

MEETING OF THE OHIO BALLOT BOARD

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of the Ohio Ballot Board, at the Ohio Statehouse,
1 Capitol Square, North Hearing Room, Columbus, Ohio,
called at 1:05 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2017.

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BALLOT BOARD:

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

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Also Present:

Ms. Carrie Kuruc, Senior Elections Counsel

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Tuesday Afternoon Session,
December 12, 2017.

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CHAIRMAN HUSTED: I'd like to call the meeting of the Ballot Board to order.

My name is Jon Husted. I'm the Ohio Secretary of State and Chair of the Ballot -- of the Ohio Ballot Board. Carrie Kuruc, our Senior Elections Counsel, will serve as Secretary for the Board meeting today.

And a -- a record of these proceedings will be transcribed by a court reporter from Armstrong & Okey; and the Ohio Channel is streaming the meeting live on their website, where it will be archived.

At this point in time, Secretary, could you please call the roll.

SECRETARY KURUC: Secretary Husted.

CHAIRMAN HUSTED: Here.

SECRETARY KURUC: Mr. Morgan.

MR. MORGAN: Here.

SECRETARY KURUC: Senator Hottinger.

SENATOR HOTTINGER: Here.

SECRETARY KURUC: Representative Clyde.

REPRESENTATIVE CLYDE: Here.

1 SECRETARY KURUC: Senator Skindell.

2 (No response.)

3 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: All right. We have a
4 quorum.

5 The purpose of the Ballot Board today is
6 to examine a citizen-initiated constitutional
7 amendment regarding drug treatment and rehabilitation
8 to determine if it contains only one proposed
9 constitutional amendment.

10 If the Ballot Board determines that the
11 proposal contains more than one proposed amendment,
12 it must divide the proposal into separate amendments
13 and certify each one back to the Attorney General.

14 Petitioners would then be given -- would
15 then need to submit to the Attorney General summaries
16 of each separate ballot initiative proposal. Should
17 the Attorney General find those newly-submitted
18 summaries to be fair and truthful, the petitioners
19 would need to collect signatures for each petition
20 individually in the amount equal to 10 percent of the
21 total vote cast in the race for Governor in 2014.

22 The text and summary of the proposed
23 amendment was provided to the Ballot Board members in
24 advance of the meeting today and copies are also
25 available in your folders. Extra copies are

1 available at the front table.

2 If anyone wishes to address the Ballot
3 Board about whether or not this is a single issue,
4 please sign in. When you are called to speak, please
5 identify yourself and rep -- and the organization you
6 represent. And, as I always do, reminding our
7 participants that this is not a meeting to debate the
8 merits of the proposal; only to determine whether it
9 constitutes a single proposal.

10 At this point in time, we will move to
11 the public comment period. We have two individuals
12 signed up, and the first person on our list is
13 Don McTigue.

14 MR. MCTIGUE: Thank you, Mr. Secretary,
15 Members of the Board. I'm Don McTigue and I
16 represent the committee responsible for the petition.
17 I'm not going to make any prepared remarks. I just
18 want to say that I'm here to answer any questions
19 that the Board members may have. I think it's pretty
20 self-evident that this constitutes a single subject
21 under the standards from the Ohio Supreme Court.
22 Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: Okay. Thank you.

24 Another individual who has signed up is
25 Jeff Jacobson. And, Jeff, if you'd like to come

1 forward and offer comments.

2 MR. JACOBSON: Thank you. I, too,
3 represent the petitioners on this constitutional
4 amendment proposal, and I am here available to answer
5 questions as well. Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: Okay. Is there any
7 discussion from the members of the Board?

8 (No response.)

9 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: Hearing none, do I have
10 a motion?

11 SENATOR HOTTINGER: Mr. Chairman, I
12 propose or move that the proposed constitutional
13 amendment regarding the drug treatment and
14 rehabilitation is a -- a single-purpose proposed
15 amendment.

16 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: All right. Do we have
17 a second?

18 REPRESENTATIVE CLYDE: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: We have a motion and a
20 second. Is there any discussion?

21 (No response.)

22 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: Hearing none,
23 Secretary, would you please call the roll.

24 SECRETARY KURUC: Secretary Husted.

25 CHAIRMAN HUSTED: Yes.

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SECRETARY KURUC: Mr. Morgan.

MR. MORGAN: Yes.

SECRETARY KURUC: Senator Hottinger.

SENATOR HOTTINGER: Yes.

SECRETARY KURUC: Representative Clyde.

REPRESENTATIVE CLYDE: Yes.

CHAIRMAN HUSTED: All right. Is there any other business to become -- or, to come before the Board?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN HUSTED: Hearing none, we stand adjourned.

(Thereupon, at 1:10 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.)

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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, December 12, 2017, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

Carolyn M. Burke
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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