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Meeting
of the
Board of State Canvassers

July 23, 2012
State Capitol, Room 426
Lansing, Michigan

Called to order: 2:01 p.m.

Members present: Julie Matuzak – Chairperson
Norman Shinkle – Vice Chairperson
James Waters
Colleen Pero

Members absent: None.

Agenda item: Consideration of meeting minutes for approval.

Board action on agenda item: Motion to approve as submitted. Moved by Shinkle; supported by Waters. Ayes: Matuzak, Shinkle, Waters. Nays: None. Abstention: Pero. Motion carried.

Agenda item: Report on review of nominating petitions filed with the Secretary of State for the September 5, 2012 special primary election.

Board action on agenda item: The Board moved to accept the Secretary's recommendation and find the petitions filed with the Secretary of State by the candidates appearing on the list sufficient with the understanding that candidates are permitted to withdraw up to the deadline established in the call for a special election, which elapses today, July 23, 2012, at 4:00 p.m. The Board further moved that the candidates who filed a sufficient petition with the Secretary of State for the office of U.S. Representative in Congress, 11th Congressional District, be certified to the Secretary of State for the September 5, 2012 special primary ballot. Moved by Shinkle; supported by Waters. Ayes: Matuzak, Shinkle, Waters, Pero. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Agenda item: Establishment of deadline for challenging signatures sampled from the constitutional amendment petitions submitted to the Secretary of State in 2012.

Board action on agenda item: The Board moved that the deadline for challenging signatures sampled from the constitutional amendment petitions submitted on or before July 9, 2012, elapse at 5:00 p.m. on the tenth business day after copies of the signatures sampled from the petition are made available to the public. Moved by Shinkle; supported by Pero. Ayes: Matuzak, Shinkle, Waters, Pero. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Agenda item: Vote to go into closed session to discuss a memorandum of legal advice from the Department of Attorney General.

Board action on agenda item: The Board moved to meet in closed session under section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consult with the Department of Attorney General regarding a memorandum of legal advice regarding pending litigation. This memorandum is exempt from public disclosure under section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act because it is an attorney-client privileged communication. Moved by Pero; supported by Shinkle. Ayes: Matuzak, Shinkle, Waters, Pero. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Agenda item: Such other and further business as may be properly presented to the Board.

Board action on agenda item: None.

Adjourned: 2:38 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Vice-Chairperson

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