

FRANKLIN COUNTY
ELECTION BOARD MEETING

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FEBRUARY 14, 2025

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

before Chairman, Douglas J. Preisse;
Director, David Payne; Board Members, Michael
Sexton, Kim Marinello, and Meredith Freedhoff, on
Friday, February 14, 2025, beginning at
approximately 3:04 p.m. and concluding at
approximately 3:19 p.m.

ALSO PRESENT:

Erin Gibbons
Jeffrey Mackey
Audience
Brian Zagrockie

Friday Afternoon Session

February 14, 2025

3:04 p.m.

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DIRECTOR PAYNE: Mr. Chairman, it looks like we have a quorum, but I will go ahead and take roll.

Kim Marinello?

MEMBER MARINELLO: Here.

DIRECTOR PAYNE: Mike Sexton?

MEMBER SEXTON: Here.

DIRECTOR PAYNE: Doug Preisse?

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

DIRECTOR PAYNE: And Meredith Freedhoff?

MEMBER FREEDHOFF: Here.

DIRECTOR PAYNE: We indeed have a quorum.

The first item on the agenda is the approval of minutes from the November 18th, 2024 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Elections, and I believe Erin sent those minutes out to all the Board members to peruse.

1 MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I
2 move the Board approve the minutes of the November
3 18th, 2024 meeting of the Franklin County Board of
4 Elections as submitted.

5 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second the
6 motion.

7 DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been properly
8 moved and seconded.

9 All those in favor of the motion,
10 signify by saying aye.

11 (Vote taken.)

12 DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed, the
13 same sign?

14 (No response.)

15 DIRECTOR PAYNE: The motion carries.

16 The next item on the agenda is the
17 certification of candidates to the May ballot, and
18 I'll turn that over to the managers of -- the
19 manager of petitions and filings, Jeff Mackey, to
20 start us out.

21 MR. MACKEY: So just as an
22 introduction, in the odd numbered years, certain of
23 our local jurisdictions have established primary
24 elections. Consequently, the Board of Elections

1 received 60 petitions for candidates, as well as
2 seven local liquor options.

3 Staff examined almost 19,000
4 signatures over the last week and a half. Per the
5 Revised Code and some of the local charters, if
6 they're not sufficient candidates that require a
7 primary election to be held, then the Board is
8 directed to declare those candidates nominated and
9 certify them to the General Election.

10 We believe the following races,
11 pending your certification of the candidates will
12 require primary elections. These are the Hilliard
13 City Council. The Democratic primary only. There
14 are seven candidates for four seats. Four will be
15 nominated.

16 Columbus City Council District 7 has
17 three candidates for one seat. The top two will
18 proceed.

19 Whitehall City Council Ward 2 has
20 three candidates for one seat. The top two will
21 proceed.

22 And Columbus City School District
23 Board of Education has ten candidates for three
24 seats. The top six will proceed.

1 The petitions of the candidates
2 found on Exhibit A were reviewed by staff. They
3 were found to be timely filed, valid and
4 sufficient. We recommend them for certification of
5 the May 6th, 2025 primary election.

6 DIRECTOR PAYNE: Thank you, Jeff.

7 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Thank you, Jeff.

8 MEMBER SEXTON: Mr. Chairman, if
9 there's no questions, Michael Sexton, I move the
10 Board certify to the May 6th primary ballot. Those
11 candidates listed on Exhibit A and that these
12 petitions were filed timely and found to be valid
13 and sufficient.

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second the
15 motion.

16 DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been properly
17 moved and seconded. All those in favor of the
18 motion, signify by saying aye.

19 (Vote taken.)

20 DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed, same
21 sign.

22 (No response.)

23 DIRECTOR PAYNE: The motion carries.

24 The next item on the agenda are

1 those candidates not recommended for certification.

2 MR. MACKEY: The petitions of the
3 candidates found on Exhibit B were also reviewed by
4 staff, and they were found to be insufficient. We
5 do not recommend that those candidates be certified
6 to the election. In all instances, they just did
7 not certain -- or did not file sufficient valid
8 signatures.

9 MEMBER FREEDHOFF: Did you find that
10 most of the signatures were out of the district or
11 not registered to vote, or what was the number one
12 problem?

13 MR. MACKEY: Those were the top
14 problems.

15 MEMBER FREEDHOFF: Those were the
16 ones?

17 MR. MACKEY: Either just not
18 registered. Not registered at the address they
19 wrote on the petition, out of the district.

20 MS. FREEDHOFF: Thank you.
21 Mr. Chairman, Meredith Freedhoff, I move that the
22 Board accept certification -- or deny certification
23 of the candidates appearing on Exhibit B, on the
24 basis that their petitions were found by staff to

1 be invalid and insufficient.

2 MEMBER SEXTON: Mr. Chairman,
3 Michael Sexton, I'll second.

4 DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been properly
5 moved and seconded. All those in favor of the
6 motion, signify by saying aye.

7 (Vote taken.)

8 DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed, same
9 sign.

10 (No response.)

11 DIRECTOR PAYNE: The motion carries.

12 The next item on the agenda is the
13 certification of candidates for the November
14 election.

15 MR. MACKEY: Petitions of the
16 candidates found on Exhibit C were for races that
17 will not require primary elections. They were also
18 reviewed by staff. They were found to be timely
19 filed, valid and sufficient. We recommend that
20 service candidates be declared nominated and
21 certified for the November 4th, 2025 General
22 Election.

23 MS. GIBBONS: I'm sorry.

24 MEMBER FREEDHOFF: Somebody unmuted

1 themselves.

2 MS. GIBBONS: Go ahead. Sorry.

3 MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I
4 move the Board declare each of such persons as
5 appears in Exhibit C to be nominated and that we
6 certify their names to the November 4th, 2025
7 general election ballot and that these petitions
8 were timely filed and found to be valid and
9 sufficient.

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Doug Preisse,
11 second the motion.

12 DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been properly
13 moved and seconded. All those in favor of the
14 motion, signify by saying aye.

15 (Vote taken.)

16 DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed, same
17 sign.

18 (No response.)

19 DIRECTOR PAYNE: The motion carries.

20 The next item on the agenda is a
21 request for name change on the ballot, and I'll
22 turn that over to Jeff again to explain that
23 procedure.

24 MR. MACKEY: Not so much a name

1 change, as just a ballot name. Carolyn Lumpkin,
2 who's a candidate for the Columbus School Board,
3 would like to appear as Karrie Lumpkin, Karrie,
4 K-A-R-R-I-E, for Carolyn.

5 That was slightly more unusual than
6 our normal request, like Bob for Robert, et cetera.
7 So I thought I would bring that before you. I
8 don't have any particular problem with it, but
9 wanted to let you opine on that.

10 MEMBER FREEDHOFF: So the petition
11 had to be the full name?

12 MR. MACKEY: Correct.

13 MEMBER FREEDHOFF: And then the
14 ballot can be different?

15 MR. MACKEY: The ballot -- as long
16 as the alternate ballot name is a natural
17 derivative of the given name.

18 MEMBER FREEDHOFF: So the petition
19 can't be in the derivative of the name or it could
20 be?

21 MR. MACKEY: It could be. You risk
22 us not being able to find you in the voter
23 registration system if you were to do that.

24 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Karrie strikes me

1 as a natural derivative of Carolyn, although it's
2 interesting that this Karrie, with a K --

3 MEMBER MARINELLO: Right.

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Nonetheless,
5 sounds the same. Okay. I don't think -- I don't
6 have any questions.

7 MEMBER FREEDHOFF: Okay. Chairman,
8 Meredith Freedhoff, I move that Carolyn Elaine
9 Lumpkin be permitted to appear on the ballot as
10 Kerrie Lumpkin for the City of Columbus, Board of
11 Education.

12 MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

13 DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been properly
14 moved and seconded. All those in favor of the
15 motion, signify by saying aye.

16 (Vote taken.)

17 DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed, same
18 sign.

19 (No response.)

20 DIRECTOR PAYNE: The motion carries.
21 The next item on the agenda is the
22 certification of local options.

23 MR. MACKEY: So the local option
24 petitions found on Exhibit D were reviewed by staff

1 and our counselors at the prosecutor's office.
2 They were found to be timely filed, valid and
3 sufficient, and we recommend them for certification
4 to the May 6th, 2025 primary election. Actually,
5 it's the special election.

6 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Westerville, the
7 home of -- what's the word I'm looking for where
8 you're not allowed to drink?

9 MEMBER SEXTON: Prohibition.

10 MEMBER MARINELLO: Temperance.

11 MR. PREISSE: Prohibition.
12 Temperance. Look at these people. Sunday sales.
13 What has the world come to when Westerville ground
14 zero temperance going for -- I may vote no, just as
15 a matter of principle, and then go have a drink to
16 celebrate. It's a public meeting. I'm going to
17 shut up.

18 MEMBER SEXTON: Mr. Chairman, Mike
19 Sexton, I move the Board to certify the May 6th,
20 2025 special election ballot. The local options
21 that appear on Exhibit D and that these local
22 options were filed timely and found to be valid and
23 sufficient.

24 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second the

1 motion.

2 DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been properly
3 moved and seconded. All those in favor of the
4 motion, signify by saying aye.

5 (Vote taken.)

6 DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed, same
7 sign.

8 (No response.)

9 DIRECTOR PAYNE: The motion carries.
10 The next item on the agenda is the
11 certification of questions and issues to the May
12 ballot.

13 MR. MACKEY: Questions and issues
14 found on Exhibit E were reviewed by staff and their
15 counselors at the County's prosecutors office.
16 They were found to be timely filed, valid and
17 sufficient. We recommend they be included in the
18 May 6th, 2025 special election.

19 MEMBER FREEDHOFF: Just out of
20 curiosity, how many signatures do they have to get
21 for these?

22 MR. MACKEY: Those are by resolution
23 by the jurisdiction.

24 MEMBER FREEDHOFF: Okay.

1 MEMBER SEXTON: Do all these seem to
2 be local issues? There's no county wide?

3 MR. MACKEY: No county wide. They
4 will appear within the State bond issue that will
5 be on the ballot.

6 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Which one is that
7 again?

8 MEMBER SEXTON: It's
9 infrastructure --

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Oh, that's right.

11 MEMBER SEXTON: -- Senator Ray --
12 proposal --

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. Good.

14 MEMBER SEXTON: So we will have that
15 issue on every precinct in the county, as well
16 as --

17 MR. MACKEY: That's correct.

18 MEMBER SEXTON: -- current and local
19 issues where school districts -- okay.

20 MEMBER FREEDHOFF: Chairman,
21 Meredith Freedhoff; I move that the Board
22 acknowledge the questions and issues listed on
23 Exhibit E were timely filed, valid and sufficient
24 and that they shall appear on the May 6th, 2025

1 special election ballot.

2 MEMBER SEXTON: Second.

3 DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been properly
4 moved and seconded. All those in favor of the
5 motion, signify by saying aye.

6 (Vote taken.)

7 DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed, same
8 sign?

9 (No response.)

10 DIRECTOR PAYNE: The motion carries.
11 Thank you, Jeff.

12 MR. MACKEY: Thank you.

13 DIRECTOR PAYNE: The final item on
14 the agenda is a contract with Mills James relating
15 to our online training videos for poll worker
16 training, and I'll turn that over to Chris Bender,
17 who is the supervisor of the precinct election
18 officials and runs our training program for our
19 5,000 plus poll workers.

20 Chris?

21 MR. BENDER: Thank you, sir. I just
22 wanted to give the Board members a little bit of
23 background about the evolution of online training
24 at the Board of Elections.

1 The Board first conducted an online
2 training program during the 2020 General Election,
3 and the thought at the time was the Board was
4 unsure if they would be able to have in-person
5 training for poll workers because it was in the
6 middle of the COVID-19 pandemic. So they filmed
7 online training videos to take the place of the
8 in-person training in case that would happen.

9 That obviously did not happen, and
10 so over the past four years, the Board has
11 consistently edited those videos, re-edited those
12 videos, as we've changed processes back and forth.

13 Now that we have settled on a touch
14 pad vendor to bring our poll worker training for
15 use on election day along, we have -- we now feel
16 it is time for us to align the online training with
17 the in-person training.

18 So we view the online training that
19 we were proposing with Mills James to be an augment
20 to our in-person training. It will also allow us
21 in the in-person training classes to focus more on
22 voter scenarios, so that way, our poll workers
23 across all positions are as prepared as they can be
24 on election day to confront any sort of voter that

1 they might find at a polling location.

2 MEMBER MARINELLO: Is this the same
3 place that did it before, that --

4 MR. BENDER: Yes; this is the same
5 company we used in 2020, for that initial --

6 MEMBER FREEDHOFF: Thank you, Chris.
7 So this is along with the in-person training?

8 MR. BENDER: Yes, ma'am.

9 MEMBER FREEDHOFF: They're required
10 to go to both?

11 MR. BENDER: Yes.

12 MR. FREEDHOFF: And do you have
13 something to know they watched the video?

14 MR. BENDER: Yep. So we use Connect
15 University. It's a piece of our overall program
16 here at the Board, and so when you finish your
17 online training video, you get a certificate, and
18 it is recorded in your payroll records, on the back
19 end of the process.

20 MEMBER MARINELLO: Any other
21 questions?

22 MEMBER FREEDHOFF: No --

23 MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I
24 move that the Board contract with Mills James in

1 the amount of \$74,317 for the creation,
2 development, and filming of online training videos
3 for poll worker training.

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second the
5 motion.

6 DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been properly
7 moved and seconded.

8 All those in favor of the motion,
9 signify by saying aye.

10 (Vote taken.)

11 DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed, same
12 sign?

13 (No response.)

14 DIRECTOR PAYNE: The motion carries.
15 As I mentioned, that's the last item
16 on the agenda.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Move to adjourn.

18 MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

19 DIRECTOR PAYNE: Seeing no
20 opposition to adjourn, we are adjourned.

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22 Thereupon, the meeting concluded at
23 approximately 3:19 p.m.

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THE STATE OF OHIO:

SS:

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN:

I, Rebecca Williams, 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 either party and have no interest whatsoever in the event of this litigation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal of office at Columbus, Ohio, this 7th day of March, 2024.

Rebecca Williams _____
Notary Public, State of Ohio

My Commission Expires: June 7, 2027.

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EXHIBIT A

Candidates Recommended for
Certification for the
May 6, 2025 Primary Election

Exhibit A: Candidates Recommended for Certification to the May 6, 2025 Primary Election

CURRY-DA-SOUZA, KATHRYN	Ballot Name: Kate Curry-Da-Souza	Write-In: No
NonPartisan CITY OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT 7 Full Term		

ROSS, TIARA	Ballot Name: Tiara Ross	Write-In: No
NonPartisan CITY OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT 7 Full Term		

VOGEL, JESSE	Ballot Name: Jesse Vogel	Write-In: No
NonPartisan CITY OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT 7 Full Term		

BAZERBASHI, SAMER	Ballot Name: Samer Bazerbashi	Write-In: No
Democratic CITY OF HILLIARD COUNCIL MEMBER Full Term		

COTTONE, CHRISTINE	Ballot Name: Tina Cottone	Write-In: No
Democratic CITY OF HILLIARD COUNCIL MEMBER Full Term		

HASSAN, DOROTHY	Ballot Name: Dorothy Hassan-	Write-In: No
Democratic CITY OF HILLIARD COUNCIL MEMBER Full Term		

MOOG, LYLE	Ballot Name: Tony Moog	Write-In: No
Democratic CITY OF HILLIARD COUNCIL MEMBER Full Term		

PARKER-JONES, KATHLEEN	Ballot Name: Kathy Parker-Jones	Write-In: No
Democratic CITY OF HILLIARD COUNCIL MEMBER Full Term		

RASUL, NADIA	Ballot Name: Nadia A. Rasul	Write-In: No
Democratic CITY OF HILLIARD COUNCIL MEMBER Full Term		

TEATER, ANDREW	Ballot Name: Andy Teater	Write-In: No
Democratic CITY OF HILLIARD COUNCIL MEMBER Full Term		

Exhibit A: Candidates Recommended for Certification to the May 6, 2025 Primary Election

COLEMAN JR, DAVID NonPartisan CITY OF WHITEHALL COUNCIL MEMBER WARD 2 Full Term	Ballot Name: David F. Coleman, Jr.	Write-In: No
MCCANN, BRIAN NonPartisan CITY OF WHITEHALL COUNCIL MEMBER WARD 2 Full Term	Ballot Name: Brian McCann	Write-In: No
SPICER, MICOLE NonPartisan CITY OF WHITEHALL COUNCIL MEMBER WARD 2 Full Term	Ballot Name: Micole Spicer	Write-In: No
CASLIN, ELIZABETH NonPartisan COLUMBUS CSD BOARD MEMBER Full Term	Ballot Name: Liz Caslin-Turner	Write-In: No
HANNAH, TERESA NonPartisan COLUMBUS CSD BOARD MEMBER Full Term	Ballot Name: Teresa Hannah	Write-In: No
KATZENMEYER, PATRICK NonPartisan COLUMBUS CSD BOARD MEMBER Full Term	Ballot Name: Patrick Katzenmeyer	Write-In: No
KENNEDY, JERMAINE NonPartisan COLUMBUS CSD BOARD MEMBER Full Term	Ballot Name: Jermaine Kennedy	Write-In: No
KEYES-SHANKLIN, JANECE NonPartisan COLUMBUS CSD BOARD MEMBER Full Term	Ballot Name: Janeece Keyes-Shanklin	Write-In: No
LUMPKIN, CAROLYN NonPartisan COLUMBUS CSD BOARD MEMBER Full Term	Ballot Name: Karrie Lumpkin	Write-In: No
LYNCH, MOUNIR NonPartisan COLUMBUS CSD BOARD MEMBER Full Term	Ballot Name: Mounir F. Lynch	Write-In: No

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MASON, KIMBERLEY	Ballot Name: Kimberley Mason	Write-In: No
NonPartisan COLUMBUS CSD BOARD MEMBER Full Term		

MIRANDA, ANTOINETTE	Ballot Name: Antoinette Miranda	Write-In: No
NonPartisan COLUMBUS CSD BOARD MEMBER Full Term		

TRABOLD, JULIE	Ballot Name: Julie Trabold	Write-In: No
NonPartisan COLUMBUS CSD BOARD MEMBER Full Term		

EXHIBIT B

Candidates Not Recommended for
Certification

Franklin County Board of Elections
Exhibit B: Candidates Not Recommended for Certification

February 14, 2025

DASAN, AURORA	Ballot Name: Aurora Dior Dasan	Party: NonPartisan
CITY OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT 7 Full Term		
Deficiency: Insufficient Valid Signatures: The candidate filed 419 signatures on 41 part-petitions. Only 163 signatures were found to be valid (250 required).		
ORTEOUS, DENSIL	Ballot Name: Densil R Porteous	Party: NonPartisan
CITY OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT 7 Full Term		
Deficiency: Insufficient Valid Signatures: The candidate filed 332 signatures on 17 part-petitions. Only 230 signatures were found to be valid (250 required).		
FARAH, YASMINE	Ballot Name: Yasmine Farah	Party: NonPartisan
COLUMBUS CSD BOARD MEMBER Full Term		
Deficiency: Insufficient Valid Signatures: The candidate filed 406 signatures on 24 part-petitions. Only 252 signatures were found to be valid (300 required).		
KENNEDY, IVORY	Ballot Name: Ivory L. Kennedy, Jr.	Party: NonPartisan
COLUMBUS CSD BOARD MEMBER Full Term		
Deficiency: Insufficient Valid Signatures: The candidate filed 310 signatures on 19 part-petitions. Only 183 signatures were found to be valid (300 required).		
SIGERS, TRACEY	Ballot Name: Tracey L. Sigers	Party: NonPartisan
COLUMBUS CSD BOARD MEMBER Full Term		
Deficiency: Insufficient Valid Signatures: The candidate filed 479 signatures on 26 part-petitions. Only 262 signatures were found to be valid (300 required).		

EXHIBIT C

Candidates Recommended to be Declared
Nominated and Certified for the
November 4, 2025 General Election

KLEIN, ZACHARY	Ballot Name: Zach Klein	Write-In: No
NonPartisan CITY OF COLUMBUS ATTORNEY COLUMBUS Full Term		

KILGORE, MEGAN	Ballot Name: Megan N. Kilgore	Write-In: No
NonPartisan CITY OF COLUMBUS AUDITOR COLUMBUS Full Term		

WYCHE, CHRISTOPHER	Ballot Name: Chris Wyche	Write-In: No
NonPartisan CITY OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT 1 Full Term		

DORANS, ROBERT	Ballot Name: Rob Dorans	Write-In: No
NonPartisan CITY OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT 3 Full Term		

REMY, EMMANUEL	Ballot Name: Emmanuel Remy	Write-In: No
NonPartisan CITY OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT 4 Full Term		

CARRIER, FRANK	Ballot Name: Les Carrier	Write-In: No
Republican CITY OF HILLIARD COUNCIL MEMBER Full Term		

MARTIN, JAMES	Ballot Name: Jim Martin	Write-In: No
Republican CITY OF HILLIARD COUNCIL MEMBER Full Term		

SCHNECK, BEVAN	Ballot Name: Bevan Schneck	Write-In: No
Republican CITY OF HILLIARD COUNCIL MEMBER Full Term		

STRICKLAND, SHANETTE	Ballot Name: Shanette E. Strickland	Write-In: No
Democratic CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG AUDITOR Full Term		

CICAK, STEPHEN	Ballot Name: Stephen Cicak	Write-In: No
Republican CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG AUDITOR Full Term		

ABRAM, ANGELA **Ballot Name:** Angela Abram **Write-In:** No
Democratic CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE Full Term

BAKER, STACIE **Ballot Name:** Stacie A. Baker **Write-In:** No
Democratic CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE Full Term

JOHNSON, MILDRED **Ballot Name:** Mildred M. Johnson **Write-In:** No
Democratic CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE Full Term

COTNER, BARTH **Ballot Name:** Barth R. Cotner **Write-In:** No
Republican CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE Full Term

SUBEDI, KAMAL **Ballot Name:** Kamal Subedi **Write-In:** No
Republican CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE Full Term

ALEXANDER, SHAQUILLE **Ballot Name:** Shaquille Alexander **Write-In:** No
NonPartisan CITY OF WHITEHALL AUDITOR WHITEHALL Full Term

CHARLES, TIFFANIE **Ballot Name:** Tiffanie Charles Haver **Write-In:** No
NonPartisan CITY OF WHITEHALL COUNCIL MEMBER WARD 1 Full Term

DIXON, GERALD **Ballot Name:** Gerald Dixon **Write-In:** No
NonPartisan CITY OF WHITEHALL COUNCIL MEMBER WARD 1 Full Term

ADKINS, MICHAEL **Ballot Name:** Mike Adkins **Write-In:** No
NonPartisan CITY OF WHITEHALL COUNCIL MEMBER WARD 3 Full Term

JACKSON, DAVID **Ballot Name:** David Jackson **Write-In:** No
NonPartisan CITY OF WHITEHALL COUNCIL MEMBER WARD 3 Full Term

BROWN, DEVIN	Ballot Name: Devin Brown	Write-In: No
NonPartisan CITY OF WHITEHALL COUNCIL MEMBER WARD 4 Full Term		

STEIN, HOLLY ANN	Ballot Name: Holly A. Stein	Write-In: No
NonPartisan CITY OF WHITEHALL COUNCIL MEMBER WARD 4 Full Term		

THOMAS, JODI	Ballot Name: Jodi Thomas	Write-In: No
NonPartisan JUDGE OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT 1/1 Full Term Commencing 01/01/2026		

D'VARGA, JESSICA	Ballot Name: Jessica G. D'Varga	Write-In: No
NonPartisan JUDGE OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT 1/2 Full Term Commencing 01/02/2026		

HOQUE, AJMERI	Ballot Name: Ajmeri Hoque	Write-In: No
NonPartisan JUDGE OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT 1/3 Full Term Commencing 01/03/2026		

Requests for Alternate Ballot Name

Nicknames (SOS Dir. 2025-07)

A candidate's nickname may be printed on the ballot if the nickname is a natural derivative of the candidate's legal name. However, quotation marks or parentheses cannot be printed on the ballot. For example, a candidate named William Smith may request that his name appear on the ballot as William Smith, Will Smith, Bill Smith, Billy Smith, but not William "Bill" Smith.

Columbus City School District Board of Education:

Carolyn Elaine Lumpkin wishes to appear as Karrie Lumpkin

EXHIBIT D

Local Options Recommended for
Certification for the
May 6, 2025 Special Election

**EXHIBIT D – LOCAL OPTIONS RECOMMENDED FOR CERTIFICATION
MAY 6, 2025 SPECIAL ELECTION**

Revised 2/11/2025

#	Subdivision	Purpose	Rate
	Columbus 2-C Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (wine and mixed beverages & spirituous liquor) 4 Saints Club 281 E Whittier St, Columbus, OH 43206	
	Columbus 21-F Local Option Particular Location	Weekday Sales (beer, wine and mixed beverages, and spirituous liquor) Wario's Beef and Pork 4219 N High St, Columbus, OH 43214	
	Columbus 21-F Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (wine and mixed beverages & spirituous liquor) Wario's Beef and Pork 4219 N High St, Columbus, OH 43214	
	Columbus 63-F Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (wine and mixed beverages & spirituous liquor) SILLAKOREABBQ 1802 W. Henderson Rd., Columbus, OH 43220	
	Grove City 2-C Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (wine and mixed beverages & spirituous liquor) 4318 Broadway LLC 4318 Broadway, Grove City, OH 43123	
	Westerville 1-A Local Option Particular Location	Weekday Sales (beer, wine and mixed beverages, and spirituous liquor) Cardinal Pizza 12 E Main St, Westerville, Ohio 43081	
	Westerville 1-A Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (wine and mixed beverages & spirituous liquor) Cardinal Pizza 12 E Main St, Westerville, Ohio 43081	
	Westerville 3-A Local Option Particular Location	Weekday Sales (beer, wine and mixed beverages, and spirituous liquor) No Soliciting 769 S State St, Westerville, Ohio 43081	
	Westerville 3-A Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (wine and mixed beverages & spirituous liquor) No Soliciting 769 S State St, Westerville, Ohio 43081	
	Whitehall 1-A Local Option Particular Location	Sunday Sales (wine and mixed beverages, and spirituous liquor) 840 Lounge II 23 Collingwood Ave, 1 st Floor & Basement, Whitehall, Ohio 43213	

EXHIBIT E

Questions and Issues Recommended for
Inclusion in the
May 6, 2025 Special Election

**EXHIBIT E - QUESTIONS AND ISSUES RECOMMENDED
MAY 6, 2025 SPECIAL ELECTION**

Revised 2/11/2025

#	Subdivision	Purpose	Rate
	Lockbourne – Proposed Income Tax		Increase of 1.5%, for a total of 2.5%, with a credit of 1.5%
	Blendon Township Police District (unincorporated area only) – Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)	Police Levy	4.48 mills, \$157 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, continuing period of time, commencing in 2025
	Brown Township – Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)	Fire Levy	5.2 mills, \$182 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, continuing period of time, commencing in 2025
	Clinton Township – Proposed Tax Levy (Replacement)	Fire Levy	Replaces a 1.2 mill levy and a 2 mill levy for a total of 3.2 mills, \$112 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, continuing period of time, commencing in 2025
	Franklin Township – Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)	Fire Levy	14.79 mills, \$518 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, continuing period of time, commencing in 2025
	Hamilton Township – Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)	Police Levy	3.75 mills, \$57 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, 5 years, commencing in 2025
	Jefferson Township Road District (unincorporated area only) – Proposed Tax Levy (Replacement)	Road Maintenance	2.8 mills, \$98 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, 10 years, commencing in 2025
	Mifflin Township – Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)	Fire Levy	1.95 mills, \$68 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, continuing period of time, commencing in 2025
	Mifflin Township Police District (unincorporated area only) – Proposed Tax Levy (Additional)	Police Levy	3.48 mills, \$122 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, continuing period of time, commencing in 2025
	Washington Township – Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) Franklin, Delaware and Union Counties	Fire Levy	8.25 mills, \$176 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, 5 years, commencing in 2025

EXHIBIT E - QUESTIONS AND ISSUES RECOMMENDED
MAY 6, 2025 SPECIAL ELECTION

Revised 2/11/2025

#	Subdivision	Purpose	Rate
	Groveport Madison LSD – Proposed Bond Issue	Facilities Construction	\$77,215,000; 2.33 mills, \$82 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, 37 years, commencing in 2025