

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

February 22, 2022

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

Present were: Erica C. Crawley, President
John O'Grady, Commissioner
Kevin L. Boyce, Commissioner

Also present on the dais were Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator; and Brittany A. Razek, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

Using hybrid meeting technology, participants were also able to access General Session via Zoom conferencing, by dialing (929) 436-2866, Meeting ID:978 8790 2896; Passcode:628826, or by joining at: <https://franklincountyohio.zoom.us/j/97887902896>

Commissioner Crawley called the meeting to order at 9:09 A.M.

Commissioner Crawley: Our next guest for Black History Month is the leader of the King Arts Complex, which continues to be an integral part of the African American community in Franklin County. The King Arts Complex has connected the community through the arts. We have been featuring some of those works this month along the first-floor hallways of the county building. With us today is the King Arts Complex's Executive Director, Demetries Neely, who has some community history to share.

Demetries Neely, Executive Director, King Arts Complex shared brief remarks.

The Commissioners each shared brief remarks.

Commissioner Crawley: Thank you, Ms. Neely. You are welcome to stay for our General Session meeting, but we know you have a busy life too and may need to go as well. We also have with us today, a man whose work has helped a great number of Franklin County residents over the decades. Though he did this work without fanfare or notoriety, Bill Dawson joined the Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in January 1992, and served as its Director for much of that time. However, some of his greatest accomplishments were hidden from the public eye in neighborhoods across the county. Hundreds of these communities have gardens thanks to his involvement or guidance. These gardens have touched thousands of lives and have helped residents live healthier, more self-sustainable lives. Mr. Dawson is retiring now, and we wanted to thank

him for all that he has done for Franklin County residents. Your skills have been a gift to the county, Mr. Dawson.

Bill Dawson, Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, shared brief remarks.

The Commissioners each shared brief remarks.

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Approval of the minutes of the February 8, 2022, General Session; and, the January 13, and the February 17, 2022, Briefing Sessions.

Resolution No. 0110-22, authorizing an agreement with Carahsoft Technology Corporation for incident and asset management software (\$10,793.88) (Clerk Of Courts), presented Jeffrey Berry, Assistant Director of Information Technology, Clerk of Courts.

Mr. Berry reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0110-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0111-22, Resolution authorizing a transfer of General Fund appropriations for the Franklin County Coroner’s Office. (Coroner), presented by Amanda Alvarez, Director of Operations, Coroner’s Office.

Ms. Alvarez reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0111-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0112-22, approving the 2021 Annual County Highway System Mileage Report (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer’s Office.

Mr. Robertson reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0112-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0113-22, Resolution accepting the annual bridge inspection report for 2021 (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0113-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0114-22, establishing, altering, and widening of Trabue Road, County Road No. 27, at Mapleway Drive/Hague Avenue, County Road No. 66, Franklin Township and Norwich Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0114-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0115-22, establishing, altering, and widening of Walnut Street, County Road No. 19, at New Albany-Condit Road, SR605, Plain Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0115-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0116-22, authorizing the County Engineer to apply for a Safe Route to School project grant from the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Crawley: On the Resolution, it says the total estimated cost for the project is \$400,000.00. Is this for all four improvements or is that per project?

Mr. Robertson: That would be for all the projects added together.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0116-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0117-22, American Structurepoint, Inc., consulting engineers, appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in performing preliminary engineering for improvements at the intersection of Havens Corners Road, County Road 16, at Taylor Station Road, County Road 208, and Mann Road, Township Road 107, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$82,880.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0117-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0118-22, Compass Infrastructure Group, consulting engineers, appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer with general engineering services, Franklin County, Ohio (\$100,000.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0118-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0119-22, authorizing the Franklin County Engineer to enter into a contract modification with Strawser Paving Co., Inc., for the Private Water Service Plan for the Franklin County Engineer's East Maintenance Facility, an increase of \$11,746.27, for a revised contract amount of \$179,236.07 (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0119-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0120-22, petition filed for vacation of a portion of James Road, County Road No. 97, City of Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0120-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0121-22, authorizing General Fund support to the Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District for calendar year 2022 (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

Mr. Talarek reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Jennifer Fish, Director, Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District, shared brief remarks in support of the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0121-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0122-22, authorizing a contract modification between the County & Kofile Technologies, Inc. to include a cloud-based public search application for the Recorder's CountyFusion records management system (\$128,333.00) (Recorder), presented by Chris Cupples, Chief of Staff, Recorder's Office.

Mr. Cupples reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0122-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0123-22, authorizing Countywide Qualifications Contracts for Fresh Produce, Fruit and Meat items (\$620,000.00) (Sheriff), presented by Albert Smith, Assistant Finance Director, Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Smith reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0123-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0124-22, authorizing a contract Modification with Meridian Rapid Defense Group, LLC for the provision of the delivery and supply of mobile barriers (\$500,000.00) (Emergency Management Agency), presented by Jeffrey T. Young, Director, Emergency Management Agency.

Mr. Young reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0124-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0125-22, authorizing non-general fund supplemental appropriations related to a State Homeland Security Program grant award (Emergency Management Agency), presented by Jeffrey T. Young, Director, Emergency Management Agency.

Mr. Young reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0125-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0126-22, Resolution authorizing a non-general fund supplemental appropriation related to a State Homeland Security Law Enforcement grant award (Emergency Management Agency), presented by Jeffrey T. Young, Director, Emergency Management Agency.

Mr. Young reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0126-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0127-22, authorizing six grant agreements to provide community stabilization services for Franklin County Senior Options (\$245,164.00) (Office on Aging), presented by Amy Frunk, Assistant Director of Administration, Office on Aging.

Ms. Funk reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0127-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0128-22, authorizing five grant agreements to provide small group transportation services for Franklin County Senior Options (\$326,519.00) (Office on Aging), presented by Amy Frunk, Assistant Director of Administration, Office on Aging.

Ms. Funk reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0128-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0129-22, authorizing five grant agreements to provide outreach services for Franklin County Senior Options (\$342,563.00) (Office on Aging), presented by Amy Frunk, Assistant Director of Administration, Office on Aging.

Ms. Funk reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0129-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0130-22, authorizing seven grant agreements to provide supportive services for Franklin County Senior Options (\$772,688.00) (Office on Aging), presented by Amy Frunk, Assistant Director of Administration, Office on Aging.

Ms. Funk reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0130-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0131-22, authorizing the acceptance of a donation from Zangmeister Cancer Center/American Oncology Partners to the Franklin County Office on Aging (\$10,000.00) (Office on Aging), presented by Amy Frunk, Assistant Director of Administration, Office on Aging.

Ms. Funk reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0131-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0132-22, authorizing a COVID-19 Recovery Grant with Columbus State Community College – Ohio Small Business Development Center for the provision of program administration services for the COVID-19 Small Business Response and Recovery Program (\$500,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Emanuel Torres, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

Mr. Torres reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0132-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0133-22, authorizing a COVID-19 Recovery Grant with The Wells Foundation for the COVID-19 Small Business Response and Recovery Program (\$4,500,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Emanuel Torres, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

Mr. Torres reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0133-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0134-22, authorizing the Assignment and Assumption Agreement of the Enterprise Zone Agreement between Franklin County and HPIII Columbus Grove City, LLC (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Emanuel Torres, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

Mr. Torres reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0134-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0135-22, entering into a Funding Agreement with the Affordable Housing Trust to create more affordable home ownership and rental housing and to strengthen neighborhoods within Franklin County (\$3,400,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by James Schimmer, Director, Economic Development and Planning.

Mr. Schimmer reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0135-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0136-22, awarding a Service Agreement between the Board of Commissioners and the Community Shelter Board to develop and implement strategies that decrease homelessness in Franklin County (\$5,489,390.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by James Schimmer, Director, Economic Development and Planning.

Mr. Schimmer reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Crawley: At Briefing Session last Thursday, I asked about outcomes and measurements for this year, which I can see is in Exhibit A, but I asked about last year as

well and I have not seen that yet to be able to compare. Is there someone that is on the call that can speak to this, but I wanted to know based on last year and the contribution from the County to the Shelter Board, in our efforts to decrease homelessness, how many persons were served with permanent housing?

Michelle Heritage, Executive Director, Community Shelter Board: We served 2,643 people that were placed in permanent housing units, and the number of persons rehoused last year into the market was 867. In homeless prevention, we do one of two things: try to preserve the current housing, if it's stable, or if the housing is unstable, we rehouse folks. Most of the folks we served in unstable housing and rehoused were families with three or four children, pregnant women, or veterans, which accounted for 560 households.

Commissioner Crawley: Thank you. In regards to the rapid rehousing, for this year's goal of serving 2,000 households, could you please talk about the data from last year and how you got to the number of serving 2,000 households this year? Or how that goal came to be based on 867 being served last year?

Ms. Heritage: What we saw last year with the partner agencies that were engaged in the rapid rehousing was a couple things happening. One thing was that it was the second year in a row where it was very difficult to rehouse. That rehousing difficulty comes from the lack of affordable housing. We are seeing the monthly cost of housing units really escalate, which makes it difficult for folks to find decent, safe, and affordable housing. Often times, the housing that is left and affordable, is not in fact decent or safe for them. We also had a lot of challenges reported to us from the partner agencies, which included trying to get Social Security cards or IDs for people, which had to do with shutdowns. We also saw there was not as much movement in the rental properties as we had seen in the past. What we are hoping for is that we do not have another surge with another pandemic variant, so we can go back to a more normalized way of being able to do this work without so many barriers. In combination with assistance from the federal and state government, and others, we are able to provide more resources for our partner agencies, and that is how we got to that number based on past years.

Commissioner Crawley: Thank you. At Briefing, Deputy County Administrator, Erik Janas, asked about some information regarding veterans. Veterans are near and dear to my heart, as well as homelessness, and I am a veteran. Homelessness is complex for our homeless population, but especially for veterans. I know you have helped several veterans find permanent housing, but I would like to see a place where we can get to functional zero. Can you please talk to us about how we can get to a place considered to be functional zero when it comes to housing veterans?

Ms. Heritage: We work very closely with our Veterans Administration (VA) on achieving this functional zero. One of the challenges we have had is that our veteran population is quite low. To get to a functional zero, one of the things you have to do is have more veterans getting housed than veterans becoming homeless. One of the challenges we have is when the community grows as fast as we are, and we have so many people moving in to get them

pushed through. Often, we will touch functional zero, be there for a while, and then go back up again. The other thing that we have decided to do that we think is very important is that when communities offer a veteran housing several times, they will then take that veteran off the list of veterans that are “homeless.” We have decided that is not the right approach. As a result, regardless of how many times we offer them housing, whether one or one hundred times, we will continue to work with our veterans for as long as it takes to get them housed. So, some numbers in some communities have decreased because of how things are counted; we have decided not to do that because we want to ensure we have a true functional zero.

Commissioner Crawley: Thank you. When it comes to the Veteran Services Commission here in the county, last year, they supported hundreds of veterans with rent and utility assistance who find themselves on the verge of homelessness, especially those who own their homes. I want to make sure that there is awareness for many veterans who do not engage with the VA for a lot of different reasons. We need to look outside the VA and other community-based organizations that may interact with veterans who are not connected with the VA but still need support and assistance. I am happy to have more ongoing discussions about that, and I look forward to speaking more with you about decreasing homelessness in Franklin County.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0136-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0137-22, review of petition to annex 0.55 +/- acres from Sharon Township to the City of Columbus, Case #ANX-03-22 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Matthew Brown, Planning Administrator, Economic Development and Planning.

Mr. Brown reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0137-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0138-22, approving subaward amendments with Community Refugee and Immigration Services, Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services, Jewish Family Services, and US Together, Inc. for refugee employability programs, an increase of \$980,043.07 (\$1,541,967.06) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Turner reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0138-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0139-22, approving a subaward amendment with Jewish Family Services for workforce employment services, an increase of \$200,000.00 (\$400,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Turner reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0139-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0140-22, authorizing the Franklin County Administrator to execute a Contract with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Division of Domestic Relations and Juvenile Branch for the performance of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) guardian ad litem services for the Court (\$500,000.00) (Justice Policy and Program), presented by Ruchelle Pride, Director, Office of Justice Policy and Programs.

Ms. Pride reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0140-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0141-22, authorizing a contract modification for peer support and case management services with Impact Community Action through the FY18 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Medication Assisted Treatment grant program (\$58,000.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Ruchelle Pride, Director, Office of Justice Policy and Programs.

Ms. Pride reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0141-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0142-22, authorizing five COVID-19 Recovery Grants with CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence, Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services, Huckleberry House, OhioHealth Research Institute, and Ohio Hispanic Coalition to provide victim services under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (H.R.1319) (\$886,382.36) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Ruchelle Pride, Director, Office of Justice Policy and Programs.

Ms. Pride reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0142-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

Resolution No. 0143-22, authorizing a COVID-19 Recovery Grant with CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence to complete construction and purchase furnishings associated with a shelter expansion providing additional victim services to Franklin County residents (\$1,200,000.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Ruchelle Pride, Director, Office of Justice Policy and Programs.

Ms. Pride reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0143-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0144-22, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$16,417,706.55) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, and Marleise Ryan, Economic Equity Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

Ms. Perry-Balonier and Ms. Ryan reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0144-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0145-22, designating the Official Representative and Alternate for the purpose of voting at the Annual Meeting of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio in 2022 (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kris J. Long, Deputy County Administrator.

Ms. Long reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0145-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0146-22, reappointing three members the Board of Trustees for the Rise Together Innovation Center (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kris J. Long, Deputy County Administrator.

Ms. Long reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

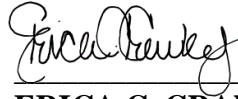
Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0146-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 A.M.

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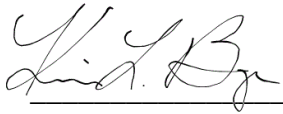
These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting of Tuesday, February 22, 2022.



ERICA C. CRAWLEY, PRESIDENT



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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

Submitted by:



Brittany A. Razek

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