kifle **Party:** Democratic
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 06 Full Term Commencing

MILLER, ADAM **Ballot Name:** Adam C. Miller **Party:** Democratic
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 07 Full Term Commencing

RUSSO, CATHERINE **Ballot Name:** Allison Russo **Party:** Democratic
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 07 Full Term Commencing

LISTON, BETH **Ballot Name:** Beth Liston **Party:** Democratic
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 08 Full Term Commencing

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ABDULLAHI, MUNIRA **Ballot Name:** Munira Yasin Abdullahi **Party:** Democratic
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 09 Full Term Commencing

BLAKE, JEREMY **Ballot Name:** Jeremy Blake **Party:** Democratic
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 09 Full Term Commencing

FILIPPELLI, PAUL **Ballot Name:** Paul Filippelli **Party:** Democratic
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 09 Full Term Commencing

LeLand, BEN **Ballot Name:** Ben Leland **Party:** Democratic
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 09 Full Term Commencing

HARRIS, RUSSELL **Ballot Name:** Russell Harris **Party:** Democratic
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 10 Full Term Commencing

NEAL, RICHARD **Ballot Name:** Rick Neal **Party:** Democratic
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 11 Full Term Commencing

BROWN, RICHARD **Ballot Name:** RICHARD BROWN **Party:** Democratic
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE M03rd District (D and R) Full Term Commencing

Barnacle, Patrick **Ballot Name:** Patrick Barnacle **Party:** Democratic
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE M16th District (D and R) Full Term Commencing

ADHIKARI, KASHI **Ballot Name:** Kashi Adhikari **Party:** Democratic
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE M25TH District (D and R) Full Term Commencing

DEMORA, WILLIAM **Ballot Name:** Bill DeMora **Party:** Democratic
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE M25th District (D and R) Full Term Commencing

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ROTTER, ANDREJ **Ballot Name:** Andrej Rotter **Party:** Democratic
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE M25th District (D and R) Full Term Commencing

RUGOLA, JOSEPH **Ballot Name:** Joseph P. Rugola **Party:** Democratic
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE M25TH District (D and R) Full Term Commencing

McGraw, Lynne **Ballot Name:** Lynne McGraw **Party:** Democratic
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE W03rd District (D and R) Full Term Commencing

Rossi, Rachel **Ballot Name:** Rachel Rossi **Party:** Democratic
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE W03rd District (D and R) Full Term Commencing

Belcher, Courtney **Ballot Name:** Courtney Belcher **Party:** Democratic
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE W16TH District (D and R) Full Term Commencing

Hykes O'Grady, Pam **Ballot Name:** Pam O'Grady **Party:** Democratic
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE W16th District (D and R) Full Term Commencing

YOUNG, MARLISA **Ballot Name:** Marlisa M. Young **Party:** Democratic
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE W25th District (D and R) Full Term Commencing

STAHLEY, LEE **Ballot Name:** Lee R. Stahley **Party:** Republican
REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS 03RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Full Term Commencing

CAREY, MICHAEL **Ballot Name:** Mike Carey **Party:** Republican
REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS 15TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Full Term Commencing

REYNOLDS, MICHELE **Ballot Name:** Michele Reynolds **Party:** Republican
STATE SENATOR OHIO SENATE DISTRICT 03 Full Term Commencing

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WYSOCKI, CHANDLER **Ballot Name:** Chandler Wysocki **Party:** Republican
STATE SENATOR OHIO SENATE DISTRICT 25 Full Term Commencing

LANNING, JEFFREY **Ballot Name:** J. Josiah Lanning **Party:** Republican
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 03 Full Term Commencing

FILLMAN, PAUL **Ballot Name:** Paul Fillman **Party:** Republican
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 04 Full Term Commencing

RUDLER, JILL **Ballot Name:** Jill Rudler **Party:** Republican
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 04 Full Term Commencing

Beach, Ronald **Ballot Name:** Ronald Beach IV **Party:** Republican
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 05 Full Term Commencing

Wharton, Joe **Ballot Name:** Joe Wharton **Party:** Republican
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 06 Full Term Commencing

TRUEMPER, ZULAY **Ballot Name:** Zully Truemper **Party:** Republican
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 08 Full Term Commencing

KING, SUE **Ballot Name:** Sue Ellen King **Party:** Republican
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 09 Full Term Commencing

Dobos, David **Ballot Name:** David A. Dobos **Party:** Republican
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 10 Full Term Commencing

LANESE, LAURA **Ballot Name:** Laura Lanese **Party:** Republican
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 10 Full Term Commencing

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NEUMANN, AARON **Ballot Name:** Aaron Neumann **Party:** Republican
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 11 Full Term Commencing

TARAZI, OMAR **Ballot Name:** Omar Tarazi **Party:** Republican
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 11 Full Term Commencing

Burgess, James **Ballot Name:** Jim Burgess **Party:** Republican
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE M03rd District (D and R) Full Term Commencing

McCloud, Bradley **Ballot Name:** Brad McCloud **Party:** Republican
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE M03rd District (D and R) Full Term Commencing

HEALY, JOSEPH **Ballot Name:** Joseph Healy **Party:** Republican
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE M15th District (D and R) Full Term Commencing

Reed, Frank **Ballot Name:** Frank J. Reed, Jr. **Party:** Republican
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE M15th District (D and R) Full Term Commencing

SLANE, ADAM **Ballot Name:** Adam C. Slane **Party:** Republican
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE M15th District (D and R) Full Term Commencing

BROWN, JOSHUA **Ballot Name:** Josh Brown **Party:** Republican
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE M16th District (D and R) Full Term Commencing

HATCHER, GEOFFREY **Ballot Name:** Geoff Hatcher **Party:** Republican
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE M16TH District (D and R) Full Term Commencing

BAINBRIDGE, MARK **Ballot Name:** Mark A. Bainbridge **Party:** Republican
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE M25th District (D and R) Full Term Commencing

EXHIBIT B

Candidates Not Recommended for Certification

Statement of Candidacy Not Signed

Each petition states on its face, “NOTE – THE CANDIDATE MUST FILL IN, SIGN AND DATE THIS STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY BEFORE PETITIONS ARE CIRCULATED.”

R.C. 3513.09 If the petition required by section 3513.07 of the Revised Code to be filed with a declaration of candidacy consists of more than one separate petition paper, the declaration of candidacy of the candidate named need be signed by the candidate, or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, on only one of such separate petition papers, but the declaration of candidacy so signed shall be copied on each other separate petition paper before the signature of electors are placed on it.

Candidate Petitions

The statutes prescribing the form of candidate petitions generally require substantial compliance. When there is an error or omission on a petition form, the board of elections must determine whether the prospective candidate substantially complied with the form of the petition. In determining whether a prospective candidate substantially complied with the form of the petition, the inquiry is typically fact-specific. The board should consult with its legal counsel, the county prosecutor, when reviewing petitions.

(Petition for Candidate section missing or incomplete)

Exhibit B: Candidates Not Recommended for Certification to the May 3, 2022 Primary Election Ballot

KILGORE, DANIEL **Ballot Name:** Daniel McArthur Kilgore **Party:** Democratic
REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS 15TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Deficiency: Insufficient Valid Signatures: Candidate submitted 79 signatures but only 25 valid signatures were found on part-petitions from counties that make up the 15th district as currently configured (50 required).

Josephson, Gary **Ballot Name:** Gary Josephson **Party:** Democratic
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE M15th District (D and R)

Deficiency: The Candidate failed to sign the Declaration of Candidacy

Beatty, Joyce **Ballot Name:** Joyce Beatty **Party:** Democratic
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE W15th District (D and R)

Deficiency: The Petition for Candidate section was not completed.

PATRAY, ERIKA **Ballot Name:** Erika Patray **Party:** Democratic
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 02

Deficiency: Insufficient Valid Signatures: Candidate submitted 57 signatures of which 32 were found to be valid (50 required).

BIRCH, JOHN **Ballot Name:** John Birch **Party:** Republican
COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP

Deficiency: The Candidate filed for County Central Committee - Mifflin Township, but resides in CCC District Gahanna Ward 2

MARTIN, CHRISTOPHER **Ballot Name:** Chris Martin **Party:** Republican
REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS 03RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Deficiency: Insufficient Valid Signatures: Candidate submitted 63 signatures of which 33 were found to be valid (50 required).

Young, Michael **Ballot Name:** Michael Young **Party:** Republican
REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS 03RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Deficiency: Insufficient Valid Signatures: Candidate submitted 59 signatures of which 46 were found to be valid (50 required).

HEALY, ALICIA **Ballot Name:** Alicia Healy **Party:** Republican
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE W15th District (D and R)

Deficiency: The Petition for Candidate section was not completed.