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APPEARANCES:

Franklin County Prosecutor's Office
By Mr. Harold J. Anderson, III
373 South High Street, 13th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

On behalf of the Board.

ALSO PRESENT:

Ms. Suzanne Brown,
Executive Assistant to the Board

Ms. Karen Cotton,
Operations Manager,
Franklin County Board of Elections

Mr. Ben Piscitelli,
Public Information Officer,
Franklin County Board of Elections

Mr. Todd Wedekind,
Manager of the Absentee Department
Franklin County Board of Elections

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I would like to call the Franklin County Board of Elections meeting to order and I will do the roll call.

Kimberly Marinello?

BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Zachary Manifold?

BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Douglas Prieis?

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes. Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We have a quorum.

The first item on the agenda is we did the post-primary audit.

BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: We have to approve the minutes.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yeah. Hold on. Erase all of that.

I would like to first approve the minutes of the March 19th, 21st, and 23rd meetings.

BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move the Board approve the minutes of the March 19th, 21st, and 23rd, 2012 meetings of the Franklin County

1 Board of Elections as submitted.

2 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor,
4 say aye.

5 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The next item on the
7 agenda would be the recertification of the
8 March 6th, 2012 Primary Election per the findings of
9 our post-election audit, and we have, to talk about
10 that, Karen Cotton and Todd.

11 Karen, if you want to begin.

12 MS. COTTON: Well, as we set the audit to
13 be held on April 4th, 5th, and 6th, we did post a
14 public notice informing folks that that's when the
15 audit would be conducted and it would be conducted
16 simultaneously at this location as well as our Board
17 of Elections warehouse.

18 The audit was conducted. I was in charge
19 of the audit at the warehouse for the iVotronic
20 voting machines and it was conducted as scheduled on
21 April 4th, 5th, and 6th. We used a total of 26
22 employees who put in 539 hours to prepare for and
23 conduct the audit. We canvassed approximately 250
24 RTAL paper tapes from the voting machines in the LIDS

1 that were selected at our March 23rd meeting. We
2 actually canvassed 7,979 votes of which the results
3 were exactly the same as they had been certified on
4 the 23rd from the voting machine portion of the
5 audit, and the cost of that portion of the audit was
6 \$9,856.08.

7 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Any questions for
8 Karen?

9 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So what did we learn?

10 MS. COTTON: The machines work.

11 (Laughter.)

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Any -- I mean --

13 MS. COTTON: Todd has a report on the
14 absentee optical scan portion.

15 MR. WEDEKIND: We had 3 different
16 candidates that each lost one vote in the optical
17 scan ballots. Everything else was right on. As we
18 already know, the only change in any -- any possible
19 changes are in reading absentee ballots, paper
20 ballots. Machines don't change. The only
21 fluctuation is paper ballots.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So what happened in
23 the instance you're describing?

24 MR. WEDEKIND: In this case, when we

1 hand-counted the ballots, the paper ballots from each
2 jurisdiction, the absentee ballots, the provisional
3 ballots, the election day ballots, and the
4 17-year-old ballots, there were three candidates that
5 had one less vote in their race when we actually did
6 the hand tally. That's right in line with what we
7 usually do. We usually have some fluctuation in
8 votes.

9 There are different things that can
10 happen in absentee ballots. The scanners can read it
11 one way, one time, then the next time there's a piece
12 of paper that goes along with it or the mark isn't as
13 firm as it needs to be. And when we look at it by
14 hand, you know, you count it differently. There are
15 things like that that happen every time we do hand
16 counts.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: All right.

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: The numbers were
19 within the acceptable range set up by the Secretary
20 of State's office for the audits.

21 MR. WEDEKIND: Yes, I don't believe there
22 was any change at all, the percentage of the votes
23 that each of them got. It was well within the
24 tolerance level.

1 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, I
2 move the Board amend and resubmit its certification
3 of the official results of the March 6, 2012 primary
4 election based on the outcome of the post-election
5 audit.

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

7 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor,
9 say aye.

10 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: That's all that we
12 have a report for, for our special meeting. Is there
13 a motion to adjourn?

14 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: I move to
15 adjourn.

16 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor,
18 say aye.

19 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

20 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We stand adjourned.
21 Thank you all for coming in on such a beautiful
22 Friday.

23 (Thereupon, the proceedings concluded at
24 4:31 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on Friday, April 13, 2012, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

Carolyn M. Burke, Registered Professional Reporter, and Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio.

My commission expires July 17, 2013.

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