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May 25, 2022

PROCEEDINGS OF

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

before Chairman Douglas J. Preisse, Director Antone White, Deputy Director David Payne, and Board Members Kimberly E. Marinello, Michael Sexton, and Josh Jaffe, on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, beginning at approximately 10:06 a.m., and concluding at approximately 12:53 p.m.

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Carla Patton
Sara Ziemba

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Monday Morning Session
May 25, 2022
10:06 a.m.

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4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It looks
5 like we have a quorum, but I'll go ahead and take
6 roll.

7 Kim Marinello.

8 MEMBER MARINELLO: Here.

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Mike Sexton.

10 MEMBER SEXTON: Here.

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Doug
12 Preisse.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And Josh
15 Jaffe.

16 MEMBER JAFFE: Here.

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Looks like
18 we have a quorum.

19 The first item on the agenda is the
20 approval of minutes from the May 2nd, 2022 meeting.
21 Are there any changes, additions, deletions?

22 MEMBER JAFFE: Hearing nothing, I
23 move the Board approve the minutes of the May 2nd,
24 2022 meeting of the Franklin County Board of
25 Elections as submitted.

1 MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been
3 properly moved and seconded.

4 All those in favor of the motion
5 signify by saying aye.

6 (Vote taken.)

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,
8 same sign.

9 (No response.)

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
11 carries.

12 The next item on the agenda is the
13 provisional ballots. I'm going to call on Sara
14 Ziemba to come up and talk us through the
15 provisional ballot process and what we have to do.

16 MS. ZIEMBA: Good morning everyone.
17 I'm Sara Ziemba. I'm the supervisor in the Voter
18 Services Department here at the Franklin County
19 Board of Elections. I'll be taking you through the
20 provisionals we recommend to accept and reject and
21 some for Board review this morning. And if you
22 follow along on Exhibit A in your packet you'll
23 have a breakdown of everything that I'm talking
24 about.

25 First off, I would like to thank

1 Erin Gibbons, Director White, and two of our
2 seasonals in the department, Rebecca Marusek and
3 Kathryn, who all graciously assisted me as my
4 Democratic counterparts at various parts during the
5 provisional process this time.

6 For the May 3rd, 2022, Primary
7 Election, the Franklin County Board of Elections
8 staff worked together in 13 bipartisan teams to
9 process 1,500 total provisional ballots and
10 evaluated them using the steps set forth in Chapter
11 8 of the Secretary of State's Election Manual.
12 After initial reviews, every ballot is double and
13 triple checked for accuracy and quality control in
14 the weeks following election day.

15 Four teams did a great job this
16 election, for this is our second time using the
17 Texex system. And I'd like to thank all of my
18 Voter Services full time, seasonal staff, and the
19 four PEO trainers who helped us out this time as
20 well. So thank you all for your hard work and
21 service to the provisional voters of Franklin
22 County.

23 And again, I'd like to recommend
24 that the Board move to accept 1,351 provisional
25 ballots and reject 141 provisional ballots. We

1 also have an additional 8 ballots that will require
2 Board review. And again, you can refer to
3 Exhibit A for the total for each category as I give
4 a rundown of the different categories for
5 acceptance and rejection.

6 For the first category, the grand
7 total recommended to accept, I confirmed that all
8 1,351 of the provisional ballots we recommend to
9 you for acceptance contain all of the required
10 items on the provisional ballot envelope. As
11 outlined in the Ohio Revised Code, 3505.183, in
12 order for a provisional ballot to be accepted by
13 the Board there are six required items. The voter
14 has to be registered in the state of Ohio for at
15 least 30 days prior to the election and the ballot
16 affirmation statement must contain the voter's
17 printed name, date of birth, a form of ID, valid
18 signature, and valid current residential address.
19 And I can confirm, again, that all 1,351 of these
20 ballots up for approval did contain all of that
21 information. After they were thoroughly researched
22 by our bipartisan teams again we confirmed that all
23 of these voters are registered to vote in the state
24 of Ohio and each affirmation statement contained
25 the required information and are therefore

1 recommended to be accepted by the Board.

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Great
3 report. Thank you.

4 So what we would be looking for, I
5 guess, is a motion for the 1,351 to approve.

6 MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I
7 move that the Board approve the counting of 1,351
8 provisional ballots and that all provisional
9 ballots deemed valid will be counted and included
10 in the official canvass results for the May 3rd,
11 2022 Primary Election.

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been
14 properly moved and seconded.

15 All those in favor of the motion
16 signify by saying aye.

17 (Vote taken.)

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,
19 same sign.

20 (No response.)

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
22 carries.

23 And now you're going to talk about
24 the 141?

25 MS. ZIEMBA: Exactly.

1 Next you can follow along again on
2 Exhibit A. We have 141 ballots that we are
3 recommending that the Board vote to reject. And
4 I'll go through each category individually to
5 explain the reason why we recommend the ballots
6 would be rejected.

7 The first category is not registered
8 in the state of Ohio. So again, this first
9 category contains 91 ballots, and every one of
10 these 91 provisional ballots was checked following
11 the procedures set forth in Chapter 8 of the
12 Secretary of State's Election Manual regarding
13 provisional voting.

14 Each of our bipartisan teams
15 performed three searches within the Franklin County
16 voter registration database to try and locate the
17 voter's registration in our own system, and then
18 additionally we perform another three searches in
19 the Secretary of State's statewide voter
20 registration database to see if we can find the
21 voter registered in any other county in the state
22 of Ohio. And after those six searches in our
23 county database and the state database if we don't
24 find the voter in either place then we have to come
25 to the conclusion that they are not registered to

1 vote in the state of Ohio and, therefore, according
2 to the Ohio Constitution, Article V, Section 1, If
3 the voter was not registered to vote anywhere in
4 the state of Ohio at least 30 days before the
5 election, then the Board must reject the
6 provisional ballot. And therefore, we would
7 recommend those 91 be rejected by the Board.

8 The second category on there are 9
9 provisional ballots that fall in the category of
10 voters who cast the ballot in the wrong precinct
11 and location for the address that they provided on
12 their affirmation statement. And again, from Ohio
13 Revised Code 3503.01, When an individual registers
14 to vote in Ohio they are placed within a precinct
15 based upon their residential address and is
16 eligible to vote in that precinct. Because Ohio
17 law requires a voter to be a resident of the
18 precinct in which they offer to vote, a provisional
19 ballot cast in the wrong precinct cannot be
20 counted.

21 And so these voters gave us -- they
22 showed up to vote at a location and put an address
23 on the envelope that was not within the precinct at
24 the location that they voted. And so for that
25 reason they did receive the right ballot for their

1 actual residential address that they affirmed on
2 the front of the envelope and so they did vote on
3 the correct races, candidates, et cetera. And so
4 therefore we recommend that those 9 ballots be
5 rejected, as well.

6 The next category where we have a
7 ballot for rejection is the no printed name
8 category. And there was one provisional ballot
9 where the voter didn't provide a printed name,
10 which is one of the five required pieces of
11 information on the affirmation statement. And so
12 for that reason we recommend that that ballot be
13 rejected, as well.

14 The next category, there were 8
15 provisional ballots where the voter failed to
16 provide a valid current residential address. And
17 those 8 voters gave us an address that was outside
18 of Franklin County, it was not a current
19 residential address that was validated in our
20 registration database. Oftentimes these are people
21 that put like a P.O. Box or a UPS store, and since
22 you have to be registered to vote at a precinct
23 address that is residential we recommend that these
24 8 are not counted for not providing that current
25 residential address.

1 The next category are 23 ballots
2 that did not have a valid form of identification on
3 them. And just for your reference, the valid forms
4 of ID that are accepted are the last four of digits
5 of your Social Security number, State of Ohio
6 driver's license or identification card number,
7 military ID, utility bill, bank statement or other
8 government documents. Additionally, if a voter
9 does not provide that on election day on their
10 affirmation statement, the Board of Elections stays
11 open seven days following the election even on the
12 weekends to give voters a chance to come in and
13 bring in ID if they didn't have it for some reason
14 on election day. After those seven days passed, we
15 still had 23 ballots where the voters didn't come
16 in and give us proper identification. And so,
17 therefore, because they are missing one of those
18 five required elements on their affirmation
19 statement we would recommend that those 23 votes --
20 those 23 ballots be rejected as well by the Board.

21 Our next category is 6 provisional
22 ballots where the voter has already voted. Again,
23 this one is self-explanatory. If a voter already
24 voted once we can't count their provisional ballot
25 because they have already been credited for a vote

1 for this election. Again, with these six
2 individuals, some of them used a provisional ballot
3 as a failsafe if their absentee ballot that they
4 sent in doesn't get here in time or they think that
5 it won't get here by the deadline they'll vote
6 provisionally on election day. There are some
7 where if they vote at the Early Vote Center they
8 might be elderly or something and they forgot and
9 they go vote on election day again and they're
10 forced to vote provisionally. So in all those
11 cases the failsafe worked where we caught their
12 second vote and are asking you to reject those
13 ballots so that every voter may have just one vote.

14 And again, with this -- all of these
15 six cases, following certification our team will do
16 an investigation, contact the voter to figure out
17 the reason or reasons why they attempted to cast a
18 second ballot and we will bring those results to
19 you after we do the research on that. So, again,
20 we ask that those six ballots be rejected for the
21 voter having already cast another ballot.

22 And the very last category on there
23 is the date of birth is missing completely from the
24 provisional affirmation statement. There are three
25 ballots that fall under that category. And in this

1 case, as I'll explain a little later, we do have 8
2 instances where the Board can take action to
3 approve a date of birth issue, but in the case that
4 the voter did not put anything that field the
5 exception that I'll talk about later does not apply
6 if the field is blank. And these three voters on
7 their affirmation statement just had a blank field
8 there where they didn't put anything for the date
9 of birth. And as date of birth is one of the
10 required elements, again, we would recommend that
11 these three be rejected because they failed to
12 provide that on their affirmation statement.

13 So in conclusion, Voter Services
14 recommends that the Board reject a grand total of
15 141 provisional ballots for the critical
16 deficiencies I have just detailed and are listed by
17 category in Exhibit A.

18 If anyone has any questions on
19 those, I would be happy to answer them.

20 MEMBER JAFFE: I have a question.
21 On some of these issues that can be corrected after
22 the fact during that seven-day period, what steps
23 do we take to reach out to those voters who have
24 issues?

25 MS. ZIEMBA: So every voter when

1 they cast a provisional ballot on election day gets
2 a notice after they have voted. The poll workers
3 will hand it to them. And on that notice it
4 explains exactly the steps that they need to take
5 if they want to come in and cure their provisional
6 ballot. Additionally, there's a hotline number on
7 there and I answer the hotline calls. If you call
8 and need to talk to me you can leave a message.
9 And there's an explanatory message on the voicemail
10 as well if they call after business hours that
11 explains if they have not provided an ID on their
12 affirmation statement they have the seven days to
13 come in and provide us that here at the Board of
14 Elections.

15 MEMBER JAFFE: Okay.

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Good report.

17 MS. ZIEMBA: Thanks.

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Any
19 questions on the seven categories of provisional
20 ballots that she is recommending we not accept
21 totaling 141?

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I don't see any.

23 MEMBER MICHAEL SEXTON:

24 Mr. Chairman, I move the Board reject the counting
25 of 141 provisional ballots as identified by

1 category in Exhibit A and that all provisional
2 ballots rejected will not be counted or included in
3 the official canvass results for the May 3rd, 2022,
4 Primary Election.

5 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

6 DEPUTY DIRECTION PAYNE: It's been
7 properly moved and seconded.

8 All those in favor of the motion
9 signify by saying aye.

10 (Vote taken.)

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,
12 same sign.

13 (No response.)

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
15 carries.

16 The next item on the agenda is the
17 extraction of those 1,351 ballots that you just
18 approved. We would need a motion I think to
19 approve that.

20 MEMBER JAFFE: And they're waiting
21 on us to do that.

22 I move that the Board authorize the
23 staff to extract the approved provisional ballots.

24 MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

25 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in

1 favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

2 (Vote taken.)

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,
4 same sign.

5 (No response.)

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
7 carries.

8 The next item on the agenda, -- and
9 I think Sara alluded to it -- there are some
10 provisional ballots for consideration to either
11 accept or reject.

12 MS. ZIEMBA: Exactly.

13 We had 8 ballots -- there are 8
14 ballots that after our bipartisan review of them we
15 found that all eight of the voters did attempt to
16 provide a birth date on the date of birth field;
17 however, the date of birth didn't match entirely
18 with what we already had in our database for the
19 voter. So there was some inconsistency there.
20 There was either an inconsistency with the date,
21 month, or year of the birth date that was provided
22 on the affirmation statement with what we had in
23 our database. And because of an exception that's
24 allowed by the Ohio Revised Code, it says that
25 Board members may vote to approve and accept

1 provisional ballots such as these eight where the
2 date of birth provided by the voter on the
3 provisional affirmation statement is different than
4 the information that we have in our database as
5 long as all of the other information on the
6 affirmation statement matches what we have in our
7 system.

8 So I can confirm with you that other
9 than the small inconsistencies with the date of
10 birth, we had one with wrong month, three with the
11 wrong day, and four with the wrong year, other than
12 that one inconsistency all the other information on
13 the affirmation statement matched exactly with what
14 we had in the system.

15 So our recommendation would be that
16 you take a vote to accept these eight. And I'll
17 read for you from Ohio Revised Code the exception
18 that enables you to do this. It's from 3505.183
19 and it says, Exception, If the affirmation
20 statement contains the voter's date of birth but
21 the month and day are different from the month and
22 day in the statewide voter registration database,
23 the Board must reject the provisional ballot
24 unless, 1, the voter's date of birth in the
25 database is 1-1-1800 or, 2, the Board of Elections

1 finds by a vote of at least three of its members
2 that the voter has met all other requirements of
3 the division.

4 And again, like I said, I can
5 confirm other than the small inconsistency on the
6 date of birth everything else was correct, they're
7 registered to vote. And with your action we would
8 recommend you would vote to accept these eight as
9 well.

10 If you have any questions.

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: What was the -- A
12 few moments ago you said -- you broke out these
13 eight which were the deficiencies as to --

14 MS. ZIEMBA: Yeah. One had the
15 wrong month, three had the wrong day, and four had
16 the wrong year, totaling eight.

17 MEMBER JAFFE: And signatures in
18 particular match?

19 MS. ZIEMBA: The signatures match,
20 yeah. Everything else matched, yeah. And
21 usually -- sometimes this happens, you know, if
22 people are a new citizen and the original
23 registration we get they might not have had their
24 birth date, like they'll put in like the European
25 style where they'll put the day first instead of

1 the month first and we type that in wrong. That's
2 how that can happen sometimes. It can just be like
3 a typographical error on our part. And so that's
4 why we would not want to penalize someone if it's a
5 keying error that we have done kind of thing.

6 MEMBER SEXTON: Just have a couple
7 of questions on these.

8 Paslinger (phonetic) has a date of
9 birth circled as August 20th, 1956, but in red
10 underlined is June 4th, 1956.

11 MS. ZIEMBA: Yeah. And like I said,
12 it's possible that our records are wrong, like when
13 they first registered they gave us the wrong date
14 of birth. We're not allow to use when we're
15 processing any other sources, like outside sources
16 of information. Like we can't check with the BMV
17 to see if we actually made the mistake and that's
18 the correct one. So I think that's why the
19 exception exists in the Code. When we're
20 processing provisionals the only two places we can
21 look to try and verify information is our database
22 and the Secretary of State's database. And the
23 Secretary of State's database gets their
24 information from us, so usually they're matching.
25 So outside of that -- you know, if we were

1 typically processing this as a registration we
2 would check with the BMV to see if we made a keying
3 error or we would look at the probate court, other
4 documents that we can find to see if perhaps it was
5 our error initially to start with. And so that's
6 why we will -- you know, after we go through this
7 and the front is used as a registration form or a
8 registration update form, we will contact the voter
9 for the disparity if we can't make the decision
10 ourselves that we made an error and that's the
11 correct one or vice versa.

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Are you saying --
13 In the follow-up you said we cannot consult the
14 other sources, but the voter him or herself can
15 update our records?

16 MS. ZIEMBA: Exactly. So after the
17 fact if we can't confirm with more outside research
18 we'll send a letter to the voter and say, you know,
19 please confirm with us your information for your
20 birthday because we have a discrepancy and we'd
21 like to clear it up.

22 MEMBER SEXTON: So what happens when
23 there's a discrepancy like this? Because they're
24 saying August 20th and it looks like we're saying
25 June 4th, which is kind of a -- you know, it's not

1 one number off or 56 or 57. So what will we do?

2 MS. ZIEMBA: When we put that into
3 our system later on, we'll process it at the front
4 as a registration update for the voter. And in our
5 process when we find a discrepancy between what the
6 person has on file and what they have on their
7 registration form, we flag that for further review.
8 We send the voter a follow-up letter. And
9 initially we'll do more research, we'll look at the
10 BMV, we'll look at our other outside sources that
11 we can't use during provisional processing to see
12 if we can clear it up on our own. And if we can't,
13 then we reach out to the voter and ask them to
14 clarify it for us.

15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Sara, is
16 there past precedent on the Board's part relating
17 to accepting or rejecting these?

18 MS. ZIEMBA: Yes. Typically, the
19 Board does takes a vote to accept ballots where the
20 voter has at least attempted to give us a birthday.

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And your
22 recommendation would be of these eight to accept
23 eight and reject zero?

24 MS. ZIEMBA: It would be, yes.

25 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Okay.

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Looks good to me.

2 MEMBER SEXTON: Mr. Chairman, I move
3 the Board approve the counting of 8 additional
4 provisional ballots and the rejection of zero
5 additional provisional ballots and that all
6 provisional ballots deemed valid will be counted
7 and included in the official canvass results for
8 the May 3rd, 2022, Primary Election.

9 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been
11 properly moved and seconded.

12 All those in favor of the motion
13 signify by saying aye.

14 (Vote taken.)

15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,
16 same sign.

17 (No response.)

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
19 carries.

20 So you'll take those back to --
21 the bipartisan team will take those back, assuming
22 that we get authorization to open them.

23 MS. ZIEMBA: I was waiting for that.

24 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Let's do that.

25 MEMBER MARINELLO: I move that the

1 Board authorize the staff to extract the additional
2 eight approved provisional ballots.

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in
5 favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

6 (Vote taken.)

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,
8 same sign.

9 (No response.)

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
11 carries.

12 The next item on the agenda is the
13 remaking of provisional ballots. And I think in
14 the past we have authorized the staff to remake any
15 provisional ballots that need to be remade because
16 they can't go through the counter, they're
17 destroyed in some way, and we've given the Board
18 the authorization to do that -- the staff the
19 authorization to do that with a report to be made
20 later in the day.

21 MEMBER JAFFE: So while they're
22 extracting them they don't know how many need to be
23 remade yet because they're currently taking them
24 out?

25 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: That's

1 correct.

2 MEMBER JAFFE: Well, I move that the
3 Board authorize the staff to remake provisional
4 ballots and that these remade ballots shall be
5 tabulated and included in the official canvass of
6 the results for the May 3rd, 2022 Primary Election,
7 with a report to be made to the Board later today.

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Is there a
9 second?

10 MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

11 DEPUTY DIRECTION PAYNE: All those
12 in favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

13 (Vote taken.)

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,
15 same sign.

16 (No response.)

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
18 carries.

19 The next item on the agenda is the
20 remaking of unscanned election day ballots. And
21 I'll turn that over to Operations Manager Carla
22 Patton.

23
24 MS. PATTON: Good morning. We have
25 five ballots that were not able to be scanned on

1 election night due to a couple of issues. Four of
2 those ballots were ballot marker cards. They were
3 submitted and returned to us in the voted ballot
4 bags. They weren't able to be scanned at the polls
5 due to a deficiency within the bar code that
6 prohibited the machine from being able to
7 accurately read the results. So those are here if
8 you want to look at those.

9 The other ballot was a curbside
10 ballot that was returned to us. When the voter was
11 handed the ballot, the poll worker had
12 inadvertently pulled two ballots off of the pad and
13 the voter didn't realize it. And so when they
14 flipped the ballot, they voted the backside of the
15 second ballot. So I have one ballot with the front
16 offices voted, nothing on the back; and the second
17 ballot has nothing on the front with votes on the
18 back. So we're asking that these two be -- ballots
19 be remade into one. They were returned in the same
20 envelope, no races voted more than once on these
21 ballots.

22 We would ask that we be permitted to
23 remake these five ballots to include in the
24 official canvass.

25 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Can you show us

1 that bar code issue?

2 MS. PATTON: Yeah. Sometimes it
3 could just be a chemical that's on the paper that
4 didn't get applied evenly and that prohibited that
5 barcode on that vote from being read. You have a
6 streak that comes down here, another one through
7 the middle.

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: It's a printing
9 issue?

10 MS. PATTON: Right. Sometimes it's
11 the chemical application may not be evenly applied.

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Thank you.

13 MEMBER JAFFE: How many total
14 election day ballots did we have? Does anybody
15 know?

16 MS. PATTON: So that's a total of
17 five. There were four ballot marker cards and then
18 one full ballot.

19 MEMBER JAFFE: How many total
20 election day ballots like that did we have cast?
21 Do you know off the top of your head?

22 MS. PATTON: Of the cards?

23 MEMBER JAFFE: Yeah.

24 MS. PATTON: I don't know off the
25 top of my head. So out of about roughly 130,000, I

1 would say at least 128,000 of them or so. The
2 majority, I would say 98 percent, of the ballots
3 were cast to the ballot marker cards.

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Good.

5 MR. JAFFE: We're talking about
6 130,000 of the ballots had a printing error, just
7 for my comfort?

8 MS. PATTON: And only four of them
9 we weren't able to scan.

10 MEMBER SEXTON: I move that the
11 Board authorize the staff to remake five unscanned
12 election day ballots and that these remade ballots
13 shall be tabulated and included in the official
14 canvass of the results for the May 3rd, 2022,
15 Primary Election, with a report to be made to the
16 Board later today.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been
19 properly moved and seconded.

20 All those in favor of the motion
21 signify by saying aye.

22 (Vote taken.)

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,
24 same sign.

25 (No response.)

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
2 carries.

3 The next item on the agenda would be
4 the provisional ballots for consideration after
5 they -- in voter intent. So after they open the
6 1,200 plus ballots back there, there may be some
7 that need to be brought to the Board to determine
8 voter intent. So we'll have to hold on that. And
9 then after that, a certification of the election
10 and the remaining items. So really if it's the
11 Board's preference we could move to the hiring and
12 promotions.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Let's do it.

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The first
15 person that we would like to promote is Josh Hart.
16 And Josh is here. He's been a member of the Voter
17 Services operation and has done an outstanding job
18 and we would like to move him into Carla's area to
19 help her. She needs a lot of help. That's quite
20 an operation back there and she can use it, and we
21 think Josh is the perfect guy for that.

22 Josh, you want to stand up and say
23 hello.

24 MR. HART: Hello. Hello.

25 MEMBER JAFFE: What start date would

1 you imagine makes sense for this promotion?

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: I would
3 think we would want to start --

4 Did you start Monday?

5 MR. HART: Yeah.

6 Right now I'm kind of in an
7 in-between state, but I'm 98 percent operations.

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: That would
9 be this Monday, which would be the past Monday,
10 which would be the 23rd.

11 MEMBER JAFFE: I'll move that the
12 Franklin County Board of Elections promote Josh
13 Hart as a clerk in the Operations Department,
14 full-time position, beginning May 23, 2022, at a
15 rate of \$23.00 per hour.

16 MEMBER SEXTON: Second.

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in
18 favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

19 (Vote taken.)

20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,
21 same sign.

22 (No response.)

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
24 carries.

25 The next item on the agenda is the

1 promotion of David Todd. David Todd has been with
2 Voter Services for probably a year and a half, two
3 years. We are moving him to fiscal. He has a
4 background in HR and fiscal and he would be a great
5 asset to that department. I think right now we
6 have an HR person back there and then we have Tu
7 who is the Democrat back there. She does a fine
8 job, but she can always use an extra hand, and
9 David is proficient in payroll and those types of
10 things. So our recommendation would be that David
11 Todd be moved to fiscal. And the date of hire on
12 that would be the 16th of May.

13 MEMBER JAFFE: I'll move that the
14 Franklin County Board of Elections promote David
15 Todd as a clerk in the Fiscal Department, full-time
16 position, beginning May 16th, 2022, at a rate of
17 \$20.26 per hour.

18 MEMBER SEXTON: Second.

19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been
20 properly moved and seconded.

21 All those in favor of the motion
22 signify by saying aye.

23 (Vote taken.)

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,
25 same sign.

1 (No response.)

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
3 carries.

4 I think David Todd is part of the
5 crew back there with provisional ballots, so he's
6 not here.

7 The next item on the agenda is the
8 hiring of Alex Brown. Alex comes to us from
9 Cincinnati, Hamilton County. He has since moved up
10 here to Columbus. We got a good recommendation
11 from the Ohio House Caucus about Alex. He's one of
12 the eight individuals that I interviewed, and we
13 ended up hiring two of those individuals, one of
14 them being Alex Brown.

15 He was a communications intern in
16 the Ohio Senate from 2018 to 2022 -- or 2020,
17 rather. He does have expertise in social media and
18 he's a graduate from The Ohio State University.
19 And one of the things I found most unique was that
20 he speaks four languages; elementary on some of
21 them, but I was particularly interested in Swahili.
22 So we would like to have him hired in the Absentee
23 Department to help Matt Kelly, and he's been
24 reading up already. The date of hire there we
25 would propose as May 9th when he started.

1 MEMBER JAFFE: Very good.

2 I move that the Franklin County
3 Board of Elections hire Alex Brown as a clerk in
4 the Absentee Department, full-time position,
5 beginning Monday, May 9th, 2022, at a rate of
6 \$16.55 per hour.

7 MEMBER SEXTON: I'll second.

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been
9 properly moved and seconded.

10 All those in favor of the motion
11 signify by saying aye.

12 (Vote taken.)

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,
14 same sign.

15 (No response.)

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
17 carries.

18 The next item on the agenda is the
19 hiring of Jordan Stickel. I interviewed Jordan and
20 was -- he was very passionate and very excited
21 about the opportunity to work at the Franklin
22 County Board of Elections. He is also a graduate
23 of The Ohio State University, College of Arts and
24 Science. He most recently worked at Cooper's Hawk
25 and at Quantum Health.

1 Is Jordan -- Oh, there he is, right
2 in the front row.

3 MR. STICKEL: Nice to see you guys.

4 MEMBER JAFFE: I will move that the
5 Franklin County Board of Elections hire Jordan
6 Stickel as a clerk in the Voter Services
7 Department, full-time position, beginning Monday,
8 May 16th, 2022, at a rate of \$16.55 per hour.

9 MEMBER SEXTON: Second.

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been
11 properly moved and seconded.

12 All those in favor of the motion
13 signify by saying aye.

14 (Vote taken.)

15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,
16 same sign.

17 (No response.)

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
19 carries.

20 The next item on the agenda would be
21 the hiring of Monica DeBrock. Monica took over in
22 our finance -- or I'm sorry -- in our Petitions and
23 Filing Department on March 7th. We had a
24 retirement there and she has filled in admirably,
25 and so we're excited about having her on board. So

1 we would like to hire her, starting date March 7th.

2 MEMBER JAFFE: Very good.

3 I'll move that the Franklin County
4 Board of Elections hire Monica DeBrock as a clerk
5 in the Petitions and Filings Department, full-time
6 position, beginning Monday, March 7th, 2022, at a
7 rate of \$24.00 per hour.

8 MEMBER SEXTON: I'll second.

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been
10 properly moved and seconded.

11 All those in favor of the motion
12 signify by saying aye.

13 (Vote taken.)

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,
15 same sign.

16 (No response.)

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
18 carries.

19 The next item on the agenda is the
20 promotion of Katrina McReynolds. And I'll turn
21 this over to Director Antone White.

22 DIRECTOR WHITE: Good morning, Board
23 members.

24 I'm pleased to bring forth Katrina
25 McReynolds for promotion to Elections Operations

1 Supervisor. Katrina was appointed as an Elections
2 Operations Specialist in March of 2021 and since
3 that time she's been a valuable member of that
4 team. She's learned every aspect of that
5 department, including electronic poll book
6 programming and ballot creation. And as David
7 indicated earlier, with the demands on that
8 department and all we're seeing, we feel now is the
9 time to promote someone into a supervisor role to
10 continue the leadership and overall direction of
11 that department.

12 So with approval, we would like to
13 promote Katrina to Election Operations Supervisor.

14 MEMBER MARINELLO: Sounds great.

15 I move that the Franklin County
16 Board of Elections promote Katrina McReynolds as a
17 supervisor in the Operations Department, full-time
18 position, beginning Monday, May 23rd, 2022, at a
19 rate of \$26.50 per hour.

20 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been
22 properly moved and seconded.

23 All those in favor of the motion
24 signify by saying aye.

25 (Vote taken.)

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,
2 same sign.

3 (No response.)

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
5 carries.

6 The next item on the agenda is the
7 hiring of Christopher Cooper. And I'll turn it
8 over to Director Antone White.

9 DIRECTOR WHITE: Thank you.

10 Christopher Cooper who is here in
11 the back, he's been with us in a seasonal capacity
12 since 2020. He's worked in a variety of areas.
13 Most notably he's worked in our front reception
14 area where he's assisted voters both in person and
15 over the phone. And recently he served as one of
16 our two Early Vote Center managers for the May 3rd,
17 2020 Primary, and he did a fantastic job. He's
18 been a valuable part of our team. We'd like to
19 bring him on full time as a clerk who will continue
20 to work and manage our front reception area. So
21 with your approval, we'd like to hire Christopher
22 Cooper.

23 MEMBER SEXTON: Mr. Chairman, I move
24 that the Franklin County Board of Elections hire
25 Christopher Cooper as a clerk in the Administration

1 Department, full-time position, beginning Monday,
2 May 23rd, 2022, at a rate of \$16.55 per hour.

3 MEMBER JAFFE: Second.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been
5 properly moved and seconded.

6 All those in favor of the motion
7 signify by saying aye.

8 (Vote taken.)

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,
10 same sign.

11 (No response.)

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
13 carries.

14 The next item on the agenda is the
15 hiring of Rebecca Marusek. And I'll turn it over
16 to Director Antone White.

17 DIRECTOR WHITE: Thank you.

18 Rebecca has been with us on a
19 seasonal capacity since I believe 2016 and she's
20 worked in our Voter Services Department during that
21 time. She's learned pretty much every aspect of
22 the department, processing voter registrations,
23 data entry, working with our county boards to
24 reconcile duplicate records and manage county to
25 county processing. She is a graduate of Ohio

1 University and previously worked as instructor and
2 grade school teacher. With your approval, we'd
3 like to bring Rebecca on in a full-time capacity to
4 the Voter Services Department.

5 MEMBER SEXTON: Mr. Chairman, I move
6 that the Franklin County Board of Elections hire
7 Rebecca Marusek as a clerk in the Voter Services
8 Department, full-time position, beginning Monday,
9 May 23rd, 2022, at a rate of \$17.21 per hour.

10 MEMBER JAFFE: Second.

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been
12 properly moved and seconded.

13 All those in favor of the motion
14 signify by saying aye.

15 (Vote taken.)

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,
17 same sign.

18 (No response.)

19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
20 carries.

21 I would just like to comment on
22 those two hires that Antone recommended and the one
23 promotion. Those are three excellent candidates
24 and will all be well utilized here at the Board of
25 Elections and we're lucky to have all three of

1 them.

2 I think at this point we probably
3 want to recess in order to go back and check on the
4 status of our provisional ballots that are being
5 opened.

6 MEMBER JAFFE: Move to recess.

7 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Do we have to
8 move to recess or do we just say in recess?

9 MS. HUMMER: I think you can just
10 say you're in recess.

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: We're in recess.
12 (Board recessed at approximately
13 10:45 a.m.)

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We are out
15 of recess.

16 (Board out of recess at
17 approximately 12:41 p.m.)

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We'll turn
19 it over to Carla Patton to kind of give us a recap
20 of everything. And I'm told that we don't have any
21 provisional ballots for the Board to consider for
22 voter intent.

23 MS. PATTON: Right.

24 As a result of extracting of the
25 provisional ballots, no voter intent issues were

1 found. Everything was very clearly marked.

2 As a result for the remakes, there
3 were 26 remakes that we had to do as a result of
4 the ballots being damaged either by tearing stubs
5 off or just unreadable by the scanning machine. So
6 26 of those ballots were remade by bipartisan
7 teams.

8 In front of you you have a report.
9 It's Summary Results Report, Franklin Only, as the
10 official results. This includes the 1,359
11 provisionals that were approved as well as the
12 additional election day ballots that had to be
13 remade or were found in another fashion to not have
14 been scanned on election day but deemed to be
15 counted, and as well as the absentee ballots that
16 were received in time after election day with
17 proper postmarks.

18 With that, out of 841,300 registered
19 voters we had a turnout of 147,485 ballots being
20 cast, which is a 17.53 percent turnout for this
21 election. And you'll also notice there are numbers
22 for registered voters and the percentage by party
23 as well as the voter turnout by party. You'll
24 notice that the Republican turnout is higher than a
25 hundred percent, and that is due to unaffiliated or

1 potentially Democratic or Green or other voters
2 switching to a Republican ballot.

3 With that, in bipartisan teams the
4 Board has canvassed all the votes and have deemed
5 all these votes be counted, and the report before
6 you is what we recommend you certify for the
7 May 3rd, 2022, Primary Election.

8 MEMBER JAFFE: To your knowledge did
9 the provisional ballots change any of the outcomes?

10 MS. PATTON: No, they did not. As
11 far as we are aware there was one race that we were
12 watching for a recount, which was in Whitehall
13 Ward 1 between write-in candidates. There were no
14 additional write-ins found in that race. So I am
15 pleased to report that there are no automatic
16 recounts based on the official results before you.

17 MEMBER JAFFE: Very good.

18 MEMBER SEXTON: Mr. Chairman, I move
19 the Board certify and declare as final the official
20 canvass of the votes cast at the May 3, 2022,
21 Primary Election as submitted by staff.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I second the
23 motion.

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been
25 properly moved and seconded.

1 All those in favor of the motion
2 signify by saying aye.

3 (Vote taken.)

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,
5 same sign.

6 (No response.)

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
8 carries.

9 We have no -- The next item would
10 have been a potential recount. We don't have any
11 recounts. We don't have a recount ordered by the
12 Secretary of State.

13 So the next item on the agenda would
14 be the post-election audit. I'll turn that over to
15 Jeff Mackey.

16 MR. MACKEY: A couple of elections
17 ago we started doing this by computer instead of by
18 dice. So we'd like to continue doing that. I
19 believe there's a couple of motions you have to
20 pass here to decide whether or not we're going to
21 do that by LID or precinct. We usually do by LID.

22 MS. PATTON: We usually make a
23 motion that we're selecting by location.

24 MEMBER JAFFE: I move we conduct the
25 audit by location.

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been
3 properly moved and seconded.

4 All those in favor of the motion
5 signify by saying aye.

6 (Vote taken.)

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,
8 same sign.

9 (No response.)

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
11 carries.

12 Before we start drawing, do we need
13 to identify the races? Probably should.

14 The suggestions I think were the
15 Democratic race for Governor, the Republican race
16 for United States Senate, and the Democratic race
17 for Court of Common Pleas, term beginning --

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: What's the logic
19 behind those?

20 MS. PATTON: The Secretary of State
21 is ordering the Democratic Gubernatorial race and
22 Republican Senator race, where then the county was
23 to select another countywide contested race. And I
24 believe the Lynch-Boyle race was the only contested
25 countywide race.

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay.

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Does someone
3 want to --

4 MR. JAFFE: We need this motion.

5 MEMBER SEXTON: Mr. Chairman, I move
6 the Board set the post-election audit of the
7 Republican United States Senate race, the
8 Democratic race for Governor, and the Democratic
9 race for the Court of Common Pleas, term 1/2/2023,
10 to begin Monday, June 6, 2022, until completed and
11 that the audit be conducted in accordance with the
12 Secretary of State Directive 2012-56 and be held at
13 the Franklin County Board of Elections, 1700 Morse
14 Road.

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been
17 properly moved and seconded.

18 All those in favor of the motion
19 signify by saying aye.

20 (Vote taken.)

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,
22 same sign.

23 (No response.)

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
25 carries.

1 Now I think we can get to the
2 drawing of locations.

3 MR. MACKEY: We have 320 locations,
4 and on a little spreadsheet here we have them
5 numbered from 101 to 420. I'm going to generate a
6 random list of numbers here, and as I enter them
7 the program will calculate our percentage so we can
8 get to the five percent of votes cast that we have
9 to audit. And in our sequence we'll start at the
10 top and keep entering numbers until we get to five
11 percent.

12 Read me the sequence.

13 MS. PATTON: 342, 264, 253, 263,
14 385, 212, 259, 190, 328, 286, 239, 218, 133, 165,
15 157. Going to say, we -- we may be -- Okay. We're
16 over five.

17 MEMBER JAFFE: That's under five,
18 based on the other number.

19 MS. PATTON: Draw another one.
20 That's fine. So the last one was 157. So 374
21 should put us -- So five percent of the official
22 ballots cast, 7,375 ballots. So we've got 7,633.
23 So that's over -- that meets the requirements.

24 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Questions,
25 comments?

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Move to adjourn.

MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We're
adjourned.

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Thereupon, the proceedings were
adjourned at approximately 12:53 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;

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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.

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

My Commission Expires: September 29, 2026.

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EXHIBIT A: MAY 3, 2022 PRIMARY ELECTION PROVISIONAL BALLOTS RECOMMENDED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND REJECTION	
GRAND TOTAL RECOMMENDED TO ACCEPT	1351
REASONS FOR REJECTION	
Not Registered in the State	91
Wrong Precinct and Location	9
Wrong Precinct and Correct Location	0
No Signature	0
No Printed Name	1
Failed to Provide Valid Current Address	8
No ID	23
Signature Mismatch	0
Voter Already Voted	6
Challenge Upheld	0
DOB Missing	3
No Ballot In Envelope	0
GRAND TOTAL RECOMMENDED TO REJECT	141
DATE OF BIRTH ISSUES FOR BOARD REVIEW	8
Total Provisional Ballots Cast	1500