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ALSO PRESENT:

Ms. Suzanne Brown,
Executive Assistant to the Board.

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1 Wednesday Afternoon Session,
2 April 16, 2014.

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4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We will go ahead
5 and call this meeting of the Franklin County Board of
6 Elections to order. I will do the roll.

7 Kimberly Marinello.

8 MEMBER MARINELLO: Here.

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Gregory Haas.

10 MEMBER HAAS: Here.

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Doug Preisse.

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Brad Sinnott.

14 MEMBER SINNOTT: Here.

15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: You are all here.

16 We only have two issues for you today,
17 but one of them especially we thought was timely
18 enough that we should call this special meeting
19 together.

20 But the first one is that we did get a
21 withdrawal request from Robert Wagner. He was a
22 write-in candidate for Republican County Central
23 Committee in Columbus Ward 36, so I would ask for a
24 motion to accept that withdrawal.

1 MEMBER SINNOTT: I move that the Board
 2 accept the request of Robert Wagner to withdrawal as
 3 a candidate for the Republican Central Committee in
 4 Columbus Ward 36 and that no votes cast for him be
 5 counted in the May 6, 2014, Primary Election.

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Is there a
 7 second?

8 MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: All those in
 10 favor.

11 Any opposed?

12 Motion passes.

13 The second issue for your consideration
 14 today is we got word from the Township Trustees in
 15 Perry Township late last week that the Perry Township
 16 JEDZ, Joint Economic Development Zone, issue that had
 17 been placed on the ballot for this -- for this May,
 18 that the trustees asked that that issue be withdrawn
 19 from the ballot.

20 We checked with legal counsel at the
 21 Prosecutor's Office and with the Secretary of State's
 22 Office who said there was no -- nothing in state law
 23 that prohibits such an action, much along the same
 24 way as the court in the past has ruled that a

1 candidate can withdraw at any point in the process
2 they want. Everybody kind of felt the same thing
3 applied here, that if the trustees no longer wanted
4 to put an issue on the ballot, that we couldn't force
5 it to be on the ballot. So we did get a request from
6 them last week to withdraw the Perry Township JEDZ
7 issue.

8 MEMBER HAAS: I move --

9 MEMBER SINNOTT: In what way did the
10 Trustees communicate that?

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: They passed
12 another resolution and then filed that resolution the
13 next day. Thursday evening, I believe it was, they
14 passed a resolution by the trustees withdrawing the
15 issue and that was filed with us on Friday.

16 MEMBER SINNOTT: Very good. Thank you.

17 MEMBER HAAS: I move that the Board
18 accept the request of the Perry Township Trustees to
19 withdraw the Perry Township JEDZ issue and that no
20 votes cast for the issue will be counted in the
21 May 6, 2014, Primary Election Ballot.

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Is there a
23 second?

24 MEMBER SINNOTT: There is.

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Any discussion?

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Any discussion of
3 the members?

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Anybody in the
5 audience wish to say anything? Probably not
6 necessary but given the fact that we have guests
7 today.

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Thank you,
9 Mr. Chairman. Good idea.

10 MS. WOODS: I am probably the only person
11 from Perry Township, and I already voted, so
12 obviously you are not going to count my ballot.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Thank you.

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Well, thank you
15 for voting though. I appreciate that. And
16 everything else on your ballot will be counted, okay?

17 So any other discussion on it? It's been
18 moved and seconded. All those in favor.

19 Any opposed?

20 Motion passes. Thank you all very much.

21 That is all we do have on the agenda for
22 today. Our next scheduled meeting will be for the
23 day before the Primary, May 5, 3 p.m. We will let
24 you know if there is anything we need to do about

1 that but that is our next scheduled meeting.

2 MEMBER HAAS: I move to adjourn.

3 MEMBER SINNOTT: Second.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We are adjourned.

5 (Thereupon, the meeting was concluded at
6 3:17 p.m.)

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8 CERTIFICATE

9 I do hereby certify that the foregoing is
10 a true and correct transcript of the proceedings
11 taken by me in this matter on Wednesday, April 16,
12 2014, and carefully compared with my original
13 stenographic notes.

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Karen Sue Gibson, Registered
Merit Reporter.

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