

BEFORE THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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In Re: :
Special Meeting :

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PROCEEDINGS

before Chairman Douglas J. Preisse, Director William A. Anthony, Jr., Deputy Director Dana Walch, and Board Members Bradley K. Sinnott and Gregory K. Haas at the Franklin County Board of Elections, 280 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, called at 9:31 a.m. on Wednesday, November 27, 2013.

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ALSO PRESENT:

Ms. Suzanne Brown,
Executive Assistant to the Board

Mr. Jeffrey Mackey,
Manager, Election Operations
Franklin County Board of Elections

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

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DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Good morning,
everyone.

BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Good morning.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I would like to call
the Franklin County Board of Elections Special
Meeting to order. I'll do the roll call.

Gregory Haas?

BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Douglas Preisse?

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Brad Sinnott?

BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We have a quorum,
Mr. Chair.

The first item on the agenda would be the
Reynoldsburg Schools board member recount.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: As you all know,
the Reynoldsburg City School District had four
candidates running for three spots. It does fall
within the one-half of 1 percent threshold that
triggers an automatic recount. The Secretary of

1 State's office, last night, did order such a recount
2 in this race, so we're moving forward with the
3 schedule.

4 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: What's the raw
5 vote difference?

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Is it -- I don't
7 have it in front of me. Fourteen votes, I want to
8 say, and the threshold was 24 or 25 to trigger the
9 recount.

10 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Sounds close.

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: They're all very
12 -- they're all actually very close. Between first
13 and fourth they're very close, but the recount is
14 actually triggered by the difference between third
15 and fourth place which I think ended up being 12 or
16 14 votes, I think.

17 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Very good.

18 I move that the Board set a recount for
19 Reynoldsburg City School District board member to
20 begin Thursday, December 5th, at 9:00 a.m. until
21 completed, and that the recount be conducted in
22 accordance with Secretary of State Directive 2012-52
23 and be held simultaneously at both 280 East Broad
24 Street and 1719 Alum Creek Drive.

1 BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Second.

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

3 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The motion carries.

5 The next item on the agenda is selecting
6 the voting locations for the recount. Jeff Mackey is
7 here.

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: As usual, we like
9 to do that by voting location with the way we do it
10 here.

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Right.

12 BOARD MEMBER HAAS: I move that the Board
13 conduct the recount for Reynoldsburg City School
14 District board member by voting locations, using the
15 Location Identification Numbers for each of the
16 voting locations in the district.

17 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Second.

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

19 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

20 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Motion carries.

21 Jeff, do you want to --

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: As you see, we
23 have our slips of paper here that are all similarly
24 sized, so we'll shake them up here.

1 Mr. Sinnott, do you want to do the
2 honors?

3 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: No. Let's have
4 our new colleague do it.

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Oh, okay. All
6 right.

7 BOARD MEMBER HAAS: All right.

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Jeff, as usual,
9 has the program over here that will tell us the
10 5 percent that we need.

11 BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Okay.

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Take one of those
13 out of there.

14 BOARD MEMBER HAAS: All right. 1201.

15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Got to get a
16 smooth-bottomed basket, Jeff.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yeah, this one, things
18 come out of it.

19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: There was one
20 sticking out of the side. Totally random. Totally
21 random.

22 Do we still need another one?

23 MR. MACKEY: Yeah.

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Okay. We need

1 another one.

2 BOARD MEMBER HAAS: 1293.

3 MR. MACKEY: And one more should get us
4 there.

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: One more.

6 MR. MACKEY: Unless you draw one of the
7 zeros.

8 BOARD MEMBER HAAS: 2045.

9 MR. MACKEY: There were no votes in that
10 one, so.

11 (Laughter.)

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: There was no
13 votes.

14 BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Oh, wow. All right.

15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We're getting
16 there, everybody.

17 BOARD MEMBER HAAS: 2028.

18 MR. MACKEY: Five votes in that one. Not
19 there yet.

20 BOARD MEMBER HAAS: All right. So we're
21 doing this for every location.

22 (Laughter.)

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Yeah, right, it's
24 going to turn out instead of doing the 5 percent,

1 we're going to do it all.

2 BOARD MEMBER HAAS: All right. 2180.

3 MR. MACKEY: That's good. We're there.

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yay.

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Thank you, sir.

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: That was it on the
7 agenda. Just a reminder, we have a meeting on the
8 9th.

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: December 9th.

10 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: December 9th. That
11 will be our regularly-scheduled meeting.

12 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Move to adjourn.

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

14 BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Second.

15 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Happy Thanksgiving.

16 We stand adjourned.

17 (Thereupon, the Board adjourned at 9:41
18 a.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 Wednesday, November 27, 2013, 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, 2018.

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