

1 BEFORE THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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3 IN RE: :

4 Organizational Meeting :

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6 Proceedings before Board Members

7 William A. Anthony, Jr., Douglas J. Preisse,

8 Kimberly E. Marinello, and Michael E. Colley,

9 taken at the Franklin County Board of

10 Elections, 280 East Broad Street, Columbus,

11 Ohio, on Sunday, March 2, 2008, at 1:31

12 o'clock p.m.

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P R O C E E D I N G S
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BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: I'd like to call the Franklin County Board of Elections meeting to order.

MR. DAMSCHRODER: Mr. Colley?

BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Here.

MR. DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Marinello?

BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Here.

MR. DAMSCHRODER: Mr. Preisse?

BOARD MEMBER PREISSE: Here.

MR. DAMSCHRODER: Mr. Anthony?

BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Here.

MR. DAMSCHRODER: All members are present.

According to Secretary of State Directive 2008-31, the first order of business for the board is to select a temporary chairman. According to the directive, the current chair or a member with the most seniority calls the meeting to order. The temporary chair is selected among the members present to chair the meeting. It

1 would be appropriate to have a nomination for
2 selection of temporary chair.

3 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: I nominate
4 Bill Anthony to serve as temporary chairman
5 of the Franklin County Board of Elections for
6 purposes of its biannual organization.

7 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Is there a
8 second?

9 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Second.

10 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: All those in
11 favor, say aye.

12 (Board votes aye.)

13 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: So I am now
14 temporary chair, right?

15 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Yep.

16 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: All right.
17 Feels good.

18 MR. WHITE: Feels good knowing that
19 you're temporary?

20 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: To be known
21 as temporary chair.

22 At this point, I think it would be
23 appropriate for us to go into executive
24 session to discuss how we're going to do all

1 this. I will entertain a motion to go into
2 executive session.

3 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Mr. Chairman,
4 I move that we go into executive session to
5 consider the appointment and compensation of
6 a public employee or official.

7 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Is there a
8 second?

9 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

10 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Roll call vote:
11 Mr. Colley?

12 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Yes.

13 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Marinello?

14 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

15 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Mr. Preisse?

16 BOARD MEMBER PREISSE: Yes.

17 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Chairman Anthony?

18 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Yes.

19 We now stand in executive session.

20 (An executive session was held.)

21 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: I make the
22 motion that we call the Franklin County Board
23 of Elections meeting to order.

24 During the executive sessions, no

1 personnel matters were agreed to or voted on.

2 Is there a second?

3 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

4 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Roll call.

5 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Mr. Colley?

6 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Yes.

7 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Marinello?

8 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

9 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Mr. Preisse?

10 BOARD MEMBER PREISSE: Yes.

11 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Chairman Anthony?

12 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Yes.

13 MR. DAMSCHRODER: The first matter
14 on the agenda is the appointment of director.

15 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: And I'd like
16 to nominate Dennis L. White to be appointed
17 to the full term of deputy director to the
18 Franklin County Board of Commission.

19 Is there a second?

20 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Second, the
21 "Elections."

22 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Board of
23 Elections.

24 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Oh. Board

1 of -- what did I say?

2 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO:

3 Commission.

4 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Commission?

5 (Multiple speakers.)

6 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Yeah. Then
7 let me redo my motion for a nomination.

8 I nominate Dennis L. White for
9 appointment to a full term of the director of
10 the Franklin County Board of Elections.

11 Is there a second?

12 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Second the
13 motion.

14 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: All right.
15 We need a roll call vote.

16 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Mr. Colley?

17 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Yes.

18 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Marinello?

19 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: I abstain.

20 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Mr. Preisse?

21 BOARD MEMBER PREISSE: Yes.

22 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Chairman Anthony?

23 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Yes.

24 I make a motion that the board

1 establishes a compensation for the director
2 at \$52.12 an hour.

3 Is there a second?

4 BOARD MEMBER PREISSE: Second.

5 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: All those in
6 favor, say aye.

7 (Board votes aye.)

8 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Should we do
9 a roll call vote on that, since she wishes to
10 abstain?

11 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Yes. We should
12 do a roll call of that.

13 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: We'll do a
14 roll call vote, please.

15 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Mr. Colley?

16 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Yes.

17 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Marinello?

18 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Abstain.

19 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Chairman

20 Anthony -- I mean, Mr. Preisse?

21 BOARD MEMBER PREISSE: Yes.

22 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Chairman Anthony?

23 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Yes.

24 The next order of business is for

1 me to step down as chair.

2 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: I nominate
3 Doug, Douglas J. Preisse, the chairman of the
4 Franklin County Board of Elections.

5 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: I second
6 that.

7 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Mr. Colley?

8 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Yes.

9 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Marinello?

10 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

11 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Mr. Preisse?

12 BOARD MEMBER PREISSE: Yes.

13 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Mr. Anthony?

14 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Yes.

15 I now turn the gavel over to you,
16 sir.

17 BOARD MEMBER PREISSE: Thanks,
18 William.

19 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: You're
20 welcome.

21 BOARD MEMBER PREISSE: And I see
22 that our next order of business is the
23 appointment of clerks.

24 And Ms. Marinello, I believe you

1 have a motion.

2 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes,
3 Mr. Chairman. I move that the following
4 individuals be appointed clerks of the
5 Franklin County Board of Elections: Lucinda
6 Balach, \$15.74 per hour; Tim Beck, at \$23.58
7 per hour; Chris Bidwell at \$13.94 per hour;
8 Barbara Burns at \$16.20 per hour; Debbie
9 Cotner, \$14.43 per hour; Karen Cotton, \$35.00
10 per hour; Lynne Counts, \$20.63 per hour; Mark
11 Essary, \$16.60 per hour; Debbie Ford, \$25.93
12 per hour; Roland Gamino, \$17.33 per hour;
13 Frank Gill, \$20.62 per hour; Carolyn Gorup,
14 \$37.56 per hour; Mary Hackett, \$32.52 per
15 hour; Jane Hanley, \$15.87 per hour; Howard
16 Heard, \$18.99 per hour; Margalyn Gisor --
17 Kisor, \$14.90 per hour; Renee Klco, \$31.56
18 per hour; Robin Link, \$16.83 per hour; Barcy
19 McNeal, \$22.28 per hour; David Magers, \$22.36
20 per hour; Rose Martin, \$14.42 per hour; Donna
21 Miller, \$16.17 per hour; Tina Miller, \$15.55
22 per hour; Carla Patton, \$19.81 per hour;
23 Sonny Phaiphanya, \$20.40 per hour; Ben
24 Piscitelli, \$29.71 per hour; Matt Rushay,

1 \$19.24 per hour; Lisa See, \$24.86 per hour;
2 Gene Shell, Jr., \$22.50 per hour; Beverly
3 Starghill, \$21.53 per hour; Darlene Tompkins,
4 \$16.56 per hour; Brenna Umbstaetter, \$20.70
5 per hour; Stan Wayne, \$26.44 per hour; Todd
6 Wedekind, \$27.50 per hour; Mike Wihl, \$18.21
7 per hour; Peggy Howell, \$24.39 per hour;
8 Marlene Wirth, \$25.04 per hour.

9 BOARD MEMBER PREISSE: And I will
10 second that motion.

11 We'll have a voice vote.

12 MR. DAMSCHRODER: All those in
13 favor, say aye.

14 (Board votes aye.)

15 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Motion carries.

16 There's a couple we need to worry
17 about separately.

18 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Mr. Chair, I
19 move that Harold Fielder be appointed to the
20 clerk of Franklin County Board of Elections
21 at the hourly rate of \$27.50 per hour.

22 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Is there a
23 second?

24 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Second.

1 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Mr. Colley?

2 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Yes.

3 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Marinello?

4 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Abstain.

5 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Mr. Preisse?

6 BOARD MEMBER PREISSE: Yes.

7 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Mr. Anthony?

8 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Yes.

9 MR. DAMSCHRODER: And motion
10 carries.

11 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Mr. Chairman,
12 I move that Aaron Sellers be appointed clerk
13 of the Franklin County Board of Elections at
14 the hourly rate of \$19.81 per hour.

15 BOARD MEMBER PREISSE: Is there a
16 second?

17 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

18 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Mr. Colley?

19 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Yes.

20 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Marinello?

21 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

22 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Mr. Anthony?

23 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Yes.

24 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Chairman Preisse?

1 BOARD MEMBER PREISSE: Abstain.

2 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY:

3 Mr. Chairman, I move that Suzanne Brown be
4 appointed clerk of the Franklin County Board
5 of Elections at the hourly rate of \$28.61 per
6 hour.

7 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Is there a
8 second?

9 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

10 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Mr. Colley?

11 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Abstain.

12 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Marinello?

13 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

14 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Mr. Preisse?

15 BOARD MEMBER PREISSE: Yes.

16 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Mr. Anthony?

17 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY: Yes.

18 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Motion carries.

19 The last item is regarding -- the
20 next item we have is regarding absentee
21 voting for tomorrow. Mr. Anthony is --

22 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY:

23 Mr. Chairman, I've had a lot of folks --

24 well, not a lot of folks, but based on the

1 outpouring of folks involved in this past
2 election and the excitement that it has
3 drawn, and the fact that Saturday we seen
4 over a thousand people show up, that we think
5 it would be wise for us to extend the hours
6 of the -- of our office, to allow more folks
7 to come in and vote on tomorrow.

8 So I move that the board extend its
9 previously announced hours for in-person
10 absentee voting for Monday, March the 3rd,
11 2008. And I move that we be open from 8:00
12 o'clock a.m. to 9:00 o'clock p.m.

13 BOARD MEMBER PREISSE: Is there a
14 second?

15 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

16 BOARD MEMBER PREISSE: All those in
17 favor, say aye.

18 (Board votes aye.)

19 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Motion carries.

20 The last is relative to fiscal
21 matters of the board.

22 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Mr. Chairman,
23 I move that the board hereby enter into a
24 contract with Matthew Damschroder to provide

1 elections administration consulting services
2 to the Franklin County Board of Elections at
3 a monthly rate of \$11,250, beginning March 3,
4 2008, and continuing through December 31,
5 2008.

6 BOARD MEMBER PREISSE: I will
7 second that motion.

8 Call for a vote.

9 MR. DAMSCHRODER: All in favor, say
10 aye.

11 (Board votes aye.)

12 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Motion carries.

13 And for purposes of being able to
14 meet on Tuesday, Election Day, should the
15 board need to meet, this meeting -- the
16 motion would be for a recess of the Board of
17 Elections, subject to recall of the chair, as
18 opposed to a normal adjournment, unless
19 there's any other matters to be heard before
20 the board today.

21 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY:

22 Mr. Chairman, I move that the board recess at
23 this time, until after the close of the
24 election, or if we have to meet to discuss

1 matters pertaining to the election.

2 BOARD MEMBER PREISSE: Is there a
3 second?

4 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

5 MR. WHITE: Do we need a motion to
6 open polls?

7 Not anymore?

8 BOARD MEMBER PREISSE: And there
9 was a second on the motion.

10 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

11 MR. DAMSCHRODER: All those in
12 favor, say aye.

13 (Board votes aye.)

14 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Motion carries.

15 BOARD MEMBER PREISSE: We are
16 recessed.

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18 Thereupon, the proceeding was
19 recessed at 2:59 p.m.

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