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In Case You Missed It: Chairman Bob Bennett Resigns From Cuyahoga County BOE No Action Yet By Secretary of State Brunner on Jeff Hastings Appointment

(Cleveland) – Chairman Bob Bennett announced yesterday that he is resigning from the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections effective May 1st. Bennett’s resignation was based on Secretary of State Brunner’s admission that there was “no finding of fault” in Bennett’s oversight of the board. Bennett noted that continuing to serve on the Board of Elections given the current administrative control of the Board by Secretary Brunner was not in the best interest of the voters of Cuyahoga County.

There is still no action by Secretary Brunner regarding Judge Jeff Hastings appointment to the seat vacated by Sally Florkiewicz on the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections. Hastings received unanimous support from the Republican Party of Cuyahoga County’s Executive Committee on Wednesday April 4th, and the Executive Committee’s recommendation was submitted to Brunner immediately following. Brunner, who has taken administrative control of the Board, has not only delayed the confirmation of Hastings but also has left the Board without the two Democratic members who she is now responsible for appointing. According to the Secretary of State’s website, Democratic Chairman Jimmy Dimora expressed his intentions to allow the statutory 15-days to expire allowing Brunner to make the appointments to the Board. The CCBOE is currently left without any Board Members, a Director, or Deputy Director with an upcoming election just 26 days away.

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