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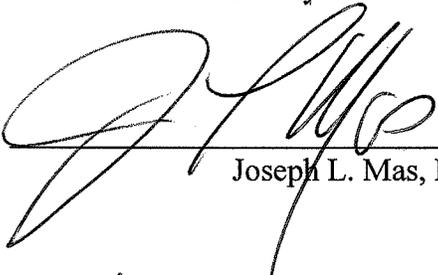
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BEFORE THE  
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IN RE:  
Special Meeting

Proceedings before Chairman Douglas J. Preisse, Board Members Michael F. Colley, Kimberly E. Marinello and Joseph L. Mas, Director Michael Stinziano and Deputy Director Matthew Damschroder, taken at the Franklin County Board of Elections, 280 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, on Friday, September 25th, 2009, at 2:20 o'clock p.m.

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8 On behalf of the Board.

9 ALSO PRESENT:

10 Ms. Suzanne Brown, Secretary  
11 Eric Nicholas, Regional Liaison  
12 Ben Piscitelli, PIO  
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CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Is everybody here, I can count to four yet again?

MR. STINZIANO: We are here.

This will be the September 25th, 2009 Special Meeting of the Franklin County Board of Elections.

Roll call. Mr. Colley?

MR. COLLEY: Here.

MR. STINZIANO: Chairman Preisse?

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

MR. STINZIANO: Mr. Mas?

MR. MAS: Here.

MR. STINZIANO: Ms. Marinello?

MS. MARINELLO: Here.

MR. STINZIANO: The first item is approval of minutes from the August 27th Board meeting.

MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move that the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on August 27th, 2009 be approved as submitted.

MR. COLLEY: Second.

1 MR. STINZIANO: All in favor?

2 MEMBERS: Aye.

3 MR. STINZIANO: The next item, we  
4 have a lingering certification to the ballot. As  
5 some of you are aware, there was a petition from  
6 Whitehall for a recall election submitted to our  
7 office by their clerk.

8 We conducted our administerial  
9 role. Then last -- on this Wednesday, we received  
10 a resolution from their city council for us to put  
11 it on the November 3rd ballot. So we are going to  
12 certify that question and it will be on Whitehall  
13 residents' ballots for the recall.

14 MR. MAS: Very good.

15 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board  
16 certify to the November 3rd, 2009 general election  
17 ballot the recall question certified to this Board  
18 by the Whitehall City Council.

19 MR. COLLEY: Second.

20 MR. STINZIANO: All in favor?

21 MEMBERS: Aye.

22 MR. STINZIANO: The next item is the  
23 elections security and risk mitigation plan. Last  
24 year, the Secretary of State required that a plan

1 be produced. Pursuant to that plan, the Board and  
2 staff were going to conduct a yearly review and  
3 provide any updates.

4 Other than some grammatical issues  
5 that slipped through the cracks last year, there  
6 are no updates, so we just have the same plan and  
7 are proceeding forward implementing with that plan.

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: All right.

9 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman,  
10 pursuant to the Board's election security and risk  
11 mitigation plan adopted October 6th, 2008, I move  
12 that the Board adopt the updated election security  
13 and risk mitigation plan as submitted.

14 MR. COLLEY: Second.

15 MR. STINZIANO: All in favor?

16 MEMBERS: Aye.

17 MR. STINZIANO: The next item,  
18 pursuant to the Secretary of State directive  
19 2009-11, is the creation of an election  
20 administration plan drafted and previously  
21 circulated to you all.

22 There were no changes made to the  
23 draft plan that was circulated. Questions were  
24 raised about the SOPs and, for example, the

1 security and risk mitigation plan, if that was  
2 going to be included. It's the staff's  
3 recommendation that we include those documents as  
4 supplements to the plan. The directive is very  
5 specific about what elements of the plan need to be  
6 addressed and our SOPs don't necessarily fit  
7 cleanly into that.

8 We had more than two months to  
9 create an admin plan that was a little more clean  
10 and I think that's what we produced. So it's our  
11 recommendation we do the plan that addresses the  
12 specific components and when we submit it, we also  
13 include the SOPs and any additional documentations  
14 that show our procedures.

15 MS. MARINELLO: That's probably  
16 pretty large.

17 MR. STINZIANO: It is going to be  
18 all of this paper, plus a couple more.

19 MR. MAS: Okay, very good. So we  
20 are submitting that as a attachment or addendum to  
21 the plan.

22 MR. STINZIANO: It's supposed to be  
23 representative of our policies. I don't think --  
24 we understand the purpose of the administration

1 plan. I think we have done a good job in Franklin  
2 County of documenting our different procedures and  
3 policies.

4 It's just to create all of that into  
5 one document, it was a very tough task with  
6 two-months turnaround and to address all of the  
7 specific components.

8 MR. MAS: Very good. Well, we will  
9 respond to that to the Secretary of State.

10 Mr. Chairman, pursuant to the  
11 Secretary of State directive 2009-11, I move that  
12 the Board approve the administration plan as  
13 submitted and instruct the director and deputy  
14 director to send the plan, along with all other  
15 relevant office standard operating procedures, to  
16 the Secretary of State as representative of the  
17 Board's policies.

18 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

19 MR. STINZIANO: All in favor?

20 MEMBERS: Aye.

21 MR. STINZIANO: I will circulate the  
22 signature sheet that it has been reviewed per the  
23 directive.

24 MR. MAS: Okay. At this time,

1 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board adjourn into  
2 executive session to consider the appointment,  
3 employment and/or compensation of a public  
4 employee.

5 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

6 MR. STINZIANO: Do a roll call  
7 vote. Mr. Colley?

8 MR. COLLEY: Yes.

9 MR. STINZIANO: Chairman Preisse?

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

11 MR. STINZIANO: Mr. Mas?

12 MR. MAS: Yes.

13 MR. STINZIANO: Ms. Marinello?

14 MS. MARINELLO: Yes.

15 MR. STINZIANO: We are now in  
16 executive session.

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18 Thereupon, the Board entered into  
19 executive session at 2:25 o'clock p.m.

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21 MR. STINZIANO: Do a roll call vote --  
22 roll call vote to return to public session.

23 Mr. Colley?

24 MR. COLLEY: Yes.

1 MR. STINZIANO: Chairman Preisse?

2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

3 MR. STINZIANO: Mr. Mas?

4 MR. MAS: Yes.

5 MR. STINZIANO: Ms. Marinello?

6 MS. MARINELLO: Yes.

7 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And I would like  
8 to state for the record that during executive  
9 session, no motions were made, nor votes taken.

10 MR. STINZIANO: And the next item is  
11 the personnel regarding Tim Adams.

12 MR. COLLEY: Mr. Chairman, I move  
13 that the hourly rate of pay for Tim Adams be  
14 increased to 21.64 dollars per hour retroactive to  
15 February 23, 2009.

16 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

17 MR. STINZIANO: All in favor?

18 MEMBERS: Aye.

19 MR. STINZIANO: The next item is  
20 adjusting the staff/employee schedule. It is Matt  
21 and I's recommendation that we take off -- that we  
22 be closed to the public on October 12th, but have a  
23 staff, full-time staff here and use that holiday on  
24 the day after Thanksgiving. And then be open to

1 the public on the 11th and use that holiday on the  
2 24th, and it's been the past practice of the Board  
3 to do this, since we'll be here anyways working on  
4 the election and then the after election  
5 activities.

6 MR. MAS: December 24th?

7 MR. STINZIANO: Yes, December 24th  
8 would be the day we would switch it. The 25th is a  
9 holiday and is a Friday, so it would be a four day  
10 weekend in theory.

11 One thing you may want to be aware  
12 of or are aware of is there are two statewide  
13 petitions that we do expect to get right around the  
14 end of the year, so I think the staff would  
15 appreciate a day off around that time because the  
16 Secretary of State's deadline to receive one of  
17 those petitions is December 20th and the other one  
18 is December 25th. So once we get those, we'll be  
19 incurring lots of time and making sure we get that  
20 turned around for the Secretary of State's  
21 timetable.

22 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move  
23 that the Board of Elections join other county  
24 agencies and be closed to the public on October 12th,

1 but consider it a regular workday for full-time  
2 employees of the Board and that the offices be  
3 closed to the public in formal observance of  
4 Columbus Day as a paid holiday on Friday, the 27th  
5 of November.

6 MR. COLLEY: Second.

7 MR. STINZIANO: All in favor?

8 MEMBERS: Aye.

9 MR. STINZIANO: And then another  
10 motion for the other holiday.

11 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move  
12 that the Board remain open to the public on  
13 November 11th and consider it a regular workday for  
14 full-time employees of the Board and that offices  
15 be closed to the public in formal observance of  
16 Veterans Day as a paid holiday on December 24th.

17 MR. COLLEY: Second.

18 MR. STINZIANO: All in favor?

19 MEMBERS: Aye.

20 MR. STINZIANO: There are no other  
21 items on the agenda for the Board to address,  
22 unless the Board has something.

23 MR. MAS: Well, Mr. Chairman, I move  
24 we adjourn.

1                   CHAIRMAN PREISSE:  Sounds like a  
2 good idea.

3                   MS. MARINELLO:  Second.

4                   MR. STINZIANO:  All in favor?

5                   MEMBERS:  Aye.

6                   MR. STINZIANO:  This meeting is  
7 adjourned.

8                   While you're all here, as you see,  
9 the next Board meeting will be October 5th at  
10 3:00 p.m., our regularly scheduled meeting, which  
11 we haven't seen in a while.

12                  MR. MAS:  Very good.

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14                  Thereupon, the proceedings were  
15 concluded at 2:50 o'clock p.m.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office at Columbus, Ohio, on this 9th day of October, 2009.

  
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Certified Digital Reporter  
Notary Public - State of Ohio.  
My commission expires 07/17/2013

  
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