

BEFORE THE OHIO BALLOT BOARD

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Meeting of the Ohio :  
Ballot Board Pursuant :  
to R.C. 3505.062. :

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PROCEEDINGS

before the Ohio Ballot Board, Grant Hearing Room,  
Ohio Statehouse, 1 Capitol Square, Columbus, Ohio, on  
Tuesday, May 30, 2017, called at 10:03 a.m.

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Ballot Board:

Secretary of State Jon Husted  
Senator Jay Hottinger  
Senator Michael Skindell  
Mr. William N. Morgan  
Representative Kathleen Clyde

Also Present: Carrie Kuruc,  
Senior Elections Counsel.

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Tuesday Morning Session,  
May 30, 2017.

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CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRMAN HUSTED: Good morning. I'm Jon Husted, the Ohio Secretary of State. I'd like to call a meeting of this Ballot Board to order.

Carrie Kuruc, Senior Elections Counsel, will serve as the Secretary of the Ballot Board today.

Today a record of the proceedings will be transcribed by a court reporter from Armstrong & Okey, and the Ohio Channel will be streaming this meeting live on the website where it will be archived.

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ROLL CALL

CHAIRMAN HUSTED: Secretary, would you please call the roll.

MS. KURUC: Secretary Husted.

CHAIRMAN HUSTED: Here.

MS. KURUC: Mr. Morgan.

MR. MORGAN: Here.

MS. KURUC: Senator Hottinger.

SENATOR HOTTINGER: Here.

1 MS. KURUC: Representative Clyde.

2 REPRESENTATIVE CLYDE: Here.

3 MS. KURUC: Senator Skindell.

4 SENATOR SKINDELL: Here.

5 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: Let the record reflect  
6 that a quorum is present.

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8 EXAMINATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

9 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: Today, the purpose of  
10 the Ballot Board is to examine a citizen-initiated  
11 constitutional amendment to determine whether it  
12 contains only one proposed constitutional amendment.  
13 If the Ballot Board determines that the petition  
14 contains more than one, it must divide the proposal  
15 into separate amendments and certify them back to the  
16 Attorney General.

17 The petitioners would then need to submit  
18 to the Attorney General summaries of each separate  
19 ballot initiative proposal. Should the Attorney  
20 General find the newly submitted summaries to be fair  
21 and truthful, the petitioners would then need to  
22 collect signatures for each petition individually in  
23 an amount equal to 10 percent of the total vote cast  
24 for the Governor in 2014.

25 The text and summary of the proposed

1 amendment were provided to the Ballot Board members  
2 in advance of this meeting, and those copies are also  
3 available for review at the front table. Extra  
4 copies are available there.

5 Today's proposed amendment concerns  
6 congressional redistricting. We will now move to the  
7 public comment portion of the meeting. I would go  
8 through all this, but, essentially, you want to make  
9 a determination whether it's one proposed initiative  
10 or more.

11 And a reminder, we are not here to debate  
12 the proposal. We are just here to make a  
13 determination whether it is one amendment or more.

14 We have one person signed up, Derek  
15 Clinger. If any others would like to speak and  
16 address this issue, please sign up or make yourself  
17 known and we will accommodate you.

18 So at this time, Mr. Clinger.

19 MR. CLINGER: Thank you. Good morning,  
20 Mr. Secretary of State, members of the Board. My  
21 name is Derek Clinger, with the law firm McTigue &  
22 Colombo. We represent the three individual petition  
23 committee members listed on the face of the petition.

24 I do not have any prepared statements as  
25 I know the Ballot Board is very familiar with the

1 standards for determining whether a proposed  
 2 amendment is just one subject. I would be happy to  
 3 take any questions you have about the proposal.

4 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: Any questions?

5 No questions.

6 Thank you.

7 MR. CLINGER: Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: Is there anyone  
 9 additional here to speak to the proposed amendment?

10 Seeing none, at this point is there any  
 11 discussion of the Board?

12 Hearing none, do I have a motion?

13 SENATOR SKINDELL: Mr. Chair.

14 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: Board Member Skindell.

15 SENATOR SKINDELL: Thank you,  
 16 Mr. Chairman. I move that the Ballot Board certify  
 17 the proposed constitutional amendment as it contains  
 18 only one constitutional amendment.

19 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: Senator Skindell moves.  
 20 Is there a second?

21 SENATOR HOTTINGER: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: Senator Hottinger  
 23 seconds.

24 Is there any discussion?

25 Hearing none, Secretary, will you please

1 call the roll.

2 MS. KURUC: Secretary Husted.

3 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: Yes.

4 MS. KURUC: Mr. Morgan.

5 MR. MORGAN: Yes.

6 MS. KURUC: Senator Hottinger.

7 SENATOR HOTTINGER: Yes.

8 MS. KURUC: Representative Clyde.

9 REPRESENTATIVE CLYDE: Yes.

10 MS. KURUC: Senator Skindell.

11 SENATOR SKINDELL: Yes.

12 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: We have a unanimous  
13 vote, five-zero.

14 Is there any additional information to  
15 come before the Board today?

16 Hearing none, we stand adjourned.

17 (The hearing adjourned at 10:08 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, May 30, 2017, 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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