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Mr. Steve Bulen
Mr. Jeffrey Mackey
Mr. Luke Scott

Franklin County Board of Elections.

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1 Monday Afternoon Session,
2 May 2, 2016.

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4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Good afternoon,
5 everyone. I will call the Franklin County Board of
6 Elections to order. I will do roll call.

7 Kimberly Marinello.

8 MS. MARINELLO: Here.

9 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Doug Preisse.

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And Brad Sinnott.

12 MR. SINNOTT: Here.

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Mr. Chairman, we have
14 a quorum.

15 The first item on the agenda is the
16 Approval of the Minutes for the April 4 and
17 April 5 Meetings.

18 MS. MARINELLO: I move that the Board
19 approve the minutes of the April 4, 2016 meeting and
20 the April 5, 2016 meeting of the Franklin County
21 Board of Elections as submitted.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I'll second.

23 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

24 (Vote taken; motion passes.)

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Motion carries.

2 The next item on the agenda would be the
3 Amended Certification for the March 15 Primary
4 Election Official Results.

5 Jeff, do you want to?

6 MR. MACKEY: As directed at the
7 April 5 Board meeting, staff conducted the
8 post-election audit of the three races, two statewide
9 and one countywide. We found one discrepancy that
10 changed an overvote for Justice of the Supreme Court
11 race to a vote for Pat Fischer.

12 So you have the amended results in front
13 of you, I think. So we are directed to certify the
14 new result in the same manner as we certified the
15 official results and vote to certify that.

16 MR. SINNOTT: This was the only change
17 that came out of the audit?

18 MR. MACKEY: It was the only change. It
19 was on a paper absentee ballot.

20 MS. MARINELLO: I move that the Board
21 accept the amended results in the election for
22 Republican Justice of the Supreme Court, full term
23 commencing January 1, 2015, pursuant to the audit
24 conducted as directed by Secretary of State Directive

1 2016-11 and shown on attached Exhibit A.

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

3 MR. SINNOTT: There is.

4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

5 (Vote taken; motion passes.)

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Motion carries.

7 The next item on agenda is the

8 Certification of the Write-in Candidate for the

9 November, 2016, General Election.

10 Jeff, is that you as well?

11 MR. MACKEY: We have received an
 12 additional Declaration of Intent for a write-in
 13 candidate from Keith Hatton seeking to run for State
 14 Representative from the 17th Ohio House District.

15 The staff has reviewed the Declaration of Intent and
 16 found it to be valid and sufficient.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay.

18 MR. SINNOTT: It was timely?

19 MR. MACKEY: Yes. There's still quite a
 20 bit of time, actually.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: All right.

22 MS. MARINELLO: I move the Board certify
 23 Keith Hatton as a valid write-in candidate for the
 24 Ohio House of Representatives, 17th District.

1 Mr. Hatton's Declaration of Intent to be a write-in
 2 candidate is valid and sufficient.

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

5 (Vote taken; motion passes.)

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: That motion carries.

7 The next item on the agenda are some
 8 withdrawals.

9 Jeff, I believe that is you as well.

10 MR. MACKEY: We received withdrawals from
 11 candidates for the Court of Common Pleas, General
 12 Division, first from Andy Hall for the full term
 13 commencing July 1, 2017; and the second from Pat
 14 Sheeran for the full term commencing January 4, 2017.
 15 We received that on or about April 8.

16 MR. SINNOTT: I move that the Board
 17 accept the notice of withdrawal submitted from
 18 nominated candidates for Judge of the Court of Common
 19 Pleas, Pat Sheeran, (full term commencing January 4,
 20 2017) and Andy Hall (full term commencing July 1,
 21 2017).

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

23 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

24 All those in favor.

1 (Vote taken; motion passed.)

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: That motion carries.

3 The next is Filling Judicial Vacancy in
4 Party Nomination.

5 MS. MARINELLO: Having received from the
6 Franklin County Republican Party the certification of
7 selection of candidate to fill the vacancy in party
8 nomination as prescribed by ORC Section 3513.31, I
9 move that the Board accept the names of Stephanie
10 Hanna to replace Pat Sheeran in the race for Judge of
11 the Court of Common Pleas (full term commencing
12 January 4, 2017); and Laren Donlan to replace Andy
13 Hall in the race for Judge of the Court of Common
14 Pleas (full term commencing July 1, 2017).

15 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

16 MR. SINNOTT: Would you accept a friendly
17 amendment of Laren Dolan instead of Donlan? There is
18 a misprint.

19 MS. MARINELLO: As long as it's friendly.

20 MR. SINNOTT: It is very friendly. It is
21 Laren Dolan.

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

23 (Vote taken; motion passes.)

24 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The amended motion

1 carries.

2 Do we need to move into the Executive
3 Session?

4 MR. PAYNE: I think if we are talking
5 about the hiring of an employee, I think we should,
6 but defer to counsel.

7 MR. LECKLIDER: Yes.

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a motion to
9 move into Executive Session?

10 MS. MARINELLO: Pursuant to ORC Section
11 121.22(G)(1&3), I move that the Franklin County Board
12 of Elections go into Executive Session to consider
13 the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline,
14 promotion, demotion, and/or compensation of a public
15 employee.

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I'll do roll call.
17 Kimberly Marinello.

18 MS. MARINELLO: Yes.

19 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Douglas Preisse.

20 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

21 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Bradley Sinnott.

22 MR. SINNOTT: Yes.

23 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We now stand in
24 Executive Session.

1 (Executive session.)

2 MR. SINNOTT: I move that the Franklin
3 County Board of Elections adjourn from Executive
4 Session and that no votes or official actions were
5 taken during Executive Session.

6 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

7 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Kimberly Marinello.

8 MS. MARINELLO: Yes.

9 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Douglas Preisse.

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Bradley Sinnott.

12 MR. SINNOTT: Yes.

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We are now out of
14 Executive Session. The next item on the agenda is
15 the Board would like to hire full time Luke Scott,
16 Voter Services, to a full-time position beginning
17 April 28 at a rate of \$17.06 per hour.

18 Luke will replace Will Scarborough, who
19 is going back to continue his education full time.
20 He could not resist the opportunity his dad was
21 offering him of a full ride, and he said, "I'm out of
22 here." I said, "Well, wow, good luck."

23 MS. MARINELLO: I move that the Franklin
24 County Board of Elections hire Luke Scott as Voter

1 Services clerk (full-time position) beginning April
2 28, 2016, at a salary of \$35,490 per year/\$17.06 per
3 hour.

4 MR. SINNOTT: Second.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

6 (Vote taken; motion passes.)

7 MS. MARINELLO: Congratulations, Luke.

8 You will do a great job.

9 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Stand up, Luke, so
10 everyone can see you.

11 Just for point of information, I want to
12 let the Board members know we are going to -- you
13 know we have put all this money on the electronic
14 poll books, and we didn't implement them fully in
15 March because of some concerns from the Data Center.

16 And then moving forward, the SOS
17 directive basically said if you didn't implement them
18 in the March primary, you can't implement them in
19 November. There was a caveat to that where they will
20 give a waiver to counties who can demonstrate that
21 they can deploy these without any incidents or
22 without any concerns.

23 So what we're going to do as a result of
24 that, in mid-May -- I forget the exact date.

1 MR. PAYNE: May 13 going into June,
2 through June.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We are going to have
4 what we call a mock election. What it really is is a
5 test of our system. We have been working diligently
6 with the Data Center on deploying this. We have been
7 working on their concerns. So in March it was the
8 fact of how we load our iPads, did we have the
9 capacity or did they have the capacity to load our
10 iPads with all the security concerns.

11 So we have been working with them, and we
12 now have a solution. We have been sitting at the
13 table with them and their board with our solution to
14 it. We will be installing some Meraki routers and
15 Cisco cache machines or equipment

16 MR. PAYNE: Cache device.

17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Cache device. I'm not
18 sure what all this stuff does, but the Data Center is
19 on board with us using them.

20 What we will do is load all 1,500 of the
21 iPads with a mock election, and then to make it work
22 even more, we are going to work with Steve Bulen and
23 the poll workers, and we are going to be able to use
24 this site and replicate as many different polling

1 locations or lids that we have and do it right here
2 in this building.

3 I'll let Steve talk a little more about
4 it. He will train the poll workers, and then
5 sometime around, I think, June 16 we will actually
6 have our election dates.

7 You guys are all welcome to come up here.
8 The Secretary of State will be up here to witness the
9 election. What we will do is have where we set up
10 these polling locations inside this huge building.
11 We will fill them with a bunch of scenarios that they
12 will see or maybe not see on election day, and then
13 we'll see how well we do.

14 MR. SINNOTT: Does the Data Center know
15 our plan?

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yes, they have been --

17 MR. PAYNE: We are working hand-in-glove
18 with the Data Center. They're absolutely advised of
19 them and are on board with them. We need to satisfy
20 both the Data Center and the Secretary of State.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Is the Secretary of
22 State going to have people here or is he himself?

23 MR. PAYNE: I think Matt Damschroder is
24 likely to be the one here and the one that will

1 ultimately advise the Secretary of State to provide a
2 waiver or not.

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: We will actually have
4 some number of voters coming through?

5 MR. PAYNE: Yes. I will let Steve speak
6 to this. It's actually not voting on machines. When
7 we say "mock elections," it's just the process of
8 loading the electronic pollbooks, having someone
9 actually sign in. That's what we want.

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I see.

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We are not going to be
12 voting. We are going to be processing.

13 Steve, do you want to talk about it, your
14 thoughts?

15 MR. BULEN: Mr. Chairman, members of the
16 Board, we had a really good head start to prepare for
17 a primary, so we will pick right up from there, and
18 this will give us great practice. We will actually
19 bring in trainers to work the mock election. We will
20 bring in a lot of VLMs, or voting location managers,
21 and then we'll kind of fill in the gap with other
22 poll workers.

23 We think this will give us even a better
24 head start to prepare for November because we will

1 follow up with our regular training then in the fall.

2 So this will give us a chance to work out
3 any bugs. We'll put it through the process. We'll
4 create scenarios that our poll workers will see on
5 election day, and we will use our staff to help
6 implement those scenarios. But, you know, we think
7 it will be a great experience, give us a leg up, so
8 to speak, for the end of November.

9 MR. SINNOTT: We have apparently made a
10 lot of progress in resolving the concerns of the Data
11 Center.

12 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yes, we totally have.

13 MR. SINNOTT: When we first heard from
14 the Data Center, they thought it might be years away,
15 but sounds like we will probably get it by fall.

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yes. Part of the
17 concerns with the Data Center was the security of
18 loading the information onto our iPads and the method
19 from which we were going to load them and the
20 information on the iPad.

21 We have a solution that works. They're
22 on board with it. They have taken it through their
23 own, whatever, their test criteria, their test
24 criteria for security and the implementation.

1 So we're hoping that we'll -- after we do
2 it, they'll come back in and have a whole set of
3 criteria to see if it was successful or not
4 successful. The same with the SOS, because it's
5 important that they deem it a successful mock
6 election as well.

7 We should call it something other than
8 mock election, but I can't think of anything else.
9 Call it a test of system.

10 MS. MARINELLO: Trial, mock is fine.

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Understood now.

12 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Thank you.

13 MR. SINNOTT: I move we adjourn.

14 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

15 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

16 (Vote taken; motion passes.)

17 (The meeting concluded at 3:35 p.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 Monday, May 2, 2016, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

Rosemary Foster Anderson
Rosemary Foster Anderson,
Professional Reporter and Notary
Public in and for the State of
Ohio.

My commission expires April 5, 2019.
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