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Edward J. Leonard, DIRECTOR David R. Payne, DEPUTY DIRECTOR

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Board of Elections Reappoints Director and Deputy Director Along With Other Staff

(Columbus) The Franklin County Board of Elections today reappointed Democrat Director Edward J. Leonard and Republican Deputy Director David R. Payne, full time staff, and Chairman Douglas J. Preisse for new terms. The reorganizational meeting is a function of state law and is held in March of every odd numbered election year.

The board's newest member, Democrat Michael E. Sexton, was appointed by Secretary of State Jon Husted to a full four year term that began March 1, succeeding Greg Haas.

Two other board members, Democrat Kimberly E. Marinello and Republican Bradley K. Sinnott, Esq. are in the middle of their terms and remain with the board subject to reappointment in 2019.

The Franklin County Board of Elections consists of two Democrats and two Republicans appointed by the Secretary of State to staggered four year terms. The board manages all facets of election law in Franklin County serving a jurisdiction of more than 843,000 registered voters.

The Franklin County Board of Elections certified one replacement candidate for Columbus City Council to the May primary ballot this afternoon. Kathryn A. Hille will replace fellow Democrat Marian Harris who withdrew from the race on February 14, 2017.

One write-in-candidate, Green Party Jeffrey E. Brown, was certified as a candidate for Columbus City Council.

A complete list of candidates and issues certified for the primary is available online at <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov>

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