

MEETING OF THE OHIO BALLOT BOARD

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of the Ohio Ballot Board, at the Ohio Statehouse,
Finan Hearing Room/Senate Finance Hearing Room,
Columbus, Ohio, called at 9:10 a.m. on Friday,
September 22, 2017.

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BALLOT BOARD:

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

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Also Present:

Ms. Carrie Kuruc, Elections Counsel

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1 Friday Morning Session,
2 September 22, 2017.

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4 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: I'd like to call to
5 order the Ohio Ballot Board. Good morning, I'm John
6 Husted, Ohio Secretary of State and Chair of the
7 Ballot Board. Carrie Kuruc is Senior Elections
8 Counsel for my office that serves as the Secretary of
9 the Ballot Board today.

10 And the proceedings of this meeting are
11 being transcribed by Armstrong and Okey, and they're
12 streaming live on the Ohio Channel where they'll be
13 archived as well.

14 First order of business today is to swear
15 in a returning Board member. Let's see here, we're
16 doing this under Section 3505.061 of the Revised
17 Code. The Minority Leader has named Representative
18 Ramos to serve as a member -- new member of the
19 Board, if you'd please raise your right hand. Oh,
20 I'm sorry, Representative Clyde's replacing
21 Representative Ramos, I'm sorry. We have a -- please
22 raise your right hand and repeat after me.

23 I, state your name...

24 REPRESENTATIVE CLYDE: I, Representative
25 Kathleen Clyde...

1 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: Do solemnly swear...

2 REPRESENTATIVE CLYDE: Do solemnly
3 swear...

4 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: That I will support the
5 Constitution of the United States...

6 REPRESENTATIVE CLYDE: That I will
7 support the Constitution of the United States.

8 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: And the State of Ohio.

9 REPRESENTATIVE CLYDE: And the State of
10 Ohio.

11 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: I will perform my
12 duties...

13 REPRESENTATIVE CLYDE: I will perform my
14 duties...

15 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: As a member...

16 REPRESENTATIVE CLYDE: As a member...

17 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: Of the Ohio Ballot
18 Board...

19 REPRESENTATIVE CLYDE: Of the Ohio Ballot
20 Board...

21 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: To the best of my
22 abilities.

23 REPRESENTATIVE CLYDE: To the best of my
24 abilities.

25 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: Thank you.

1 REPRESENTATIVE CLYDE: Thanks.

2 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: Okay. Now for roll
3 call. Secretary.

4 SECRETARY KURUC: Secretary Husted.

5 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: Here.

6 SECRETARY KURUC: Mr. Morgan.

7 MR. MORGAN: Here.

8 SECRETARY KURUC: Senator Hottinger.

9 SENATOR HOTTINGER: Here.

10 SECRETARY KURUC: Representative Clyde.

11 REPRESENTATIVE CLYDE: Here.

12 SECRETARY KURUC: Senator Skindell.

13 SENATOR SKINDELL: Here.

14 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: All right. Let the
15 record reflect that there is a quorum present. The
16 purpose of the Ballot Board meeting is -- today is to
17 examine a citizens initiated constitutional amendment
18 to determine whether it contains only one proposed
19 constitutional amendment.

20 If the Board determines that the proposal
21 has one -- more than one, then we must divide the
22 proposal into separate amendments, certify them back
23 to the Attorney General.

24 Petitioners would then need to submit to
25 the Attorney General summaries of each separate

1 ballot initiative. Should the Attorney General find
2 those newly submitted summaries to be fair and
3 truthful, the petitioners would then need to collect
4 signatures for the -- each individual petition and in
5 the amount of 10 percent of the total vote cast in
6 the 2014 election for Governor.

7 The text and summary of the proposed
8 amendment will be provided to the Ballot Board
9 members in advance of the meeting. Copies are also
10 available in your folders. Extra copies are
11 available at the front table.

12 Today's proposed amendment concerns care
13 standards for dogs and the prevention of puppy mills.
14 We are at the point we will accept public comments,
15 so if anyone wishes to address the Ballot Board about
16 these as being a single issue, please give us your
17 name or come forward and sign in.

18 At this point, we have one person signed
19 up to make a presentation, and that is Don McTigue.
20 Mr. McTigue.

21 MR. McTIGUE: Good morning, Mr.
22 President, Members of the Board, I'm Don McTigue, and
23 I represent the committee responsible for the
24 petition. Five members of those committee members
25 are -- the names of the five members are on the

1 petition.

2 I really don't feel the need to make a
3 presentation, but I just want to say that I'm here to
4 answer any questions that the Board members may have.
5 A memo has been distributed, a memo you've also seen
6 before from my office which is -- we kind of update
7 it every time, but this I think is a very clearly a
8 single subject under the standard announced by the
9 Ohio Supreme Court, and with that, I'll be happy to
10 answer any questions.

11 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: Any questions for
12 Mr. McTigue?

13 (No response.)

14 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: No questions.

15 MR. McINTYRE: Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: Okay. Is there any
17 discussion with the Board members? Is there a
18 motion?

19 SENATOR SKINDELL: Mr. Secretary.

20 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: Senator Skindell.

21 SENATOR SKINDELL: Thank you. I would
22 move to approve the proposed initiative petition as
23 it contains one proposed constitutional amendment.

24 SENATOR HOTTINGER: Second.

25 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: We have a motion and a

1 second. Any discussion of the motion?

2 (No response.)

3 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: Hearing none,
4 Secretary, would you please call the roll.

5 SECRETARY KURUC: Secretary Husted.

6 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: Yes.

7 SECRETARY KURUC: Mr. Morgan.

8 MR. MORGAN: Yes.

9 SECRETARY KURUC: Senator Hottinger.

10 SENATOR HOTTINGER: Yes.

11 SECRETARY KURUC: Representative Clyde.

12 REPRESENTATIVE CLYDE: Yes.

13 SECRETARY KURUC: Senator Skindell.

14 SENATOR SKINDELL: Yes.

15 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: Okay, we have a
16 unanimous vote.

17 So are there any other issues to be
18 brought before the Board?

19 (No response.)

20 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: Hearing none, we stand
21 adjourned.

22 (The meeting was concluded at 9:15 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 Friday, September 22, 2017, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

Cynthia L. Cunningham
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