



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
LANSING

**Meeting  
of the  
Board of State Canvassers**

**January 14, 2016  
State Capitol Building, Room 426  
Lansing, Michigan**

**Called to order:** 11:04 a.m.

**Members present:** Jeannette Bradshaw – Chairperson  
Norman Shinkle – Vice-Chairperson  
Julie Matuzak  
Colleen Pero

**Members absent:** None.

**Agenda item:** Consideration of meeting minutes for approval.

**Board action on agenda item:** Motion to approve the minutes of the December 29, 2015 meeting as submitted. Moved by Shinkle; supported by Matuzak. Ayes: Bradshaw, Shinkle, Matuzak, Pero. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:** Consideration of whether the recall petition filed on December 29, 2015 by Frank Boersema states factually and clearly each reason for the recall of State Senator Arlan Meekhof.

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board moved to determine that the recall petition filed by Frank Boersema on December 29, 2015 states factually and clearly each reason for the recall of State Senator Arlan Meekhof. Moved by Pero; supported by Matuzak. Ayes: Bradshaw, Shinkle, Matuzak, Pero. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:** Consideration of whether the recall petition filed on December 29, 2015 by William Bailey states factually and clearly each reason for the recall of State Senator Wayne Schmidt.

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board moved to determine that the recall petition filed by William Bailey on December 29, 2015 states

factually and clearly each reason for the recall of State Senator Wayne Schmidt. Moved by Matuzak; supported by Shinkle. Ayes: Bradshaw, Shinkle, Matuzak, Pero. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:** Discussion and public comment regarding the proposed revision of the Board of State Canvassers' procedure for rebutting the statutory presumption that a signature on a petition that proposes an amendment to the constitution or to initiate legislation is stale and void if made more than 180 days before the petition was filed.

**Board action on agenda item:** None.

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

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board discussed changes in state law that created a check box for out-of-state circulators. Under MCL 168.544c, all signatures appearing on a petition sheet circulated by an individual who resides outside of Michigan but who fails to check the out-of-state circulator box are invalid and shall not be counted by the filing official. At the meeting held on September 17, 2015, staff offered for the Board's consideration a draft policy that, had it been adopted, would have invalidated all signatures affixed to a petition sheet circulated by a Michigan resident who incorrectly checked the box for out-of-state circulators. The staff proposal regarding Michigan circulators was not adopted by the Board at the September 17, 2015 meeting or any subsequent meeting of the Board, meaning that signatures affixed to a petition sheet circulated by a Michigan resident who incorrectly checks the box for out-of-state circulators will not be invalidated for that reason.

**Board action on agenda item:** None.

**Adjourned:** 12:33 p.m.

  
Chairperson

  
Vice-Chairperson

  
Member

  
Member

1-28-2016  
Date