

BEFORE THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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In Re: :
Special Meeting :

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PROCEEDINGS

before Director William A. Anthony, Jr., Deputy
Director Dana Walch, and Board Members Kimberly E.
Marinello, Bradley K. Sinnott, and Gregory K. Haas at
the Franklin County Board of Elections, 280 East
Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, called at 10:37 a.m. on
Tuesday, November 19, 2013.

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APPEARANCES:

Franklin County Prosecutor's Office
By Harold J. Anderson, III
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney
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On behalf of the Board.

ALSO PRESENT:

Ms. Suzanne Brown,
Executive Assistant to the Board

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

Ms. Renee Klco,
Manager of Voter Services,
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: Good morning.

BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Good morning,
Bill.

BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Good morning.

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

Kimberly Marinello?

BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Greg Haas?

BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Bradley Sinnott?

BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We have a quorum.

The first item on the agenda is we need
to do the provisional ballot count. So does someone
want to give us a report?

DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Renee, you want
to give us a quick report?

MS. KLCO: Of the -- we had 2,092
provisional ballots. We want to go ahead and get

1 permission to open the -- what was the number again?

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: 1,820.

3 MS. KLCO: 1,820 that are good. We had
4 272 that were rejected.

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: This, of course,
6 was done by, as usual, with our bipartisan teams of
7 folks in the provisional area. This will allow us to
8 go ahead and get those open and start scanning them
9 in, to then recess and then come back to see if we
10 need to remake any of them.

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We've got staff up
12 there waiting for us to give them the go-ahead.

13 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Well, then, I move
14 that the Board approve the Official Certification for
15 Provisional Ballots report to the Secretary of State
16 compiled by the staff which shows the counting of
17 1,820 provisional ballots and the rejection of 272
18 provisional ballots and that all provisional ballots
19 deemed valid will be counted and included in the
20 official canvass of results for the 2013 General
21 Election.

22 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

23 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

24 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The motion carries.

2 The next item is we have to move into a
3 recess so the staff will go upstairs and start
4 preparing the ballots.

5 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Bill, how long do
6 you think it's going to take?

7 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: What do we think? A
8 couple hours?

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: No, it won't be
10 that long.

11 MR. WEDEKIND: I don't even think it will
12 take that long.

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: You don't think?

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Maybe an hour.

15 MR. WEDEKIND: I will do my best to make
16 it over in 50 minutes.

17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Fifty?

18 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Fifty? Five-zero?

19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: The over/under on
20 this is 50 minutes. Let's see if Todd can make it.

21 (Laughter.)

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Wait, wait, Todd, you
23 can't go yet. We haven't recessed. You got to wait.

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Yeah, hold on.

1 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Hover for a
2 moment.

3 BOARD MEMBER HAAS: All right. Who's got
4 a stopwatch? Who's got a stopwatch?

5 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: I know.

6 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: You're down to 49
7 minutes now.

8 (Laughter.)

9 BOARD MEMBER HAAS: All right. I move
10 that the Board temporarily recess so the staff can
11 open and scan the approved provisional ballots for
12 the November 5th General Election.

13 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Second.

14 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

15 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Go.

17 MR. WEDEKIND: I'm going.

18 MR. ANDERSON: You're on the clock.

19 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We stand in recess
20 until it's done.

21 (Thereupon, the Board recessed at 10:40
22 a.m. until 11:50 a.m.)

23 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Well, I would like to
24 re-call, reconvene the Board of Elections meeting.

1 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: I move that the
2 Board reconvene from recess.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

4 BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Second.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

6 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

7 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And, as you all know,
8 we remade ballots. Renee? Who? You or Renee? Who
9 goes first?

10 MR. WEDEKIND: Well, we have 15
11 provisional ballots where the poll worker gave the
12 voter the incorrect ballot, so we would like to have
13 permission to remake these with only the similar
14 offices that they would be allowed to vote.

15 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Can you bring them up
16 to the Board to take a look at them?

17 MR. WEDEKIND: Well, they can't --

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I mean just --

19 MR. WEDEKIND: There's nothing in them.

20 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Okay. All right.

21 MR. WEDEKIND: It's just where they gave
22 them the wrong ballot style.

23 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Let them kind of see
24 what it is.

1 MR. WEDEKIND: So we would like to remake
2 the judges and whatever else might be similar to what
3 they should have voted.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: This is the --
5 you read in the newspaper about the right church,
6 wrong pew type thing, where they went to the wrong --
7 they got the wrong precinct ballot, so we'll count
8 where we can count.

9 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: So we remake those
10 by excluding only the offices where the voter doesn't
11 live in the district.

12 MR. WEDEKIND: Where they should not have
13 voted, if there was a school district or local option
14 issues.

15 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Okay.

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: How many was it?

17 MR. WEDEKIND: We have 15 of those. And
18 we have one, I think this speaks for itself. The
19 poll worker decided we didn't need that chunk, but we
20 do.

21 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: So we do the motion on
22 the 15 first then.

23 MR. WEDEKIND: So we'll remake this.

24 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Okay.

1 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: I move that the
 2 Board authorize the staff to remake 15 provisional
 3 ballots which were cast in the correct polling
 4 location but the wrong precinct. These ballots shall
 5 be remade in such a way that they can only be counted
 6 for those contests for which the voter was eligible
 7 to vote and shall be tabulated and included in the
 8 official canvass of the results of the 2013 General
 9 Election.

10 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

11 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Second.

12 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

13 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

14 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And then we'll
 15 entertain a motion to remake that one ballot.

16 BOARD MEMBER HAAS: I move that the Board
 17 authorize the staff to remake one approved
 18 provisional ballot cast on Election Day and that this
 19 remade ballot shall be tabulated and included in the
 20 official canvass of results for the 2013 General
 21 Election.

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

23 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

24 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

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BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: That concludes our special agenda board meeting.

Is there a motion to adjourn?

BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: So moved.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: There is.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All in favor?

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We stand adjourned.

(Thereupon, the Board adjourned at 11:54 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 Tuesday, November 19, 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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