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THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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May 24, 2021

PROCEEDINGS OF REMOTE MEETING OF THE  
FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
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before Chairman Douglas J. Preisse, Director Antone White, Deputy Director David Payne, and Board Members Kimberly E. Marinello, and Michael Sexton, on Monday, May 24, 2021, beginning at approximately 1:57 p.m., and concluding at approximately 2:47 p.m.

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**FRANKLIN COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE**  
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On behalf of the Board.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Erin Gibbons  
Jeff Mackey  
Suzy O'Brien  
Carla Patton  
Sara Ziemba

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Monday Afternoon Session  
May 3, 2021  
1:57 p.m.

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4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: This is  
5 David Payne. And I'll remind the Board members  
6 that they should identify themselves prior to  
7 speaking so that Carla, our court reporter, can  
8 attribute the right comments to the right Board  
9 members.

10 I will take roll.

11 Kim Marinello.

12 MEMBER MARINELLO: Here.

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Mike Sexton.

14 MEMBER SEXTON: Here.

15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And Doug  
16 Preisse.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We have a  
19 quorum.

20 I'm going to turn this over to our  
21 Board Chairman, Doug Preisse.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Thank you, David.

23 I'm sure that everyone has by now  
24 heard the very sad news; and I did want to say a  
25 few words about our colleague, Brad Sinnott.

1                   For the Board members he was our  
2 respectful colleague; for Republicans, our  
3 long-time partner in politics, passionate partner,  
4 life-long in politics; for the citizens of Franklin  
5 County, a very conscientious public servant who  
6 took his duties and oath to the citizens to serve  
7 the voters as seriously as he took any charge in  
8 his life; and to me, my friend and confidante for  
9 nearly 40 years.

10                   Sorry, guys.

11                   And for the last 16 was essentially  
12 co-chairman of the Franklin County Republican  
13 Party, which he also loved. Brad very much enjoyed  
14 his work with the Board and he respected his  
15 colleagues across the aisle and their service in  
16 party politics and public service.

17                   We, of course, many, many times  
18 discussed Board matters together. And I'd like to  
19 let all Board employees know that he understood and  
20 respected and appreciated your commitment to your  
21 profession, your hard work, and your bipartisan  
22 civility, which he also was a great example of,  
23 necessary to get the job done for the voters. And  
24 I want to say he felt particularly strong about  
25 that sentiment as it relates to the current

1 directors, David and Antone. He really appreciated  
2 both your professionalism, your leadership, and  
3 your ability to work together.

4 We will miss his intelligence and  
5 his ability to provide insight and counsel to the  
6 Board and his artful ways to find reasonable paths  
7 forward. This first Board meeting without Brad  
8 here feels incomplete. And I can tell you I took  
9 extra care reviewing the agenda and the materials  
10 well in advance, knowing sadly that I would -- and  
11 yes, a little fearfully -- I would not have his  
12 shoulder to lean on or his intellect to rely on. I  
13 know we'll all miss him in many different ways. I  
14 know I will certainly, Director. Thank you very  
15 much.

16 MEMBER MARINELLO: Thanks, Doug.  
17 That was beautiful.

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Thank you.

19 MEMBER SEXTON: Thank you,  
20 Mr. Chairman.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Thank you, Mike.

22 MEMBER SEXTON: If I could just add  
23 a few words. You know, Brad and I obviously were  
24 of different political parties and we had some  
25 disagreements; but I always found Brad to be very

1 civil and gracious and professional and usually  
2 with a smile on his face with dealing with the  
3 matters of the Board. And he had a -- was such a  
4 great political and legal mind and was really  
5 helpful to me when I was a new member a few years  
6 ago. And I was -- I was glad to have served with  
7 him over the past four years. I know we were able  
8 to come together on some major issues during the  
9 presidential election and the COVID pandemic that  
10 we're going through. And he was always very  
11 passionate about the issues of the Board and very  
12 willing to listen and talk and work on the issues.  
13 And my prayers are with him and his family at this  
14 time and may he rest in peace.

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Thank you very  
16 much.

17 MEMBER MARINELLO: I agree with that  
18 sentiment. I had so much respect for him and I  
19 listened to him. And I just -- I'm going to miss  
20 his expertise so much because, I mean, he was  
21 just -- he'll be missed so much by so many.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Thank you, Kim.

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: I believe  
24 that we have Suzy O'Brien, who is our liaison with  
25 the Ohio Secretary of State. I believe she has a

1 proclamation she'd like to read.

2 MS. O'BRIEN: I do. And I had  
3 planned on being on Zoom, but for some reason I  
4 can't Zoom in. So I apologize. I'd like to read  
5 what our Ohio Secretary of State, Frank LaRose,  
6 wrote for Brad.

7 On behalf of the State of Ohio I  
8 extend my sincerest condolences to the family of  
9 Brad Sinnott. Brad was a loving husband, son,  
10 brother, and uncle. His leadership as Chairman of  
11 the Franklin County Republican Central Committee,  
12 member of the Franklin County Board of Elections,  
13 and many other organizations with which he was  
14 involved made a significant impact throughout  
15 Franklin County and Ohio. The respect his friends,  
16 family, and community have for him and the sorrow  
17 felt by those whose lives he touched are a  
18 testament to his legacy he has left behind.

19 Brad's passion for making a  
20 difference and changing lives inspired all those  
21 who met him, and his service to others made Ohio a  
22 better place to live, work, and raise a family.  
23 Brad Sinnott's life was filled with happiness  
24 through various relationships he built with those  
25 around him. And I extend my condolences to those

1 who had the privilege of knowing him, working with  
2 him, and loving him. Frank LaRose.

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Thank you,  
4 Suzy.

5 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Thank you. Very  
6 nice.

7 MS. O'BRIEN: And Secretary LaRose  
8 really wanted to be with you, but had another  
9 commitment.

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Thank you,  
11 Suzy.

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Thank you, Suzy.

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Now if we  
14 could join for a moment of silence for our friend  
15 and Board member Bradley K. Sinnott.

16 (Moment of silence observed for  
17 Board Member Bradley K. Sinnott.)

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Thank you.

19 The first item on the agenda is the  
20 approval of the minutes of the April 5th, 2021,  
21 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Elections.  
22 Are there any questions or comments, additions or  
23 deletions to the minutes?

24 If not, I would entertain a motion.

25 MEMBER SEXTON: Mr. Chairman,

1 Michael Sexton. I move that the Board approve the  
2 minutes of the April 5th, 2021, meeting of the  
3 Franklin County Board of Elections.

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Doug Preisse with  
5 a second.

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been  
7 moved and seconded. I will take roll.

8 Kim Marinello.

9 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Mike Sexton.

11 MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And Doug  
13 Preisse.

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion  
16 carries.

17 The next item on the agenda is the  
18 provisional ballots, and I will turn that over to  
19 Sara Ziemba, who is our supervisor of Voter  
20 Services, to walk us through that.

21 MS. ZIEMBA: Good afternoon  
22 everyone. I just want to also extend my  
23 condolences to all the Board members and Brad's  
24 family and all his friends. Just a tremendous loss  
25 and I just hope that everyone can find peace and

1 know that our prayers and thoughts are with  
2 everyone.

3 I also want to say a thank you to my  
4 co-worker Jim Bubutiev, who was the Democrat  
5 counterpart for the provisional ballot process as  
6 our manager of the division. Mel Fuhrman was out  
7 on medical leave in this election. As usual, our  
8 staff here in the Voter Services Department worked  
9 really hard to -- in bipartisan teams to process  
10 all of our provisionals this time. Thankfully, is  
11 was a much smaller number than in November.

12 We had a total of 84 provisional  
13 ballots that were cast. And Voter Services is  
14 going to recommend that the Board accept 80  
15 provisional ballots who had all of the correct  
16 information filled out on their provisional ballot  
17 affirmation statement. They had all the required  
18 information and were registered. So we recommend  
19 that the Board approve those 80 provisional  
20 ballots.

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Thank you,  
22 Sara.

23 I think what we'll do is approve  
24 those 80, if the Board so sees fit, and then we'll  
25 have Sara explain why she would recommend that four

1 of those not be accepted. So if I could have a  
2 motion to accept those 80 provisional ballots.

3 MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman,  
4 this is Kim Marinello. I move that the Board  
5 approve the counting of 80 provisional ballots and  
6 that all provisional ballots deemed valid will be  
7 counted and included in the official canvass  
8 results for the May 4 Special Election.

9 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: This is Doug  
10 Preisse with a second.

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been  
12 moved and seconded. I will take roll.

13 Kim Marinello.

14 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Mike Sexton.

16 MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And Doug  
18 Preisse.

19 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The motion  
21 carries.

22 Again, I will turn this over to Sara  
23 Ziemba to explain the four provisional ballots that  
24 she is recommending that the Board not accept.

25 MS. ZIEMBA: Thank you, David. Sara

1 Ziembra, again, supervisor in Voter Services  
2 Department.

3           And we are recommending that four of  
4 the ballots that did not meet requirements, we  
5 recommend that the Board reject those. Three of  
6 these provisional ballots, the individuals who cast  
7 them were not registered in the state of Ohio  
8 anywhere, either in Franklin County or any other  
9 county in the state. Therefore, we recommend those  
10 three be rejected for not being registered. And  
11 then we had one voter who cast a provisional after  
12 he had already cast an absentee by mail ballot. So  
13 his absentee by mail was already counted and we  
14 recommend that the Board rejects counting his  
15 provisional ballot because he already had voted  
16 once. And so for that grand total there are four  
17 that we recommend the Board reject today.

18           DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Are there  
19 any questions for Sara regarding the four  
20 provisional ballots that she's recommending that  
21 the Board not accept?

22           If not, I'd entertain a motion to  
23 reject those four provisional ballots.

24           MEMBER SEXTON: Mr. Chairman,  
25 Michael Sexton. I move that the Board reject the

1 counting of four provisional ballots as identified  
2 by category in Exhibit A and that all provisional  
3 ballots rejected will not be counted or included in  
4 the official canvass results of the May 4, 2021  
5 Special Election.

6 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: This is Doug  
7 Preisse with a second.

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been  
9 moved and seconded. I'll take role.

10 Kim Marinello.

11 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Mike Sexton.

13 MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And Doug  
15 Preisse.

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion  
18 carries.

19 The next item on the agenda would be  
20 for approval for Sara and her team to extract the  
21 80 provisional ballots. And if we can get that  
22 done, we'll start them doing that right now. Is  
23 there a motion for that?

24 MEMBER SEXTON: Mr. Chairman,  
25 Michael Sexton. I move that the Board authorize

1 the staff to extract the approved provisional  
2 ballots.

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: This is Doug  
4 Preisse -- Never mind.

5 MEMBER MARINELLO: I second. Kim  
6 Marinello.

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been  
8 properly moved and seconded. I'll take roll.

9 Kim Marinello.

10 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Mike Sexton.

12 MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And Doug  
14 Preisse.

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion  
17 carries.

18 The next item on the agenda would be  
19 to give authorization to the staff to remake any of  
20 the provisional ballots if they will not be able to  
21 be scanned and that there's no -- assuming that  
22 there's no voter intent. If there is voter intent  
23 questions, we will bring those back to the Board.

24 MEMBER MARINELLO: All right.

25 Mr. Chairman, this is Kim Marinello. I move that

1 the Board authorize the staff to remake provisional  
2 ballots and that these remade ballots shall be  
3 tabulated and included in the official canvass of  
4 the results for the May 4th, 2021 Special Election,  
5 with a report to be made to the Board later today.

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Is there a  
7 second?

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: This is Doug  
9 Preisse with a second.

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been  
11 properly moved and seconded. I'll take roll.

12 Kim Marinello.

13 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Mike Sexton.

15 MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And Doug  
17 Preisse.

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion  
20 carries.

21 The next item on the agenda is the  
22 certification of candidates to the August 3rd  
23 special congressional primary election. And I'll  
24 turn that over to Jeff Mackey for an explanation.

25 MR. MACKEY: This is Jeff Mackey.

1 The deadline for filing a petition for the special  
2 congressional primary election in the 15th  
3 Congressional District to replace Steve Stivers was  
4 May 17th. The Board received timely filed  
5 petitions from 14 potential candidates, both  
6 Democrats -- both 2 Democrats and 12 Republicans.  
7 All these petitions were reviewed by staff from the  
8 various boards of election in the 15th  
9 Congressional District all 14 petitions were found  
10 to be valid and sufficient.

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Are there  
12 any questions for Jeff regarding the 14 candidates  
13 that circulated petitions and are attempting to be  
14 the next Congressman from the 15th Congressional  
15 District?

16 MEMBER SEXTON: I just had a  
17 question. Were all of the candidates recommended  
18 to be certified?

19 MR. MACKEY: Yes. All 14 that filed  
20 petitions were valid.

21 MEMBER SEXTON: Okay. Mr. Chairman,  
22 Michael Sexton. I move that the Board certify to  
23 the August 3rd Special Congressional Primary  
24 Election ballot those candidates listed on  
25 Exhibit B and that these petitions were filed

1 timely and found to be valid and sufficient.

2 MEMBER MARINELLO: This is Kim  
3 Marinello. I second.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been  
5 properly moved and seconded. I will take roll.  
6 Kim Marinello.

7 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Mike Sexton.

9 MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And Doug  
11 Preisse.

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion  
14 carries.

15 So we had considered the possibility  
16 that a candidate might not make it, but that is not  
17 the case and all 14 candidates have the proper  
18 signature requirements.

19 So we will now move to the hiring of  
20 a new employee, and I'll turn that over to our  
21 Director, Antone White, for an explanation of that.

22 DIRECTOR WHITE: Good afternoon.  
23 This is Director White.

24 I just wanted to take a moment to  
25 extend my condolences to the friends and family of

1 Brad Sinnott. He will be missed. And I think what  
2 we should point out here is that here at the  
3 Franklin County Board of Elections, the Board and  
4 staff, we were very -- I think politics aside we  
5 get things done and we're going to miss Brad, we're  
6 going to miss his counsel and all he's done for the  
7 Board and for the people of Franklin County. So,  
8 again, I just wanted to say my condolences to his  
9 friends and his family.

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Thank you,  
11 Antone.

12 DIRECTOR WHITE: For the purposes  
13 of -- We've had a void at our front section area  
14 since the retirement of long-time staff member  
15 Debbie Roberts, and we've recently been filling  
16 that void with Tara Miller-Gnann. And Tara has  
17 been with us on a seasonal basis since last year.  
18 She worked in our absentee call center.

19 Tara has been just a great fit for  
20 the Board. She has been an outstanding employee.  
21 She's extremely professional. She represents the  
22 Franklin County Board of Elections very well in  
23 terms of a front-facing role. She greets  
24 customers, she interacts on the phone, and she's  
25 really just done an outstanding job.

1                   And so, with that, we wanted to  
2 bring her on into a full-time roll here at the  
3 Franklin County Board of Elections into a customer  
4 service coordinator so she can continue to serve in  
5 a front-facing position working with the public,  
6 interacting with voters on the phone, and just  
7 being an office assistant.

8                   And so, with that, I'd like to take  
9 a moment to have Tara come and just introduce  
10 herself to the Board and then I'll ask for a  
11 motion.

12                   So Tara, you want to come on over.

13                   MS. MILLER-GNANN: Hello. My name  
14 is Tara Miller-Gnann. I have been with the Board  
15 since the general election. And I know it was  
16 extremely crazy, but I have loved every minute of  
17 it. I know that sounds insane, but I really have  
18 enjoyed every minute being here.

19                   And thank you for your kind words,  
20 Director.

21                   DIRECTOR WHITE: Thank you.

22                   So unless there are any questions, I  
23 would ask for a motion to approve the hiring of  
24 Tara Miller-Gnann at a rate of \$15.50 per hour.

25                   DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: I would just

1 echo what our Director said about Tara. We put a  
2 real premium on customer services, and I don't  
3 believe we could have found a better person to  
4 represent and front-face at the Board of Elections  
5 more so than Tara. So I look forward to her  
6 working here and her continued great customer  
7 service.

8 MEMBER MARINELLO: That sounds  
9 great.

10 Mr. Chairman, I move that the  
11 Franklin County Board of Elections hire Tara  
12 Miller-Gnann as a customer service coordinator in a  
13 full-time position beginning Monday, May 24th,  
14 2021, at a rate of \$15.50 per hour.

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: This is Doug  
16 Preisse with a second.

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been  
18 properly moved and seconded. I'll take roll.

19 Kim Marinello.

20 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Mike Sexton.

22 MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And Doug  
24 Preisse.

25 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

1                   DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE:    Fantastic.  
2    Motion carries.

3                   Right now what I'd like to do is go  
4    back and check on how we're doing with provisional  
5    ballots.  And if we could have a recess and then  
6    we'll report back.  Or maybe I should go back right  
7    now and just find out how long of a recess we'll  
8    actually need.

9                   CHAIRMAN PREISSE:    Yeah, why don't  
10   you do that.  That would be good.

11                   (Discussion off the record.)

12                   DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE:    Can I have a  
13   motion to recess until 2:45, then?

14                   MEMBER MARINELLO:    Mr. Chairman --

15                   CHAIRMAN PREISSE:    Do we have to  
16   vote on that or do we just declare we're in recess?

17                   DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE:    You know  
18   what, I think you're right.  My parliamentary  
19   procedure went out the door there.  I think we just  
20   need to recess.

21                   CHAIRMAN PREISSE:    I think I can say  
22   we are in recess, right, without objection?

23                   DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE:    Yes.

24                   CHAIRMAN PREISSE:    Okay.  We'll talk  
25   to everybody at 2:45.

1 (Recess taken.)

2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So we'll come out  
3 of recess.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Erin, do we  
5 have everybody back?

6 MS. GIBBONS: We do.

7 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: It's 2:45. So  
8 that's what we had told people.

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All right.  
10 And the Chairman just brought us back out of  
11 recess.

12 I am going to turn this over to  
13 Carla Patton, who is our manager of Operations.

14 Carla, are you on?

15 MS. PATTON: Yeah. Yeah, I'm here.  
16 Can you hear me?

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We can.

18 MS. PATTON: Good afternoon, members  
19 of the Board.

20 So for all the departments in  
21 bipartisan team manner everyone has gone through  
22 and canvassed the votes. We have pulled in all the  
23 results that we accepted today to include in the  
24 official canvass as well as reviewing and  
25 canvassing the votes that were cast during the

1 early vote through absentee and on election day.

2           So we have a results report to show  
3 you. This is the detail that will show where the  
4 80 ballots were cast through the provisionals and  
5 two additional mail absentees that were included  
6 that were received by the deadline. So we ask that  
7 you certify these results. Out of 35,000 some  
8 voters, there were 9,916 ballots that were cast for  
9 a turnout of 27.96 percent. None of the races fall  
10 within recount. They were all handily either  
11 passed or failed. So we ask that you certify the  
12 results as they appear before you in the report  
13 presented.

14           DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Are there  
15 any questions or comments for Carla?

16           If not, I'd entertain a motion to  
17 certify the May 4th Special Election results.

18           MEMBER SEXTON: Mr. Chairman, this  
19 is Michael Sexton. I move that the Board certify  
20 and declare as final the official canvass of the  
21 votes cast at the May 4th, 2021, Special Election  
22 as submitted by staff.

23           CHAIRMAN PREISSE: This is Doug  
24 Preisse with a second.

25           DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been

1 moved and seconded. I will take roll.

2 Kim Marinello.

3 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Mike Sexton.

5 MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And Doug

7 Preisse.

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion  
10 carries.

11 That's the end of the items  
12 on our -- for our Board meeting today.

13 If there aren't any other items to  
14 come before the Board, I'd entertain a motion to  
15 adjourn.

16 MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I  
17 move to adjourn. This is Kim Marinello.

18 MEMBER SEXTON: Michael Sexton.  
19 I'll second.

20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been  
21 moved and seconded. I'll take roll.

22 Kim Marinello.

23 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Mike Sexton.

25 MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.

1                   DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE:   And Doug  
2    Preisse.

3                   CHAIRMAN PREISSE:   Yes.

4                   DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE:   Thank you  
5    very much.   We are adjourned.

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7                                   (Thereupon, the proceedings were  
8    adjourned at approximately 2:47 p.m.)

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THE STATE OF OHIO:

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COUNTY OF FRANKLIN:

I, Carla D. Castle, a Professional Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, correct, and complete written transcript of the proceedings in this matter;

That the foregoing was taken by me stenographically and transcribed by me with computer-aided transcription;

That the foregoing occurred at the aforementioned time and place;

That I am not an attorney for or relative of any of the parties and have no interest whatsoever in the event of this matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal of office at Columbus, Ohio, this 23rd day of June, 2021.

/s/Carla D. Castle  
Notary Public, State of Ohio

My Commission Expires: September 29, 2021.

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