



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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**Meeting
of the
Board of State Canvassers**

**June 1, 2010
State Capitol, Room 426
Lansing, Michigan**

Called to order: 10:03 a.m.

Members present: Norman D. Shinkle – Chairperson
Erane C. Washington-Kendrick – Vice-Chairperson
Jeffrey Timmer
James Waters

Members absent: None

Agenda item: Consideration of meeting minutes for approval.

Board action on agenda item: Motion to approve as submitted. Moved by Washington-Kendrick; supported by Timmer. Ayes: Shinkle, Washington-Kendrick, Timmer, Waters. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Agenda item: Report on review of nominating petitions filed with the Secretary of State for the August 3, 2010 primary.

Board action on agenda item: Motion that Board 1) find the petitions filed with the Secretary of State by the candidates appearing on the candidate listing supplied by staff sufficient with the understanding that the list does not contain the names of the two candidates who have petition sufficiency issues pending before the Board and 2) that the candidates who filed a sufficient petition with the Secretary of State for the offices of Governor, U.S. Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, Appeals Court Judge, Circuit Court Judge, Probate District Court Judge and District Court Judge be certified to the Secretary of State for the August 3, 2010 primary ballot. Moved by Washington-Kendrick; supported by Waters. Ayes: Shinkle, Washington-Kendrick, Timmer, Waters. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Agenda item: Staff report on insufficient petitions submitted by candidates for the August 3, 2010 primary:

- John Alexander Materyn, Republican candidate for U.S. Representative in Congress, District 15.

Board action on agenda item: Motion to accept staff report and determine petition filed by John Alexander Materyn insufficient. Moved by Washington-Kendrick; supported by Timmer. Ayes: Shinkle, Washington-Kendrick, Timmer, Waters. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Agenda item: Consideration of challenges filed against nominating petitions submitted by candidates for the August 3, 2010 primary:

- John J. Sullivan, candidate for Circuit Court Judge, Circuit 3, Regular Term – Non-Incumbent Position.

Board action on agenda item: Motion to accept staff report and determine petition filed by John J. Sullivan sufficient. Moved by Timmer; supported by Waters. Ayes: Shinkle, Washington-Kendrick, Timmer, Waters. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Agenda item: Public comment.

Chetly Zarko of Zarko Research & Consulting addressed the Board to assert that a “new political party” petition developed to qualify the “Tea Party” for the November 2, 2010 general election ballot had been placed in circulation. Mr. Zarko further claimed that the sponsors of the petition were not known to those involved with Michigan’s Tea Party movement.

Christopher M. Thomas, Director of Elections and Board secretary, addressed the Board to advise that the Bureau had initiated an investigation into a recount conducted under the authority of the Allegan County Board of Canvassers after the May 4, 2010 election. Mr. Thomas further explained that the recount involved a township millage election that passed by two votes; that the township comprised a single precinct; and that the ballots cast in the precinct could not be recounted as they had been improperly secured. Mr. Thomas stated that the Bureau would advise the Board on its findings in the matter.

Adjourned: 10:27 a.m.

Chairperson

Vice-Chairperson

Member

Member

Date